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Snapshots from the Asian Heritage Month Gala Performance of Asian Canadian Artists **Report from Yafang Shi, lovingsister.com http://www.lovingsister.com/news_detail/index.php?news_id=28959**

The Asian Heritage Month Gala Performance of Asian Canadian Artists, held by the Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc., took place at the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto. Asian Canadian artists performed music, singing and dance from various ethnic Asian cultures.

Mr. Justin Poy, Honourary Patron of the Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc., expressed that Asian Heritage Month provided a good chance for Asians to learn about their own ethnic culture and other Asian cultures. For non-Asians, this is a great occasion to learn about Asian cultures.

The Founder of the Toronto Bata Shoe Museum Mrs. Sonja Bata said that there were many Asians in Toronto. The Bata Shoe Museum is willing to collaborate with them. Torontonians of ethnic Asian origins have contributed much to the city and made great impacts on Toronto's culture.

The gala performances were appreciated by a multicultural audience.

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Dr. Neville Poy and The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy presenting on "A Glimpse of China's Silk Route". They talked about their tour of Dunhuang and Kashgar. Dr. Vivienne Poy provided the background stories behind the photographic images of the Silk Route taken by Dr. Neville Poy.

Professor Chan Ka Nin (Music, University of Toronto), gave a talk on "Music from the Silk Road". He also performed various pieces from the Silk Road with composer and pianist Alice Ho and mezzo soprano Erica Iris, using different ethnic musical instruments. From left to right: composer Professor Chan Ka Nin, composer and pianist Alice Ho and mezzo soprano Erica Iris.

Chi Ping Lau, Lisa Lee and dancers from the Chinese Collective Arts Association performed the famous piece "The Butterfly and Red Pear Blossoms", from the renowned Yam Kim Fai and Pak Suet Sin repertoire, to promote Cantonese opera to the multicultural audience.

Classical Chinese music performance by Anna Gao and Ting Hong of the Dunhuang Chamber Ensemble.

Gauri Guha (left) and Harpal Singh Kalla introduced and performed Northern Indian classical music.

Mehdi Rezanian performing "A Dance in a Persian Garden".

Group photo of the honorable guests and the performers. Former Senator The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy (6th from left); Dean Martin Singer, Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, York University (6th from right); Founder of the Toronto Bata Shoe Museum Mrs. Sonja Bata (4th from right); Dr. Neville Poy (3rd from left); Principal Donald Ainslie, Principal of University College, University of Toronto (2nd from right); Honourary Patron of Canadian Foundation for Asian Culture (Central Ontario) Inc. Mr. Justin Poy (1st from right).

Group photo of the honorable guests and the performers. Councillor Godwin Chan of Town of Richmond Hill (1st from left).