

Silk Road Duo - multicultural music

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About the Artist	
	<p>A Canadian award winning ensemble who introduces audiences to different cultures through their experience, discoveries, and travels. Qiu Xia He(Chu Sha Her) from Shaanxi China on Pipa, vocal and dance, accompanied by multi-instrumentalist André Thibault originally from Montréal Canada. With virtuosity and imagination, Silk Road Duo unites East to West and offers a unique fusion program that evokes cultural exchanges.</p>

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About the Performance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural music • Duration: 50 mints with 5min question period. • A musical ride: traveling with instruments, stories, songs and dances. • Students will be asked to participate in dancing,singing, instrument playing. • 2 musicians with over 30 instruments to tour the globe in 50 mints. • We bring our own sound equipment and only need your presence. 	

About the Art Form	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silk Road Music is the company name, formed in 1991 in Vancouver BC Canada. It has toured around the world from festivals to symphony halls with fantastic reviews. • The musical journey is conducted in English, French, Spanish and Mandarin Chinese. • A global music perspective and discovery of our one world! • www.silkroadmusic.ca 	

Links to Curriculum	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music: From diverse historical, cultural, and social contexts. Singing short rhythmic patterns and exploring elements of expression. • Dance: Using voice and bodies to explore ideas, feelings and the form of communication. • Social Studies: Arts as a means of expressing and preserving cultural identity. 	

Pre-Performance Discussion Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is fusion music? • If you can't speak the language, what will you do? 	

Post-Performance Activities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share greetings in 3 or more languages. • Bring an unusual instrument to the class, talk about the origin or play it. • Teach a cool dance movement to your class. • silkroadmusic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/ChinaSpeaksStudyGuide.pdf 	

Post-Performance Discussion Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you travel on the actual Silk Road? what countries you will encounter and the languages they speak? • Can you express your feelings with music? why and how? • How to communicate from the ship before the radio was invented? 	

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