



# San Gabriel Mission Playhouse

A World of Arts and Culture

**2011-2012 SEASON**

**MUSIC**

**DANCE**

**THEATER**





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# A Historic Home for Artists and Audiences

Here in San Gabriel we are honored to be home to such a wonderful building of great historical significance. We are equally proud to provide a welcoming space for dance-makers, musical impresarios and theater producers as they realize their artistic vision for enthusiastic audiences. We are very happy to continue to encourage a wide range of performing and visual arts that truly celebrates the diversity of culture that San Gabriel is so lucky to have.

We hope you enjoy reading about what is just a small sample of this season's events and look forward to seeing you very soon in this World of Arts and Culture!

**Anna Cross**  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

### Connect

Stay connected! Call (626) 308-2868 or visit our website for event updates.



### Rent

Take advantage of our updated lighting and sound equipment in this atmospheric and evocative venue with highly experienced and skilled staff superbly suited to help fulfill your event requirements. Find out more at the back of this brochure, call us at (626) 308-2868 or visit our website for a full information packet.

### Give

Your tax deductible donations support the preservation of the historic Mission Playhouse for generations to come. Call (626) 308-2865 for more information.



# San Gabriel Chinese Opera

## Ba Yi Tu (八義圖)

San Gabriel Chinese Opera Association was established in 1997 to promote Chinese performing arts and to improve the cultural exchange between the United States and Taiwan/China. Its members are devotees of traditional Chinese (Beijing-Style) Opera who present several performances each year.

*Ba Yi Tu* is a Chinese history play written in the second half of the 13th century with the action taking place in the *Epoch of Spring and Autumn* (722-476 BC). The play has its full name *The Great Revenge of the Orphan of Zhao Family*. Taking loyalty as its central theme, the Opera tells the story of how the hero sacrifices his son to save the life of young Zhao so that Zhao can later avenge the death of his family.

Cited as the first Chinese play known in Europe, *Ba Yi Tu* was translated into French and English in the 18th Century and was adapted into feature film in 2010, by director Chen Kaige under the title *Sacrifice*.

 **SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 4**  
**2:00PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626) 576-5055**




# Hanyi

## Identity - Zhongshan Zhuang A Concerto for Gu Zheng and Orchestra

Founded in 1996, Hanyi Productions is dedicated to promoting performances by Chinese artists from around the world and has produced many significant cultural programs; it also formed the United Musicians Symphony Orchestra of Los Angeles and the Livic Chamber Orchestra.

*Identity - Zhongshan Zhuang* is an extraordinary Gu Zheng concerto written by Victor Wai Tak Cheng and Michael Gordon Shapiro to memorialize the personal sacrifices that the people of China have made in the last 150 years.

The concert celebrates the strength, patience, and passion of the people who have worked together to create a brand new day in which China enjoys peacefulness, stability, and economic prowess. The concerto, and several other contemporary pieces, are performed by the United Musicians Symphony Orchestra of Los Angeles.

 **SATURDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 17**  
**8:00PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(562) 941-3500**  
[www.hanyiinc.com/identity](http://www.hanyiinc.com/identity)




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# Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society Walter Strony

One of America's premier concert organists, Walter Strony made his public debut in 1974 at the age of 18 and has since established himself as one of few organists equally at home playing both theatre and classical organ. He has performed hundreds of concerts from coast to coast in the United States as well as in Japan, Australia, England, and Canada. In addition, Strony has performed at many

conventions of the American Theatre Organ Society and the American Guild of Organists.

This concert, performed on the fully restored 1920's Wurlitzer pipe organ, will feature selections ranging from Broadway show tunes, to Hollywood's finest film scores, from 1920's novelty tunes to some of today's most popular composers.

 **SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 18**  
**2:30PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(888) 528-6722**  
[www.latos.org](http://www.latos.org)



FREE  
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CONCERTS!

## Taiwan ROC Centennial Celebration

### The Golden Era Concert

A live band and a company of eight dancers join three great vocalists to celebrate the best in Taiwanese popular music.

Inspired by her childhood idol Teresa Teng, Liu Jia Wen aka Peggy (pictured) has performed throughout Asia, at the MGM in Las Vegas and Sands in Atlantic City. She was a featured performer in *The Golden Bell Awards*, Taiwan's equivalent to the Emmys.

Powerhouse Kai Chang has wowed international audiences with his incredible voice up and down the

famous Vegas strip, from the Venetian to Caesar's Palace, in numerous TV appearances such as TVB (USA), and as a judge on *Super Idol* (Taiwan's equivalent to *American Idol*).

Since Lee Yun Jay's duet with Fei Yu-ching which earned him an unprecedented score of 10 on *The Fantastic Brothers* TV show, Lee Yun Jay has become an overnight sensation performing on many popular shows such as *Guo Kuang Bang Bang Mang* and the international hit *Super Sunday*.

🕒 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
**7:30PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626) 618-0600/**  
**(909)718-1111**  
[www.supermatrixim.com](http://www.supermatrixim.com)

**OR AT THE BOOKSTORE:**  
**2311 DURFEE AVENUE,**  
**EL MONTE, CA 91732**

## CalStateLA Symphony Orchestra/ Olympia Youth Orchestra

Former Concertmaster at the Brooklyn Chamber and Queens Philharmonic Orchestra's, Music Director and Conductor Fung Ho also served as Concertmaster for the Burbank Chamber Orchestra and West LA Symphony. He is currently on the violin faculty at CalState LA.

This year's CalStateLA Symphony/OYO concerts will feature soloists Hao Zhou, 14 year old violinist and 2011 winner of the American String Teachers Association Competition performing the *Carmen Fantasy* by Pablo de Sarasate and Brett Deubner, performing the *Viola Concerto* by American composer Amanda Harberg whose music has been widely commissioned throughout the US and abroad.

Brett Deubner enjoys frequent solo recitals, membership in top American Orchestras and Chamber Music collaborations worldwide.

Check the website for details.

🕒 **SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 15**  
**3:00PM**  
(Hao Zhou)

**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 13**  
**3:00PM**  
(Brett Deubner)

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626) 447-5839/**  
**(626) 242-3579**  
[www.olympiaphil.org](http://www.olympiaphil.org)



# Mariachi Heritage Society

## 21st Annual Benefit Concert

Founded in 1991 by Maestro Jose Hernandez, the Mariachi Heritage Society is a non-profit organization that has for the past 21 years built a bridge connecting family and heritage, delivering quality music lessons and a love of Mariachi music to over 10,000 children from Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

The concert will feature of a night of entertainment by students, the first ladies of mariachi music, *Reyna de Los Angeles*, Jose Hernandez and his Grammy Nominated *Mariachi Sol de Mexico* and a special guest artist.

This event will likely sell out, so don't delay in purchasing your tickets. On sale December 1.

🕒 SATURDAY  
MARCH 31  
6:00PM

INFO & TICKETS:  
(626) 279-1700  
[www.mariachiheritagesociety.com](http://www.mariachiheritagesociety.com)



# Asian Arts Talents Foundation

AATF is a non-profit organization established in 2003 by a group of professional performers passionate about both eastern and western cultures. The Foundation aims to raise funds to support Asian arts, education, and culture, sponsor public performances, offer grants and scholarships for talented young Asians worldwide, help and get involved with the community during disasters and catastrophes and organize summer activities for young people.

The Foundation is actively involved with the local community and has received awards for its work both in the US and internationally.

This celebration of Asian dance features a stunning range of artists showcasing a fascinating diversity of genres from Hip-Hop to Ballet and includes performances by the Hikari Taiko Drummers, the Korean Dance Academy, Ling's Ballet Academy and the Wat Thai Temple of LA.

🕒 SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10  
7:30PM

INFO & TICKETS:  
[www.aatf.us](http://www.aatf.us)




# Chinese American Dancing Group

## 25th Chinese American Dance Festival

The Chinese American Dancing Group was formed in 1987 by Dr. Jaw John Chang. The dance group promotes Chinese culture, raises multicultural awareness and provides a professional training center for its children's, teen and adult classes.

The Chinese American Dancing Group has participated and performed in

numerous ethnic and cultural activities and is well known for its excellent performances, annually showcasing its own major dance productions since 1991. To mark its 25th anniversary, the Chinese American Dancing Group is proud to once again exhibit the beauty and liveliness of different Chinese dance styles.

 **SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 12**  
**7:00PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626)823-332/**  
**(626)359-0867**

[www.chineseamericandancinggroup.org](http://www.chineseamericandancinggroup.org)



# Li's Ballet

## Giselle & Ballet Showcase

Based in Temple City, Li's Ballet Studio was founded in 1993 by Li Zhang, a nationally recognized prima ballerina in China. Twice a year, over 300 of Li's students, aged 5 to 18, showcase their work at San Gabriel Mission Playhouse. While the focus is classical ballet, the performance also incorporates Chinese folk ballet, jazz, Broadway musical, and contemporary lyrical dance. In addition, Li's Ballet students periodically participate in summer intensive training in the Shanghai National Ballet School and perform in a variety of programs such as World Expo Shanghai.

Li's Ballet presents the romantic ballet *Giselle in Two Acts* and *Ballet Showcase*.

 **SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 19**  
**7:00PM**  
(Giselle)

**SUNDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 20**  
**4:00PM**  
(Ballet Showcase)

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626)285-4888**



# Pasadena Dance Theatre

## The Nutcracker/Master DanceMakers

Pasadena Dance Theatre is a non-profit organization providing classical and innovative contemporary choreography through professional dance performance, as well as exemplary dance training through its conservatory.

PDT performs for over 3,000 schoolchildren annually through its outreach programs and thrills audiences every year with its spectacular production of *The Nutcracker*.

Along with its classical repertoire, PDT presents contemporary choreography from established and emerging choreographers and in May 2012, the Company will premiere new works from the *Master DanceMaker* program (find more info on this at their website).

 <b>SATURDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 17</b> <b>2:00PM &amp; 7:30PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 18</b> <b>2:00PM</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>MAY 19</b> <b>7:30PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>MAY 20</b> <b>2:00PM</b>
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**ON SALE:**  
**OCTOBER 1.**  
*The Nutcracker*

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**[626] 683-3459**  
[www.pasadenadance.org](http://www.pasadenadance.org)


*Master DanceMaker*

# Pasadena Civic Ballet

## The Twelve Dancing Princesses

Travel with the Princesses through mystical forests of gold, silver and jewels. Discover the secret palace where the royal sisters dance until dawn. Meet the King's cobbler, determined to solve the mystery of the Princesses' tattered shoes and break the spell of enchantment. This original ballet is brought to life by over 150 characters as they dance in colorful regal costumes through a fairy tale land of magical animated sets.

Sign up for the *Princess Tea* and have tea before the ballet with the Princesses as you meet some very special royal guests; enjoy delectable treats, storytelling, be photographed with the cast and enter a drawing for a pair of princess pointe shoes.

 **SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 25**  
**7:00PM**

**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 26**  
**2:00PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**[626] 792-0873**  
[www.pcballet.com](http://www.pcballet.com)



# Esperanza Flores Ballet Folklórico

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta Internacional

Celebrating its 33rd annual *Fiesta Internacional*, Esperanza Flores Ballet Folklórico is dedicated to preserving the native folk dances of Latin countries. Director and choreographer Esperanza Flores was born in Mexico and has been dancing for over 40 years sharing traditional Mexican and Spanish dances with her community.

*Fiesta Internacional* features dances from Spain and India, and from Afro-Caribbean and Columbian cultures. The group dedicates the second half of its performance to Mexico with live music from a Mariachi band. The exciting choreography and colorful costumes of the dancers celebrate and honor tradition at this wonderful experience that is *Fiesta Internacional*.

🕒 SUNDAY  
APRIL 15  
2:00PM

INFO & TICKETS  
(626) 488-0761

ON SALE:  
FEBRUARY 15  
[www.esperanzaaflores.com](http://www.esperanzaaflores.com)



# Vonder Haar Center for the Performing Arts

## ...a surprise!

Vonder Haar Center offers professional and pre-professional training in a variety of performing arts disciplines to students of all ages. The quality of the productions directly reflects the quality of the training by professionals in their fields.

Vonder Haar Center for the Performing arts promises another sparkling interpretation of a classic tale

with this upcoming story ballet, perfect for adults and children alike. Last season's critically-acclaimed production of *The Princess and the Pea* was touted as "great storytelling" and declared "authentic, fun, and beautiful". What's the show this season? You'll have to wait until the title is announced at VHC's February Arts Festival on February 26, or visit their website after that date.

🕒 SATURDAY  
JUNE 23  
7:00PM

SUNDAY  
JUNE 24  
2:30PM

INFO & TICKETS:  
(818) 790-5775  
[www.vonderhaarcenter.com](http://www.vonderhaarcenter.com)



# San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre

## Celebrating the Best of Broadway

San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre presents three great music theatre shows this season. In 2011, the company stages the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *Flower Drum Song* charting the progress of naïve young refugee Mei-Li as she ventures through San Francisco's Chinatown.

In February 2012, SGVMT presents a celebrity ensemble and full Hollywood orchestra in the amazing show *An Evening of Andrew Lloyd Webber* which includes some of the greatest hits from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, *Evita*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Starlight Express*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Aspects of Love*, and many more.

In May, Rice and Webber's blockbuster *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* will wow audiences as the show has been doing for over 35 years as they're taken on a fantastical journey through biblical Egypt featuring a whimsical score spanning Calypso, Rock, Disco and Country.



**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 1, 8:00PM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2:00PM**  
*(Flower Drum Song)*

**SATURDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 4**  
**2:00PM & 8:00PM**  
*(An Evening of Andrew Lloyd Webber)*

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 5 8:00PM**  
**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 6, 2:00PM**  
*(Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)*

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(626) 282-1440**  
[www.sgvmusictheatre.org](http://www.sgvmusictheatre.org)



# Theatre Experience of Southern California

## Seussical the Musical & Schoolhouse Rock

Formerly known as the Children's Theatre Experience, Theatre Experience of Southern California is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to building the self-esteem and self-confidence of participants through theatre arts. Producers of musical theatre geared towards children since 1992, they have 4 performance areas, Conejo Valley, Pasadena, Claremont and South Orange County.

No experience is necessary to become a cast member, only the desire to be part of a wonderful life experience, and all are welcome. Participants take part in a 14 week program where they are involved with vocal training, character development and choreography, culminating in performance.

Theatre Experience present two great musicals this season: *Seussical, the Musical* in 2011 and, *Schoolhouse Rock* in 2012.



**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 15**  
**2:00PM**  
*(Seussical, the Musical)*

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 21**  
**2:00PM**  
*(Schoolhouse Rock)*

**ON SALE: SEPTEMBER 1**  
**INFO & TICKETS:**  
**(800) 514-2787**  
[www.tesocal.org](http://www.tesocal.org)



# Shakespeare Club of Pasadena

## The Music Man

The Shakespeare Club was founded in 1888 and is the oldest women's club in California. For the past 50 years, the Club has staged professionally directed musicals in aid of local charities.

Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* premiered on Broadway in 1957 where it scooped 5 Tony awards, ran for 1357 performances and won the first ever Grammy Award for "Best Original Cast Album". Revivals followed, as did the 1962 film adaptation and a 2003 television remake.

The show sees conman Harold Hill posing as a band leader selling instruments and uniforms to naïve townsfolk before skipping town with the cash. Prim librarian and piano teacher Marian Paroo sees through him, but when Harold helps her younger brother overcome his fear of social interactions, Marian begins to fall in love with Harold, as he in turn falls for Marian, risking being caught in his efforts to win her.



**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 24**  
**8:00PM**

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 25**  
**2:00PM**

**INFO & TICKETS:**  
[www.shakespeareclub.org](http://www.shakespeareclub.org)

# Featured Events Calendar 2011-2012

Below, you'll find a calendar list of all the events featured in this brochure. We simply don't have the space to list all Playhouse events here, so for full and up-to-date information, visit our website [www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org).

<b>SEPTEMBER 2011</b>			
San Gabriel Chinese Opera	Chinese Opera	Sep 4	p.1
Asian Arts Talent Foundation	Asian Dance	Sep 10	p.7
Hanyi	Chinese Orchestral Music	Sep 17	p.2
Los Angeles Theatre Organ Society	Live Wurlitzer Concert	Sep 18	p.3
<b>OCTOBER 2011</b>			
San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre	Broadway Musical	Oct 1/2	p.14
Taiwan ROC Centennial Celebration	Popular Music	Oct 7/8	p.4
Theatre Experience of Southern California	Children's Theatre	Oct 15	p.15
<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>			
Chinese American Dancing Group	Classical & Folk Dance	Nov 12	p.8
Li's Ballet	Classical Ballet/Showcase	Nov 19/20	p.9
<b>DECEMBER 2011</b>			
Pasadena Dance Theatre	Classical Ballet	Dec 17/18	p.10
<b>JANUARY 2012</b>			
CalStateLA/Olympia Youth Orchestra	Classical Music	Jan 15	p.5
<b>FEBRUARY 2012</b>			
San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre	Broadway Musical	Feb 4	p.14
Pasadena Civic Ballet	Classical Ballet	Feb 25/26	p.11
<b>MARCH 2012</b>			
Shakespeare Club of Pasadena	Broadway Musical	Mar 24/25	p.16
Mariachi Heritage Society	Mariachi Music	Mar 31	p.6
<b>APRIL 2012</b>			
Esperanza Flores Ballet Folklorico	Latin Dance	Apr 15	p.12
Theatre Experience of Southern California	Children's Theatre	Apr 21	p.15
<b>MAY 2012</b>			
San Gabriel Valley Music Theatre	Broadway Musical	May 5/6	p.14
CalStateLA/Olympia Youth Orchestra	Classical Music	May 13	p.7
Pasadena Dance Theatre	Ballet	May 19/20	p.10
<b>JUNE 2012</b>			
Vonder Haar Center for the Performing Arts	Classical Ballet	Jun 23/24	p.13

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# San Gabriel Fine Arts Association

Formerly known as The Art Guild with such notable members as Norman Rockwell and Arthur Beaumont, SGFAA was reborn in 1965 and continues to promote fine art in the community, providing a venue for over 200 member artists to show their work in the renovated Glass Room at the Mission Playhouse. The Association stages regular demonstrations, competitions and exhibitions. For more information: visit [www.sgfaa.org](http://www.sgfaa.org) / (626) 282-1448.

## Patron Information

The San Gabriel Mission Playhouse is owned and operated by the City of San Gabriel. We are pleased to be the venue of choice for these featured events. All events are presented by independent producers and are subject to change and/or cancellation without notice.

**EVENT UPDATES** are available online at [www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org) or by calling the event hotline at (626) 308-2868.

**PARKING** is available adjacent to the Playhouse for \$5.00 per vehicle. Additional free parking can be found on nearby streets.

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING AND SEATING** is offered at the Playhouse. The theater is also equipped with an assistive listening system. Please contact an usher to request a headset.

**BOX OFFICE** is open 1 hour prior to each performance, unless otherwise noted.

**LATE ARRIVING PATRONS** will be seated at appropriate times during performance.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO** equipment is prohibited. Please set your cell phone and other electronic equipment to silent prior to performance.

**SAN GABRIEL MISSION PLAYHOUSE**  
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## Rent

### Rent the Playhouse

Built in 1927 by John Steven McGroarty to house his Mission Play, the San Gabriel Mission Playhouse is a unique and inspiring space steeped in history, complete with tapestries from the King of Spain and one of the finest Wurlitzer theatre organs in the country.

Whether you want to stage a High School Graduation, a classical concert or opera performance, a Broadway Musical or Mariachi concert, a ballet recital or modern dance show, a movie screening or an organ concert,

this is an ideal venue. With a spacious stage, refurbished dressing rooms, fully modernized sound, lighting and projection equipment and great marketing support for your event, our highly experienced and willing staff team ensures that the Playhouse is a great place to bring your vision to life.

Check our online calendar for availability or call today to discuss your requirements.

[www.missionplayhouse.org](http://www.missionplayhouse.org)  
(626) 308-2865

### Film Location Rental

With a wide variety of fascinating period and modern interiors, the Playhouse provides a range of locations under one roof and has been featured in some major Hollywood movies, TV shows and commercials. View our photo gallery online or call to arrange a visit.

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