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UK World Music and Dance Concert Tenth Anniversary

LEXINGTON, KY. (March 30, 2015) – Join the University of Kentucky School of Music for the Tenth Anniversary of the UK World Music and Dance concert, Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm, in the Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to the public.

2015 marks the 10th Anniversary of the UK World Music Concert started by emeritus professor, Dr. Han Kuo-Huang. In honor of his extraordinary legacy, we are presenting a very special concert featuring music and dance from near and far and invite you to join us in a sonic journey that spans the Bluegrass to Bali and beyond. The concert will begin with the rare opportunity to hear the unique and dynamic sounds of the Balinese “marching gamelan” called gamelan bebonangan, featuring fast syncopated rhythms, interlocking melodies, weaving movements and powerful gongs. Following this, we will journey to Zimbabwe to hear the entrancing sounds of the Shona mbira (thumb piano) performed by the MbiraCats from the University of Cincinnati College and Conservatory of Music, led by Dr. Stefan Fiol. Then we will go to China to hear virtuosic solo pieces on two representative Chinese string instruments. First, Luyin Shao plays on the pear-shaped pipa and then Qi Yu will perform on the guzheng zither. We are extremely fortunate to hear such accomplished international musicians who studied these instruments from a young age and majored in music performance in their home countries. Next the program will return “home” and feature music from the UK Bluegrass Ensemble, led by Ellyn Washburne. The next section of the performance will highlight the amazing talents of exchange students from Inner Mongolia Arts College and include incredible selections of overtone throat singing, horsehead fiddle pieces, Mongolian choir music and traditional bowl dance. The concert will conclude with an exciting Korean samulnori piece performed by the UK Korean percussion ensemble, led by Dr. Donna Kwon. With all the talent represented here, this is most certainly a world music and dance event that should not be missed! The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information about these events, please call (859) 257-4912 or contact Dr. Donna Kwon by email at donna.kwon@uky.edu or by phone at 859-257-4912.