The concert’s title, “Song of Silk” has rich metaphorical meaning. Silk, native to China, signifies music in Chinese culture due to its association with stringed instruments. In addition, “Silk Road” refers to the ancient route on which China interacted with the Middle East and the West. In a broader sense, Song of Silk hopes to bridge the East and West by presenting Chinese music and culture.

Performers include professionals as well as gifted young artists. Currently a Senior Lecturer of Chinese at Binghamton University, Hong Zhang is the director of Song of Silk and a mezzo-soprano, holding Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in voice performance. She will sing Chinese art and folk songs.

Pej Reitz, a faculty member of BU’s Music Department, will accompany Hong Zhang on piano. Young performers include dancers, instrument players, and Chinese-style acrobat performers. Emcees give brief introductions about Chinese music, dance and culture between each performance. The concert time of 1.5 hours includes a half-hour "talk back" dialog opportunity for audience members to ask the performers questions. Pre-concert classroom resource materials will be provided to attending schools. Song of Silk is presented as an outreach activity of the Institute for Asia & Asian Diasporas at Binghamton University.

For students grades 7-12—School Group Admission $8.50

This concert is listed on the BOCES website under Arts in Education. Contact your district representative to sign up.

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