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Cover Story: 2018 Taiwan Connection Music Festival

Taiwan Connection (TC), co-founded in 2003 by Taiwanese classical Violinist Naiyuan Hu and ACF Chair Stanley Yen, follows the spirit of chamber music but does away with conducting allowing each musician to independently interpret the music while performing in harmony. From an orchestra of five to as many as 53, performing musicians gather annually in Taiwan to perform at the TC Music Festival. The 2018 TC Music Festival, debuted 4th August, marks the first of the festival's International Chamber Music Series, a chamber orchestra of six maestros with performances in three cities; while the 2018 TC Symphony

Orchestra, covers five cities of Taiwan, both nurturing the next generation of musicians and enthusiasts. Through the journey of music making, TC uses music as a form of encouragement to inspire the Taiwan society to move forward...[Read more.](#)

First-ever 2018 Culinary Camp

From 4-12 July, in tandem with National Taitung Junior College, ACF initiated its first-ever Culinary Camp. Led by Chef Daniel Swift and Professor Alice Wu Swift of Swift Hospitality Consulting, LLC in curriculum development and cooking demonstrations, the camp was separated into two parts; first for students followed by professionals from across the Taitung region with each part spanning over a period of four days.

With over eight years working as a chef in top hotel companies globally and 18 years of experience teaching culinary in Hawaii and California, Chef Swift emphasized on demonstrating recipes from the two states. Participants not only had the opportunity to advance cooking skills, but learned cultural history as well as to localize and reinvent recipes covered in the workshops. In each day, Chef Swift demonstrated examples of minimizing food waste through innovation as well as integrating life values in participants' approach to learning and cooking.



2018 LUMA Overseas Study Tour

Pre-trip Training Workshop

8th July marks the first out of the 12-day 2018 LUMA Indigenous Youth Overseas Study Tour pre-trip training workshop which took place at the VoxNativa Children's Choir school in Nantou. With help from industry professionals, the workshop introduced Native-American history, contemporized traditional dance, as well as engaged in controlled discussions concerning indigenous, gender and human rights. In



the afternoons, VoxNativa high school volunteers conduct English lessons; participants also learned techniques of video editing and choir singing. As part of the workshop, members also paid a visit to elderlies at the Wang Hsiang Bunun Tribe, offering community services as well as engaging in hands-on farming and traditional handicrafts. Under two weeks, the LUMA team not only prepared themselves for the overseas study trip, but bonded as a family.

Ci-Xin Waldorf: Steiner's "Calendar of the Soul" Translated



The Chinese translated book, "Weekly Meditations: Rudolf Steiner's 'The Calendar of the Soul' with Accompanying Reflections", originally written by founder of Waldorf education was recently translated into Chinese by Ci-Xin Waldorf School's very own Teacher Renfang Tsai. The translated book features 52 watercolour illustrations personally painted by Teacher Tsai in correlation to the verses painted in tones of red, yellow and blue.

Teacher Tsai pursued her anthroposophy studies in England, specializing in art therapy.

Rudolf Steiner's weekly verses are intended to help readers follow the course of the year in body, soul, and spirit.

TC: The First International Chamber Music Series

The 2018 Taiwan Connection (TC) Music Festival debuted 4th August opening with TC's first-ever International Chamber Music Series. Chamber music is the heart of classical music. TC Founder and Violinist Nai-yuan Hu specially invited five international musicians to perform alongside Hu, local maestros and emerging musicians; they include Paul Neubauer, former Principal Violist and the youngest principal string player in history of the New York Philharmonic, Sung-Won Yang, Cellist from South Korea, Marc Danel,



Founder and First Violinist of the Quatuor Danel, Keith Robinson, founding member of the Miami Quartet and Cellist, and Scott Lee, Violist of the Miami String Quartet and Associate Professor of Viola at University of Missouri-Kansas City who was also the youngest winner of the 1996 Concert Artists Guild Competition in its 50-year history. Together they performed Brahms String Quintet No. 1 and No. 2.

10-11 August, at the National Taichung Theatre, the five maestros, Hu, TC's Principal Cellist Victor Gao, as well as young emerging local musicians William Wei, Yi-hsin Lin, Shih-hsien Tsai, Tze-hung Su, Yun Han, and others together performed a sensational innovative style of classical music.

Sharestart Expanding Overseas

Sharestart founder, who was winner of the 2017 Global Highlight for Future (GHF) award, Hui-cheng Chang aims to popularize the Taiwan-born teaching method worldwide. With administrative support from ACF, Chang and Sharestart Teacher Bo-ren Cheng arranged for a month of educational sharing in the United States from 11th July, and held ten lectures total covering in-depth discussions and workshops in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Detroit. Over 500 teachers, parents, and entrepreneurs participated. Under the support of The Alliance Cultural Foundation International (ACFI), Southern California Council of Chinese Schools, Association of Northern California Chinese Schools, National Council of Associations of Chinese Language Schools, Mandarin Language and Cultural Center, as well as the establishment of the US Sharestart online community platform and the implementation and practice of the Northern and Southern Californian teachers can bring together even more Chinese-American educators to grow together with the rest of the global Sharestart community.



Sci-Flipper: The First Annual Meeting

The Sci-Flipper teacher's self-study community initiated by Teacher Changhong Chong held its first annual meeting dated, 16-18 July, at Shanlinxi Forest Recreation Area with 180 teachers and over 120 families participating. The event consisted of several modules with teachers sharing the best of their classroom methods. The Editor-in-Chief of Commonwealth Parenting, Ya-hui Chen, was invited to share first-hand observation of the "Technology Flipping Education in China" special interview. Taiwan's Design for Change (DFC) Sponsor Xinyu Xu also led a life-oriented design thinking exercise.



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