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CD Album *Music is Happiness* [DDD] RRCD 1077

The Chinese character for 'Music' also means 'Happiness'. The eight selected works (1974-2001) are easy on the ear and can be enjoyed by a wide range of people.

CD is inside back cover Total running time: **76:14** Narrator: Jane Webster



1 1. **Sakura Variations** (Cherry Blossom) 12:48

Five variations on the well-known Japanese folk song with Baroque influence
Cello: Neil Heyde Harpsichord: Helena Brown



2-5 2. **Four Love Songs in Chinese** 10:22

Song cycle on poems by Ann-Kay Lin, two Song Dynasty woman poets, and the great Tang Dynasty poet Li Bai.

2 1) Bitter taste of love 2:09 **3** 2) Haws 1:57

4 3) Sounds slowing 3:50 **5** 4) Drinking alone under the moon 2:26

Soprano: Nancy Yuen; Clarinet: Philip Edwards



6 3. **Permutation** 10:05

Accessible contemporary classical

Oboe: Joseph Sanders; Clarinet: Philip Edwards; Horn: Roger Montgomery;
Piano: Vivian Choi; Directed by Roger Montgomery



7 4. **Tai Chi** 5:31

Depicts Yin & Yan, and the movements of Tai Chi, with some influences from Chinese & Japanese instrumental sounds.

Flute: Lucy Cartledge; Guitar: Nicholas Hooper



8 5. **To You** 7:38

Song without words to a loved one of the past, influenced by Indian music.

Soprano: Nancy Yuen; Piano: Vivian Choi



9 6. **Farewell, my beloved** 12:17

– Impression of a Chinese Opera

Contemporary classical music with Peking opera influence

Clarinet: Philip Edwards; Narrator: Jane Webster



10 7. **Bulldozers, old house & old banyan** 8:57

Western classical music influenced by modern dance

Flute: Rowland Sutherland; Oboe: Joseph Sanders; Clarinet: Philip Edwards;
Horn: Roger Montgomery; Bassoon: Glyn Williams; Piano: Vivian Choi;
Directed by: Roger Montgomery



11 8. **Let's sing 'Magic Banyan Tree'** 8:34

Music for family enjoyment, drawing on traditional Chinese & Western early music.

Soprano: Nancy Yuen; Child Singers/Chorus: from Redbridge & Walthamstow
Piccolo/Flute/Alto Flute/Chinese Flute: Rowland Sutherland;
Bassoon: Glyn Williams; Marimba: Nathaniel Bartlett;
Xylophone/Vibraphone: Teddy Bergstrom; Timpani & Percussion: Alex Brangwyn
Directed by: Ann-Kay Lin

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光碟專輯：
英籍華人作曲家林安琪八首風格不同的樂曲——
櫻花變奏、聯篇曲（相思苦、山查子、聲聲慢、月下獨酌）、排列變化、太極、情信、霸王別
姬、鎊泥機老屋老榕樹、和大家齊唱神奇老榕樹——由女高音阮妙芬、鋼琴家蔡慧雯，
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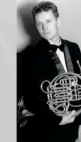
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A selection of works (1974 - 2001) by the British Chinese composer

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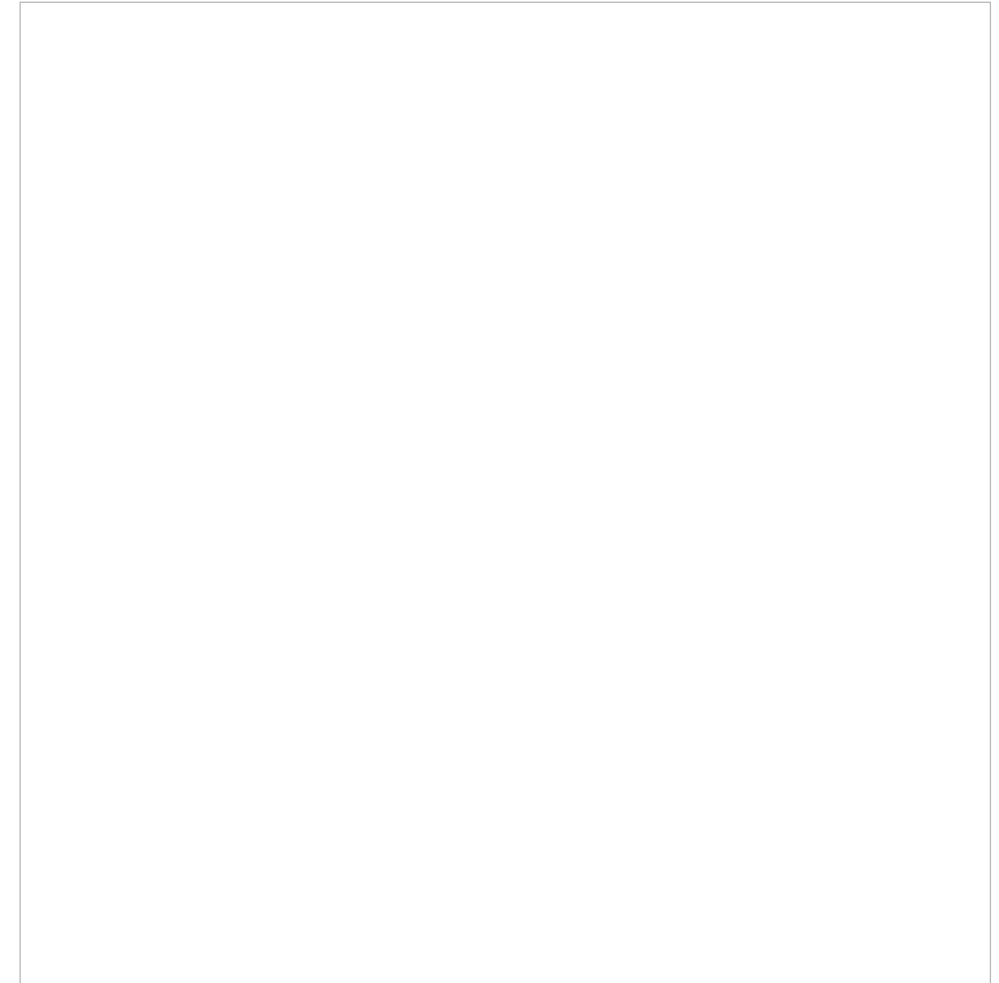
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China has been using pinyin (a standardized pronunciation for Chinese characters using alphabets) for some time. Whilst this is helpful for people who have knowledge of Chinese, it is confusing for most English speakers, as pinyin is not pronounced in the usual English way, and some long accepted forms of Chinese names now looking quite different – e.g. *Peking* becomes *Beijing*, *Canton* becomes *Guangzhou*, *Sung Dynasty* becomes *Song Dynasty* (not pronounced as *song* in English), *Ching Dynasty* is now *Qing* (with *Q* sounding like *Ch*), and *X* as in *Xiang Yu* – the hero of work No. 6 on this CD – is pronounced as *Hsiang*. I am using pinyin for Chinese used in this book because it is becoming very widespread.



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