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CHINESE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 50th Anniversary Edition



意見表 EVALUATIONS

中文學校的老師們感謝全校的 學生為我們提出了寶貴的意 見。白老師已經開始以你們提 出的意見跟老師們進行討論。 如果還有問題,隨時來森林楼的 辦公室跟我們交談!

The faculty members of the Chinese School would like to extend our appreciation for the feedback we received via the three week evaluations. We are pleased that you took the time to fill out the forms and offer your comments and suggestions.

Professor Bai has been meeting with all of the teachers to discuss some of the ideas you've

given us and we are taking steps to respond and make adjustments accordingly.

We do our best to accommodate reasonable suggestions, particularly those that will benefit the school and the different levels. Please keep in mind that there are close to 140 undergraduate and MA students here, all with vastly different styles, suggestions, needs. learning etc. Remember that there will always be those that know "more" and those that know "less"-use partner time to solidify new concepts, extend questioning techniques, and stretch what you've learned to new situations. Take the initiative. Take advantage of the one-on-one time during afternoon sessions and office hours if you have needs that extend beyond the range of your levels. Feel free to contact Professor Bai & Lisa Lin in Hepburn whenever you have questions, concerns, or suggestions throughout the program. We will do everything possible to ensure that you will not only learn and speak Chinese, but also that your experience here at Middlebury will be meaningful and productive.





STUDENT PERFORMANCE CONFERENCES

Each student has now had an opportunity to receive individualized and specific feedback from the teachers in the respective levels. As your teachers shared with us the summaries of your assessment, they were excited about the progress that so many of you have made. They worked very hard at preparing these reports in order to provide you with the information you need to continue making rapid progress. Please use this assessment as a springboard to carry you through the long hours of study and to boost you to the next level.





Pre-concert Presentation <u>exclusively</u> for Chinese School students

Up close and personal with Abby Washburn: Building Bridges through Music

Thursday, July 20th 3:00-5:00 PM Wilson Auditorium, McCullough



If you would like to participate in Abby [,] s workshop, please follow the link and sign up on Google Docs! <u>goo.gl/Pwvx2p</u>



(Pledge-free Zone!)

Friday, July 22nd 9:00 - 11:00 PM Nelson Arena

Students, faculty & staff of the Language Schools are invited to a campus-wide DANCE!

Featuring "The Grift"



Cash Bar



PLEASE NOTE:

No one under 21 will be served alcohol at the Saturday night dance, and anyone wanting a drink must show a government issued photo ID, not their Middlebury College ID.

50th Anniversary EVENT

Special guests, leaders in the field of foreign language education, will be on campus to participate in the 50th Anniversary events. Please welcome them—most of them speak Chinese!

A FORUM FOR BEST PRACTICES IN CHINESE LANGUAGE

ALL CHINESE SCHOOL STUDENTS & FACULTY are invited and encouraged to attend an address by:

Virginia (Ginny) Kamsky, Chairman & CEO of Kamsky Associates, Inc. (KAI)

SATURDAY, JULY 23rd, 1:10 PM RAJ



Virginia A. Kamsky (Ginny) is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kamsky Associates, Inc. (KAI), a strategic advisory firm with offices in Beijing and New York City. Founded in 1980, KAI was one of the first approved foreign advisory firms in China. KAI has been responsible for advising on deals in excess of USD \$10 billion for its client base, which includes preeminent companies worldwide.

Ms. Kamsky will address her extraordinary career and experiences in business, finance, and diplomacy as an American in China.

Come and learn more; Ginny speaks Chinese & Japanese and is a Japanese School Alum! Click here for a fascinating summary of her experiences with China (in English):

http://www.kamsky.com/success-in-the-east-and-west

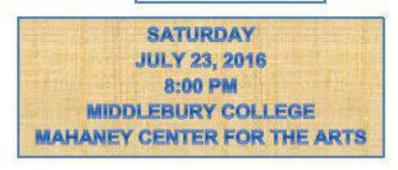
***There will be other sessions in the following Ginny's address for students to attend if they wish.

50th Anniversary HEADLINE EVENT

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Don't miss this incredible opportunity to see Abby perform in honor of the Chinese School's 50th Anniversary!

Abby:

A singing, songwriting, Nashville-based clawhammer banjo player, Abigail Washburn pairs venerable folk elements with far-flung sounds, and the results feel both strangely familiar and unlike anything anybody's ever heard before. An alumna of the Middlebury Chinese School, Washburn speaks Chinese and is able to make profound connections to culture and people on the other side of the Pacific. Washburn is one of the few foreign artists currently touring China independently and regularly. She records in English and Chinese as a soloist and with her husband, Béla Fleck, as well as with the old-time band Uncle Earl and Sparrow Quartet.

Wu Fei

Born and raised in Beijing, Wu Fei is a composer, vocalist and guzheng (Chinese zither) performer. She spent her formative years at the China Conservatory of Music before coming to the US in 2000 where she began to diversify her sound and experiment widely, working with musicians like John Zorn, Fred Frith, Carla Kilhstedt, Evan Parker, Pauline Oliveros, and many others. Wu Fei composes for choir, string chamber ensemble, quartet, Balinese gamelan, and orchestra; her commissions include a composition for Percussions Claviers de Lyon that premiered in the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing. Wu has also appeared as a quest on Fred Frith's Eye to Ear II (2004, Tzadik) and The Happy End Problem (2006, ReR).

At Middlebury, Abigail Washburn and Wu Fei will perform as a banjo-guzheng duo, playing & singing a selection of songs that combine their traditional Appalachian and Chinese influences.



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Green Mountains. Nearby is the Robert Frost

Interpretive Trail, a 1.2 mile nature walk dedicated to the poetry of Robert Frost. Displays with poems that

highlight the everyday wonders of New England

fields and forests are found along the Trail. Please sign up via Google Doc: