

BIOGRAPHY



SISSY ZHOU

Early Chinese Music & Gu Zheng

A native of Wuhan, the cradle of traditional Chinese music, Sissy Zhou has, from the age of 6, followed the apprenticeship of Gu zheng, this imposing zither with plucked rope whose origin dates back more than 4,000 years.

At only 13 years old, she obtained the certificate of excellence at the highest level of the conservatory. At the age of 17, she was the first in her province to win the Peking University award for her instrument. Sissy Zhou won then numerous competitions organized by the Chinese Academy of Music, Chinese television and the Chinese Government. It was also at this age that she began to teach Gu Zheng. Many of her students have in turn won the Gold Medal in the national competition.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in China, Sissy ZHOU obtained the "Eiffel" scholarship by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She went to France to continue her studies in "Master of Administration of Cultural Institutions" in Arles and Aix-en-Provence. During her studies, she gave concerts to promote and disseminate traditional music and Chinese culture.

After graduating, Sissy ZHOU went to the United States where she joined the Alliance Française while pursuing her concert career.

At the same time, she became a professor of Gu Zheng at the University of Florida for 2 semesters. She also has held the position of Director of the Chinese Music Ensemble at the University of Florida School of Music (2011 to 2012).

She then decided to return to France where she performed at countless internationally renowned festivals. With her disturbing sensitivity and mastery approaching excellence, this young instrumentalist singer offers a unique dive into the kingdom of great ancient China.

She also gives classes and organizes workshops around Chinese music. Today, she teaches Gu Zheng at the Cité de la Musique for amateurs and for professionals at the International Institute of Music of Mozambique.