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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is the 100<sup>th</sup> edition--the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition--of the *China Council Quarterly*. Issue number 1 was published in April 1981, approximately five months after the founding of the Council in December 1980.

I found a somewhat yellowed copy of the inaugural edition in the files which, among other things, announced the first public program sponsored by the Council, on March 7, 1981: a talk by Ross Terrill, a Harvard scholar who had just published a biography of Mao Zedong.

The issue also contains information about how the Council was established as "part of a network of regional China Councils formed by the national China Council of The Asia Society," an article on local China resources, a survey on "the better Chinese restaurants in the Portland area and a book review of *Watch Out for the Foreign Guests: China Encounters the West*, by Orville Schell.

The book is out of print now, but Mr. Schell has published many more China books since then and we have managed to stay in print too, carrying on the original mission of the Council and following the many changes that have occurred since China's "opening."

In the early days, access to China information was comparatively sparse. When the Council incorporated in 1987, it began publishing the *China Information Bulletin*, which was later supplanted the *China Digest*. Both publications were essentially China news briefings compiled from newspapers, magazines and journals by Council staff and volunteers. Publication of the *China Digest* ended in 1998 when access to information on China, especially via the internet, became plentiful. We continue, however, to publish the newsletter and are proud, and maybe a bit amazed, to be doing so one hundred editions later.

--Rosario Agnatoro



SILK ROAD ARTS TOUR JULY 9-28, 2006

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## CHINA COUNCIL NEWS

### 2006 Chinese New Year Auction & Dinner

The Council's 2006 Chinese New Year Auction and Dinner will be held on February 25 at Legin Restaurant in southeast Portland. As always, we are in need of silent and live auction donations, volunteers, and seat and table purchasers. Detailed information on how to donate and to volunteer will be posted at [www.nwchina.org](http://www.nwchina.org) by November 1.

The Year of the Dog begins on January 29, 2006. The best way to learn about Chinese New Year's events in the Asian community is to check the *Asian Reporter* and the *Portland Chinese Times* weekly newspapers and websites.

**CHINA COUNCIL 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
ANNUAL MEETING  
WITH ERHU VIRTUOSO WANG GUOWEI  
AND ACCOMPANIST SUSAN CHENG ON CHINESE DULCIMER**



WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

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## Mandarin Teaching Program

In September, Portland Public Schools and the University of Oregon were awarded a \$700,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive K-16 Mandarin Chinese language teaching program. The program will dramatically build upon the existing Mandarin language teaching initiatives in Portland and the U of O. Portland is the only school district in the country to receive the grant, which will double the number of immersion students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The China Council will assist in this effort by setting up summer internships for high school students in participation with Oregon companies and state and local organizations involved with China, and by offering programs and workshops that will allow students to explore China and Mandarin Chinese outside the classroom.



Celebrating 25 Years of Service

## PROGRAM NOTES

**Charles Wu** and **Diane Ma** dropped by the Kida Co. building on **July 13** to visit with friends and talk about their stay in Shanghai, where Charles spent the spring term teaching and exploring his much transformed hometown. The program space was full as Charles, in his quiet but engaging manner, provided his impressions of Shanghai's "stir-fried" real estate market, the region's education and media scenes, and the advantages and challenges of living in one of China's most dynamic city.

On **July 20**, the Council's **Journey to Kham** tour set off for its visit to the eastern Tibetan plateau. Led by China Council board member Dave Bleyle and Council executive director Rosario Aglioloro, tour members traveled through the region's high grasslands, crossed spectacular mountain passes, visited monasteries perched on hillsides and brushed shoulders (gingerly) with Khampa nomads at the Litang Horse Festival. Join us on October 26 for the full report. See the events calendar on the opposite page for details.

On **August 20 and 21**, the Council, in collaboration with professor Anne Fulton and students in a PSU Capstone Project, took part in the **2005 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Cultural Exposition** in the Hall of Cultures at the Oregon Historical Society. The exposition featured cultural exhibits created by community-based cultural organizations, foreign consulates and federally recognized Native American tribes. There were also arts, crafts and cooking demonstrations and non-stop live music on the plaza outside. The Council-Capstone contribution was an exhibit about the Portland Chinese community in 1905, when there was a World Exposition in Portland. The driving force behind the exhibit was the students and Professor Fulton, who put together a very informative and attractive exhibit.

## CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK

### China Business Network Luncheon with Steve Marshall of The New Group

If you think marketing in China simply requires translation of your company's marketing materials, think again. Steve Marshall, president of The New Group, discusses the importance of understanding the local business atmosphere and tailoring marketing messages that Chinese executives, businesses and consumers will respond to such as "retail-tainment." He'll also discuss the delicate balance of being relevant without sacrificing your company's global brand.

**When:** Wednesday Nov. 2, 12noon - 1:30pm

**Where:** House of Louie Restaurant, 331 NW Davis, Chinatown

**Cost:** Lunch & Talk: \$20 members; \$30 prepaid registration; \$25/ \$35 at door; \$15 for full-time students with valid ID.

**Register** with credit card to 503 973-5451 or online at [www.nwchina.org](http://www.nwchina.org) by Oct. 30th

### LANGUAGE TRAINING for the BUSINESS TRAVELER

Over the past two years, an increasing number of professional people have been adding Chinese language study to their long-term career planning strategy. The China Council has been teaching Mandarin language classes since the 1980's. We offer evening classes at the Council and on-site training in a variety of formats. Please call Council executive director Rosario Aglioloro at 503 973-5451 for details.

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### CHINA COUNCIL 2005 JOURNEY TO KHAM TOUR (top left to right):

(1) Tour group at 4,237m mountain pass; (2) woodblock carver, Derge; (3) paper makers, Derge; (4) Khampa nomads in spicy noodle shop, Litang Horse Festival; (5) White Tara temple mural; (6) Horseman, Litang Horse Festival. (Photos-R. Aglioloro)

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On February 25, 2006, the Northwest China Council will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year Banquet & Auction in the Legin Restaurant Ballroom. We are seeking tax-deductible donations for both the Silent and Live Auctions and would truly appreciate your support.

### Suggested items include

- Asian Art, Crafts and Kitsch
- Asian Textiles and Clothing
- Books on Chinese Culture, Art, and Cooking
- Antique and Contemporary chinoiserie
- Certificates & Tickets for Performances Dining, and Health and Fitness Services
- Beach House and Mountain Getaways
- Wine, Micro-brewed beer, Gourmet Food



The China Council has been serving Oregon and Southwest Washington since 1980. We are a member-supported 501c(3) non-profit organization. The Council sponsors a range of programs on Chinese culture and art, business, and contemporary affairs, and offers language and art classes for adults and children.

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***Thank you for your generous donation***

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### Challenges to the U.S. Military Soldiering in the New World Disorder with journalist and author Robert Kaplan

In his June 2005 *Atlantic Monthly* article, "How We Would Fight China", Robert Kaplan argues that the "Middle East is just a blip. The American military contest with China in the Pacific will define the twenty-first century."

Robert Kaplan is a veteran correspondent for *The Atlantic Monthly* and author of several best-selling books including *Balkan Ghost*, *Soldiers of God*, and *Warrior Politics*. His most recent book is *Imperial Grunts: The American Military on the Ground*.

**When:** Thursday, October 20, 12-1:30 PM  
**Where:** The University Club, 1225 SW 6<sup>th</sup>, Portland  
**Cost:** NWCC and World Affairs Council members: \$ 20; \$25 general (includes lunch) **RSVP** to 503-274-7488 or sign up on line at [www.worldoregon.org](http://www.worldoregon.org)  
*Sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Oregon and the Northwest China Council*

### Tibetan Travelogue and 2006 Silk Road Tour Preview

Join members of the summer 2005 "Journey to Kham" tour for a report, with pictures, on what was a wonderful journey, up, down and around the eastern Tibetan plateau, featuring visits to the Derge Printing House, Litang Horse Festival, Katok Monastery and tales of "high adventure." There will also be a brief preview of the July 2006 Silk Road tour.

**When:** Wednesday, October 26, 7 PM  
**Where:** House of Louie Meeting Room  
331 NW Davis, Chinatown  
**Cost:** NWCC members \$3; \$5 general.  
**RSVP** to 503 973-5451

## Silk Road Arts Tour July 9- 28, 2006

Experience China's historic Silk Road with Professor Zhou Xijuan and NWCC executive director Rosario Aglialoro. Professor Zhou is originally from Xinjiang Province, where she was a research assistant at Institute of Inner Asian Studies in Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences. She is currently an associate professor in Religious Studies at Willamette University. Rosario Aglialoro has worked with the Dunhuang Research Institute at Mogao Grottoes since 1994 and has traveled extensively in Gansu and Xinjiang provinces.

**Tour stops:** Beijing, Xian, Urumqi, Kucha, Kashgar, Turpan and Dunhuang. **Tour highlights:** Great Wall at Si Ma Tai (Beijing); Shaanxi Provincial Museum and Shaanxi Museum, Shaanxi Fine Arts Institute (Xian); Xinjiang Provincial Museum, Erdaoqiao Market (Urumqi); Kizil & Kizil Kara caves (Kucha); Sunday Market, Idkah Mosque & (Kashgar); Jia He & Gao Chang Ruins, Bezeklik Caves, Emin Minaret (Turpan); Mogao Grottoes, Yulin Grottoes, Yumen Pass, Han Great Wall & Yadan Landforms, Crescent Lake & Night Market (Dunhuang)

For detailed itinerary and costs call (503) 973-5451



### NWCC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting with Erhu Virtuoso Wang Guowei

Celebrate the Council's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a tasty banquet dinner and music by erhu virtuoso Wang Guowei and accompanist Susan Cheng on Chinese dulcimer.

**Wang Guowei** is one of the most outstanding erhu soloists of his generation. Born 1961 in Shanghai, Wang joined the Shanghai Traditional Orchestra at age 17, later becoming erhu soloist and concertmaster. Mr. Wang is currently artistic director of the New York-based ensemble *Music From China* and teaches at Wesleyan University. **Susan Cheng**, founder and Executive Director *Music From China*, is a member of the orchestra performing on *yangqin* (hammered dulcimer), *zheng* (21-string zither), and *ruan* (guitar).



Wang Guowei

**When:** Wednesday, November 9, 6 PM no-host cocktails; 6:30 annual meeting and appetizers; 7 PM performance; 7:30 PM dinner  
**Where:** Great China Seafood Restaurant, 336 NW Davis  
**Cost:** \$30 per person

#### Reservations required

**RSVP** to NWCC at 503 973-5451 by November 7 or send check payable to NWCC, 127 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. PDX 97209

**Parking tips:** Please remember that metered-parking has been extended to 7PM. The **Smart Park** on Davis between NW 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenues is a good alternative if street side parking is unavailable.

*Sponsored by the Northwest China Council and Third Angle Contemporary Music Ensemble*

### Human Rights in China The Search for Common Ground

This program will feature excerpts from the film "Human Rights in China: The Search for Common Ground," produced by Ray Olson. Following the screening Ray Olson and Mel Gurtov, PSU Professor of Political Science and International Studies, will consider the issues raised in the film and respond to questions from the audience.



Falungong practitioners, Beijing, China

**When:** Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 PM  
**Where:** PSU Smith Memorial Center  
For room information call 503 973-5451  
**Cost:** Free  
*Sponsored by the Northwest China Council and the PSU Institute for Asian Studies*

Save the date: February 25, 2006  
NW China Council Chinese New Year  
Dinner & Auction

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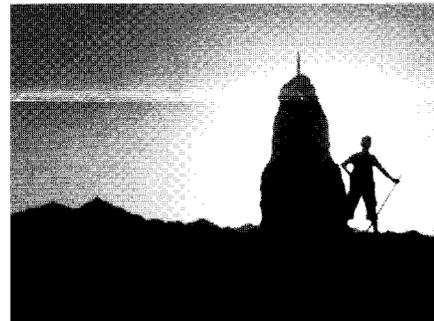
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**Explore the Silk Road in July 2006**  
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