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**'MUSIC FROM CHINA' TO PERFORM TRADITIONAL,
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC AT UD ARTS SERIES CONCERT**

DAYTON, Ohio — Two-string fiddles, lutes, bamboo flutes and hammered dulcimers will be used to perform Chinese classical and folk music during the next Arts Series event at the University of Dayton.

Musical interpretations of events ranging from ancient battles to falling plum flower petals will be featured during the Music From China performance at 8 p.m on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Kennedy Union's Boll Theatre.

General admission tickets cost \$8 and are available at the Kennedy Union box office from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling (937) 229-2545. Student tickets cost \$3 and faculty, staff and alumni can purchase tickets for \$5.

The ensemble, formed in 1984, uses elaborate costumes and makeup to perform music from traditional Chinese theater and Cantonese opera. The seven musicians will also introduce new works from emerging Chinese composers. Each year the ensemble hosts a "Premiere Works" concert and competition to encourage new forms of Chinese music. Since 1986, Music From China has performed more than 50 new works — 12 were competition prize winners.

The group has performed at music festivals, universities, public schools and cultural centers throughout New York and the East Coast including appearances at the Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Music From China is a nonprofit organization that receives public support from the National Endowment for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts and New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. The group is also involved in arts education, performing and offering workshops for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The ensemble will hold an instrument demonstration and question-and-answer session at UD at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in Boll Theatre. The demonstration is open to the public.

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For media interviews with Music From China members, call (212) 962-5698 or e-mail muschina@echonyc.com. For more information, call the UD Arts Series at (937) 229-2787.