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Award-winning Chinese pianist celebrates Chinese New Year with Philharmonic

Jan. 13, 2016 (Columbus, Ind.) – Music Director Dr. David Bowden leads the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Orchestra and guest artist and pianist Tianshu Wang in a program of works honoring Chinese culture in a concert named *Celebrating the Chinese New Year* on **Saturday, February 6, 2016** at Columbus North High School's Judson S. Erne Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Wang will perform the four-movement *Yellow River Concerto*, composed by Xian Xinghai.



Who: Philharmonic Orchestra and pianist Tianshu Wang

What: *Celebrating the Chinese New Year Concert*

Where: Columbus North High School, Erne Auditorium

1400 25th Street

Columbus, IN 47201

When: Saturday, February 6, 2016

Lobby Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Musically Speaking begins at 6:40 p.m.

Concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

Acclaimed by the press as a “superbly talented pianist” who plays with “prodigious technique and eloquent phrasing,” Steinway Artist Tianshu Wang has graced concert stages in the United States, China, Mexico, Singapore, Thailand, and Taiwan. The Capital University (Columbus, Ohio) piano professor and Keyboard Department Head is active in both solo and collaborative performance and has performed with major orchestras across the globe. Having judged National Piano Competitions in China since 2005, Ms. Wang is respected as a distinguished artist and teacher in her native China and was featured in a cover story in the country’s most prestigious piano magazine, *Piano Artistry*.

The evening’s program will commence with Gioacchino Rossini’s *La Scala di Seta* (The Silken Ladder), an overture to his one-act opera that playfully weaves melodies into a glittering tapestry then twists them ever tighter, ever faster, leading to a breathless ending. Next is the *Yellow River Concerto*, a four-movement piece that colorfully depicts the revolutionary heroism of the Chinese proletariat, praising the courage and fighting spirit of the Chinese nation at war. Audience members will associate the piano’s rapid arpeggios with roaring winds and gushing waves as Chinese boatmen ride along the dangerous banks of the Yellow River. High-lying violins, Chinese flute melodies, vigorous glissandos and muted brass are enjoyed throughout the story. The repertoire will close with the symphonic poem *Scheherazade*, written by Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. The luxuriously warm and enveloping music tells the well-known tale of the vicious Sultan and his seductive, tale-spinning wife in the medieval epic, *The Arabian Nights*.

Fifty minutes before the concert, Bowden and Wang will share their thoughts in a *Musically Speaking* pre-concert conversation free to concert ticket holders. This entertaining, spirited and informative discussion is a wonderful chance to become familiar with the *Yellow River Concerto*.

Concert tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased by calling the Philharmonic Box Office, 812-376-2638 or online at www.theCIP.org/tickets. For more information, please visit the Concerts & Events tab at www.theCIP.org or click [here](#).

ABOUT COLUMBUS INDIANA PHILHARMONIC

The Columbus Indiana Philharmonic thrives on a partnership with the best musicians from Columbus and the surrounding region and talented students from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. The Philharmonic Orchestra and David Bowden have received local, state, national and international recognition, winning five ASCAP awards and consistently receiving rave reviews for their performances. With a full complement of concerts and music education programs, the Philharmonic is proud to be one of the arts organizations that contribute to the rich quality of life enjoyed by residents of Columbus and surrounding communities.

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