

# presents

Singing Legends, Dancing Lions:

An Exploration of Chinese Musical Traditions

# Singing Legends, Dancing Lions:

### An Exploration of Chinese Music Teaching Artist: Jing Yang

Hello: Ní Hǎo 你好 Goodbye: Zài Jiàn 再见

## Four tones in Chinese language:

First tone	Second tone	Third tone	Fourth tone
Mā	Má	Mă	Mà
妈	麻	马	骂

# Beijing Opera ("Peking Opera") Characters

"Sheng" 生 (male character)



"Jing" 净 (elderly)



Manhattan School of Music Singing Legends, Dancing Lions handout

*"Dan"* **旦** (female character)



"Chou" ∄ (clown)



#### Lion Dance





#### Instruments for Lion Dance

Chinese Drums 鼓 (gŭ)



Chinese Cymbal 镲 (chă)



## Fun Assignments:

- Step 1: Create Beijing opera style story using the four different characters (Sheng, Dan, Jing, and Chou).
- Step 2: Draw masks for each character showing different emotions through colors.
- Step 3: Perform it in groups!