

EXPERIENCE MUSICAL SENSATION “6IXWIRE” AT WINTERTHUR OCTOBER 25, 2015

From Jazz to Bluegrass to Asian folk and Classical, Internationally Acclaimed Duet Dazzles Audiences

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—Heralded as one of the world’s greatest performing artists of his generation from the People’s Republic of China, violinist Xiang Gao and fellow “Sixwire” virtuoso Cathy Yang will deliver a remarkable special performance at Winterthur on Sunday, October 25, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

Gao was a member of the renowned “China Magpie” ensemble established by Yo-Yo Ma’s Silk Road Project, combining diverse styles of music from Chinese folk to western classical and rock music. Inspired by Yo Yo Ma and the Silk Road Project, Gao formed Sixwire with Yang as a crossover duet. It features Gao playing the western violin and Yang playing the erhu (Chinese violin).

Gao’s musical integrity and virtuoso technique have earned accolades from audiences and reviewers around the world, with the *New York Times* praising him as “a rare and soulful virtuoso.” Yang is an internationally acclaimed erhu virtuoso, a guzheng (Chinese zither) soloist, and a former professor of music at the China Contemporary Cultural Academy. She has performed as a soloist at Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center among other major concert halls in the United States. They are frequently featured on China’s CCTV’s live concerts for more than one billion viewers worldwide.

“Live music has always been a part of the culture here at Winterthur,” said Kristine S. Craig, Director, Membership. “We are thrilled to have the internationally acclaimed virtuoso duet Sixwire deliver a special performance at Winterthur. We know it will be an exquisite and inspiring event, so fans should purchase tickets soon.”

The duo will perform sensational, flashy showpieces from many parts of the world, including their own arrangement of the violin showpiece *Carmen Fantasy* and the *Chinese Butterfly Lovers Concerto*.

Gao lives in Newark, Delaware, and is the youngest endowed Professor of Music in the University of Delaware’s Department of Music (Trustees Distinguished Professor of Music). He is the recipient of numerous awards internationally including the Delaware Governor’s Award for the Arts. Gao performs on a violin made by master maker G. B. Ceruti of Cremona in 1794. The University of Delaware purchased this rare instrument to support Mr. Gao’s international performing career. In 2007, the Stradivari Society in Chicago selected Mr. Gao to be a recipient of Stradivarius violins for his international solo concerts.

As a creative musician, Gao composes, arranges, and performs in the styles of Jazz, Bluegrass, Asian folk, and South American music. He is the founding artistic director of two non-profit music organizations in the United States, the University of Delaware Master Players Concert Series (www.masterplayers.udel.edu) and the China Music Foundation (USA).

For more information on Sixwire’s concert at Winterthur, please visit winterthur.org or call 800.448.3883.

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Violin duet Sixwire features internationally renowned University of Delaware Master Players Founding Artistic Director Xiang Gao and the acclaimed virtuoso Cathy Yang. *Courtesy of Sixwire.*

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