

# Ms. YANG YI

World renowned Guzheng (21-string zither) virtuoso,  
Music Director of Eastern Culture & Performing Arts Center

Ms. Yang Yi is recognized today as a foremost Guzheng master in the world, described by *The New York Times* as “fascinating, surprising and extraordinarily beautiful” and “extraordinarily fantastic, intensive and passionate” by the *West German News*. A winner of the International Chinese Instruments Competition and numerous awards, Yang Yi is a highly acclaimed guzheng virtuoso, distinguished guzheng educator, and lecturer. Yang Yi was a faculty at the prestigious China Conservatory of music, her alma mater. She has performed as a soloist with almost all of the distinguished Chinese Musical Groups before moving to the US in 1991. As a soloist, Yang Yi has toured extensively throughout Asia, Europe and the U.S., and performed in prestigious venues such as the Royal Albert Hall (UK), Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, Historische Stadthalle Wuppertal (Germany), Anhaltisches Theater Dessau (Germany).



*“Yang Yi was fascinating and surprising. She gave an extraordinarily beautiful performance on the guzheng (a 21-stringed zither).”*  
- *The New York Times*



2009 US Premier – Guzheng Concerto with Orchestra & Chorus

*“If a performance by a virtuoso of the ancient Chinese instrument called the guzheng doesn’t grab you, how’s this: She’s been called the Mick Jagger of the zither, and we think that’s a real compliment.”*

- *The Star-Ledger*

In addition to introducing the traditional repertoire to the Western audiences, Yang Yi has successfully advanced the art of tradition with inspired new compositions. She has world premiered many new composition works by today’s most renowned composers. She collaborated with distinguished groups such as the Kronos Quartet, Four Nation Ensemble, and has appeared at countless festivals. She gave unique and educational solo / lecture concerts at venues such as The Cooper Union, Hunter College, University of Massachusetts, The Settlement Music School, Rutgers University, Yale, Princeton University, and The Julliard School of Music.

Her musical recordings can be found on many publicly released CDs; movies, and TV series, and she has been profiled in many music and documentary programs on radio and TV stations, such as the BBC, China National Broadcasting Radio Station, Voice of America, and dozens of regional radio stations throughout China.



2009 Carnegie Hall Presentation: with Kronos Quartet, and today’s prominent musicians - Philip Glass, Terry Reilly, conducted by Dannis Russell Davies

Yang Yi is the founder and music director at Eastern Culture & Performing Arts Center, a non-profit professional Chinese Music organization in NJ. She’s also the roster artist in the NJ State Council’s Arts-in-Education program.

