

2025 VERY ASIAN YOUTH CONCERT

St. Louis Art Museum, Farrell Auditorium, 1:30pm

Presented by Asian American Civics Scholars



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@St. Louis Art Museum May 18 2025 1:30pm

Featuring Asian themed dances from local studios!



WUDance Studio



**St. Louis Academy of
Dance**

Dances of India



St. Louis Modern Chinese School

Radhanika School of Dance



AACS HISTORY

Asian American Civics Scholars is a organization dedicated to raising awareness around AAPI communities and empowering young people to be engaged with their communities!

Website: [Asian American Civics Scholars](#)

THE VERY ASIAN YOUTH CONCERT

To fundraise for the May Book Project, AACCS has decided to host a Very Asian Youth Concert to raise awareness and funds for schools in need of new books

Website: [Concert Planning Team](#)



THE MAY BOOK PROJECT

The Very Asian Foundation, in partnership with We Need Diverse Books, launches The May Book Project to help schools and libraries build and maintain robust Asian American youth literature^y collections for all readers. We are raising national awareness of the need to create inclusive libraries, give readers access to up-to-date Asian American youth literature, and provide funding to donate books to at-need libraries.

The project is inspired by St. Louis high school students who asked their schools for more Asian American literature during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and were ignored.

PROGRAM

龙腾虎跃- SOARING DRAGONS AND
LEAPING TIGER- THUNDER DRUM
TEAM

ARIRANG AND BEAUTIFUL
COUNTRY - ST. LOUIS YOUTH
AMBASSADORS ORCHESTRA

BODY BY MEOVV - WU DANCE
STUDIO

INDRA GADYAM, IN ANDHRANATYAM -
NITHYA VEERAMACHANENI -
RADHANIKA SCHOOL OF DANCE

COLORFUL CLOUDS CHASING THE
MOON - MAGGIE ZENG, ELIZABETH
HUNG, MAX ZENG

DANCES OF INDIA: PUSHPANJALI -
MILANA HUNT, ISHA DESHPANDE, MAYA
KUMAR, RENUSRI KALISETTI

ST. LOUIS MODERN CHINESE SCHOOL
MIRAGE FROM DUN HUANG - LILY WANG

EXCERPTS FROM BUTTERFLY LOVERS
CONCERTO- AIDEN MOON AND
JERRY CHANG

ST. LOUIS ACADEMY OF DANCE 乌兰巴
托的夜 - ULAANBAATAR AT NIGHT -
EMMA GONG, NICHOLE YANG, MAGGIE
ZENG, YILIN ZHAO, IRIS SHI

ORANGE JASMINE - ZYI LI MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT

ABOUT THE PIECES

Thunder Drum Team - Sponsored by the Chinese Education Culture and Services organization, this team has performed at festivals in St. Louis, Southern Illinois and Jefferson City including Lunar New Year Celebration at the State Capitol, and at AAPI Heritage Celebration at the Cardinals

St. Louis Youth Ambassadors Orchestra - Our act is an orchestra performance featuring a rich blend of classical and contemporary pieces, showcasing the emotional depth and dynamic range of Korean music. St. Louis Youth Ambassadors provides members with the opportunity to benefit and get involved with the community while also developing leadership skills and gaining various experiences that help cultivate an insightful cultural perspective.

Wu dance Studio - K-pop dance has taken the world by storm, captivating audiences globally with its catchy beats, intricate choreography, and infectious energy. The Kpop Dance class of WU Dance Studio presents this electrifying K-pop dance performance bringing energy, precision, and passion to the stage.

Radhanika School of Dance - Radhanika was established as an AndhraNatyam Dance School by Nisha Maguluru in 2008. They perform in many dance venues and community celebrations such as the National Week of Dance.

Traditional Chinese Music Trio - Elizabeth H, Maggie Z and Max Zeng perform traditional Chinese instruments (erhu and pipa) as part of the St. Louis Traditional Chinese Music Ensemble. They perform annually at the Chinese Culture Days festival and have contributed to Festival of Nation and St. Louis City Hall's AAPI Heritage Celebration.

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Dances of India - They are the 2025 & a 2023 National Endowment for the Arts Award Recipient & one of the oldest classical Indian dance companies in the United States. 2024-2025 is their 47th Season performing!

Lily Wang - A display of classical Chinese dance with ribbons- an art form that blends intricate movements and graceful postures rooted in thousands of years of tradition. It reflects elements of Chinese philosophy, culture, and history. This dance is presented by the St. Louis Modern Chinese School.

Butterfly Lovers Concerto - Based on a tragic love story from China, this piece is presented by Jerry Chang (won top prizes in many prestigious piano competitions, including the 2024 YoungArts Winner with Distinction in the Classical Music/Piano category by the U.S. National YoungArts Foundation, National Finalist and the Chopin Award of 2024 MTNA Senior Solo Piano Competition, Two-Time Chopin Scholarship Recipient by the U.S. Chopin Foundation 2022-2024) and Aidan Moon (Co-Principal of SLSYO and 2025 SLSYO Concerto Competition Winner).

St. Louis Academy of Dance - Bringing an Asian dance class for the first time to the St. Louis Academy of Dance in its 40-year history, Ms. Weiwei Fu choreographs this fusion dance, blending traditional Mongolian-inspired movements with modern styles.

Zyi Li Music and Entertainment - They are a local STL all-inclusive community entertainment organization with the goal of lifting spirits and bringing people together through all forms of entertainment! They performed and recorded with grammy nominees and winners! They had an orchestral performances at Disney Hall, Civic opera house, & Lincoln Center!

OUR PERFORMERS

Thunder Drum Team: Ian Jenkins, Kevin Diao, Max Zeng, Andrew Huang -

**St. Louis Youth Ambassadors Orchestra: "Cello
Yohann Lee, Sam Noh, Ian Cho, Yugeon Kim, Celina solee Kim
Hannah Kim Moon
Viola
Joy Shin
Flute
Grace Yeom
Violin**

**Jean Park, Ian Chung, Charis Shing, Lawson Robinson, Tin Lok,
Kenney , Lael Noh , Claire Kim, Ian Choe**

**Wu Dance Studio: Victoria Lin, Maria Isabella Giron, Tiffany Guo,
Maggie Zeng, Shanaya Pramanick, Iris Shi**

Radhanika School of Dance: Nithya Veeramachaneni

Chinese Music Ensemble: Maggie Zeng, Elizabeth Hung, Max Zeng

**Dances of India: Milana Hunt, Isha Deshpande, Maya Kumar,
Renusri Kalisetti, Aanya Gande**

St. Louis Modern Chinese School Dance: Lily Wang

Butterfly Lovers Concerto: Jerry Chang, Aiden Moon

**St. Louis Academy of Dance: Emma Gong, Nicole Yang, Maggie
Zeng, Yilin Zhao**

Zyi Li Music & Entertainment

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AACS 2025 VERY ASIAN YOUTH CONCERT PLANNING TEAM

In alphabetical order by last name:

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With much appreciation to:

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