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China Institute brings “The Beauty of Chinese Classics” to New York Public Library

Saturday, May 11, 2019: A lecture and live demonstration of the famed "Campus Folk Song," examining how its melodies and lyrics represent the legacy of Chinese literature

NEW YORK, May 8, 2019 – In partnership with NYC Culture Pass, China Institute will bring a **Dr. Hsing-Lih Chou** to Seward Park Library for a lecture on *The Beauty of Chinese Classics through Contemporary Folk Songs*, on Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 PM.

China Institute is an inaugural partner of NYC Culture Pass, a program that is made available for Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, and Queens Library card holders. As part of this initiative, China Institute is delighted to bring a series of public programs to entice and enrich understanding about Chinese culture among library and community patrons.

Dr. Hsing-Lih Chou, one of the pioneering lyricists and composers of Campus Folk Songs, received his B.A. from National Chung-Hsing University and M.A., M.Ed., and Doctor of Education from Columbia University, New York. Dr. Chou is a faculty member at BMCC, City University of New York, Center for Ethnic Studies, where he specializes in Asian American History, Chinese Culture and Heritage, and Chinese language. He is considered a specialist in Asian culture, particularly Chinese culture and Mandarin, as well as international educational development.

“We aim to bring this lively lecture to the community in an effort to broaden and deepen this mission of China Institute,” said Shenzhan Liao, Director of Education at China Institute. “At our downtown headquarters and elsewhere in the city, we provide all sorts of classes for people of all ages and background. We feel fortunate to having been partnering with NYC Culture Pass

Community Program, which makes our services more accessible to the city-wide constituencies. Since April 25, we have been bringing interactive workshops to Seward Park Library for children and their parents. Dr. Chou's lecture truly makes our reach to the public of all ages."

This free program is brought to you by Culture Pass and will take place on Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 PM on 192 East Broadway, NYC.

About China Institute

China Institute advances a deeper understanding of China through programs in education, culture, art, and business. It is the go-to resource on China—from ancient art to today's business landscape and its rapidly shifting culture. Founded in 1926 by Chinese reformers Hu Shi, K.P. Wen, and Americans John Dewey and Paul Monroe, China Institute is the oldest bicultural, non-profit organization in America to focus exclusively on China.



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