

## About the Liverpool Confucius Institute

The Liverpool Confucius Institute is a collaborative project between the University of Liverpool, Xi'an Jiaotong University and the Chinese International Education Foundation. The LCI is committed to working with UoL, XJTU, local Liverpool and Merseyside councils, cultural organisations, schools and the public for the promotion of Chinese language and culture.

The Liverpool Confucius Institute organises a large range of cultural events throughout the year, from language courses, calligraphy and painting classes, and the annual LCI dragon boat race.



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## CHINESE NEW YEAR GALA PERFORMANCE



## The University of Liverpool Confucius Institute

Tung Auditorium, Yoko Ono Lennon  
Centre

27th January  
13:30-16:30

2023

## The Year of the Rabbit

The Year of the Rabbit comes once every twelve years, with the last Year of the Rabbit taking place in 2011. According to legend, the rabbit came fourth in the zodiac race, behind the rat, the ox, and the tiger. People born in the Year of the Rabbit are considered to be kind and polite, but also confident and capable.



### With Special Thanks To:

The Yoko Ono Lennon Centre

The University of Liverpool Department of Music

Liverpool Hope University School of Creative and Performing Arts

St Nicholas' Catholic Academy, Calday Grammar School, St Julie's Catholic High School, Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, and Pagoda Arts

The University of Liverpool Confucius Institute Staff and Volunteers

The Liverpool Chinese Students and Scholars Association

And all those who have worked hard both on and off stage

## ACT 2

**St Nicholas' Catholic Academy: 'Gongxi Gongxi' and 'If You're Happy and You Know It'**

*The students of St Nicholas' Catholic Academy will perform two children's songs, one in Chinese and one in English.*

**Tian: Chinese-Western Fusion Music**

*From soundscapes to jazz and rock, Tian will perform a set of Chinese-Western fusion music.*

**Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School: 'Nian' ('Year') and 'Nie Jingtai' ('The Mirror')**

*Through drama, the students of Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School will perform two ancient stories.*

**Ruoxi Wang (soprano), Jialing Yang (soprano), Yan Liu (mezzo soprano), and Lee Ward (piano) - University of Liverpool Music Society: 'Wo Ai Ni Zhongguo' ('I Love You, China')**

*These students from the University of Liverpool Music Society will perform this song from China. It was composed in the 1970s for the film 'Overseas Compatriots'.*

**Hope University Chamber Choir, Led by Dr Rebekah Okpoti: Song Medley, including 'Songs from my Islands'**

*Voices of Hope will perform a medley of songs, including a new composition by Professor Stephen Davismoon.*

## ACT 1

**Professor Gavin Brown, Gary Miller, Martin Davies, Vice-Chancellor Professor Tim Jones, and Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Mary Rasmussen**

*Opening speeches to wish the community of Liverpool a happy Chinese New Year.*

**Jin Long Martial Arts School: The Lion Dance**

*Dancers in opulent costumes will use martial arts techniques to mimic the movements of a lion, which is believed to bring good luck and fortune for the new year.*

**Calday Grammar School: Shao Nian Zhongguo Shuo (The Power of Youth)**

*A group of young students will perform a popular Chinese song about how powerful the younger generation can be in the future.*

**St Julie's Catholic High School: Hua Mulan**

*The students of St Julie's Catholic High School will perform the legendary story of Hua Mulan, a woman from the ancient Wei Dynasty, 2,500 years ago, who defied convention and disguised herself as a man to take her aged father's place in the army.*

**Lujie Fang and Anna Ho: Piano recital**

*These Liverpool Hope University students will perform two piano recitals.*