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CHINESE FOLK-ROCK COMES TO MOMA, THE U.S. - MAYBE EVEN THE WORLD - FOR THE FIRST TIME

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JAZZ IN THE GARDEN TO FEATURE: STEPHEN CHENG AND THE DRAGON SEEDS

A new Sino-Western accord has been reached with the fusion of Chinese folk with Western rock - the result: Stephen Cheng and The Dragon Seeds. The public signing of the pact will be at the August 19 JAZZ IN THE GARDEN concert at The Museum of Modern Art. The group, comprised of twelve musicians on Chinese instruments in concert with a quartet of Western musicians, will hold forth from 7:30p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in The Museum Sculpture Garden.

The music will range from traditional Chinese folk to such treats as "I Remember You" sung in Chinese and English to a rock beat; "Ung-Yah", a Chinese love chant composed by Mr. Cheng; a new version of "Song of Silence"; and "Where Are You Walk" will be sung in Chinese to a rock beat. Something a little new and different has been created from the music of George Fredrich Handel--and the rest is a surprise.

Stephen Cheng who formed the group in the new spirit of "unity and world peace" performs the vocals; the group leader, Tsuan-nien Chang, plays the erh-hu (two-stringed violin) and sheng (mouth organ - dating back 3000 years and thought to be the fore-runner of the bagpipes); Woodman Chin, Butterfly harp; Charlotte Chang, chin-chin (Chinese banjo); Yat-pang Chu, ti-tzu (flute); Delphine Sun, chung-hu (medium sized two-stringed instrument); George Lee, ta-yuan (bass banjo); Hau-man Lee, pi-pa (similar to a mandolin); Wayne Wong, chung-hu; Benny Tsang, erh-hu; K.K. Choey, erh-hu; and Herman Wong, percussion (bell tree, drum, cymbals, gong, bells, woodblocks). Western instruments will be played by The Stan Free Quartet, with Stan Free on lead piano.

Under the direction of Ed Bland, JAZZ IN THE GARDEN continues for two more Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through September 2. Admission is \$1.00 plus the regular Museum entrance fee (\$1.75, members free). Tickets go on sale the Saturday preceding the concert, and are available until concert time. The Garden Restaurant is open for refreshments, and cushions are available for listening comfort. In case of rain, the concert is cancelled. For general information call: 956-7072

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