

**Lotus and Phoenix  
City of Sydney Chinese New Year Festival Event**

Date: 3 March 2007  
Time: 7.30 PM  
Venue: Music Workshop, Sydney Conservatorium of Music,  
Macquarie St  
Price: \$30 advance purchase, \$35 door  
Reservations: Call 9699 4414, 0409 690 220

**A concert of traditional Chinese music and classical Indian dance inspired by the symbolism of the lotus and phoenix, not to be missed by the Asian arts connoisseur.**

Versatile musicians of the Sydney Sizhu Ensemble led by Tony Wheeler, and *Kuchipudi* dancer Vimala Sarma, celebrate Chinese New Year and the Indian festival *Holi* in a concert featuring classical Indian dances and Chinese traditional music inspired by the symbolism of the lotus and phoenix. The lotus is a symbol of beauty, perfection and spiritual purity in Buddhist and Hindu traditions, and is featured in the iconographic imagery of both cultures. The phoenix is a symbol of good fortune and happiness in Chinese culture. The lead artists Tony Wheeler and Vimala Sarma will draw upon their respective art forms to celebrate the spirit of the Year of the Pig and Holi. This show provides rare opportunity for Sydney Chinese traditional music-lovers to hear Chen Hong Yu, vocal, and Zhao Ying Chun on the *Erhu* (a two-stringed fiddle).



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