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CHEN WEILIN

Cheng Weilin is a violinist and cultural innovator who integrates Bai ethnic traditions into contemporary classical music. Graduating top of her class from the Central Conservatory of Music, she has toured globally with international stars like Jacky Cheung and Zubin Mehta. In 2019, she left urban life to immerse herself in the Bai ethnic community of Dali, Yunnan.

She built a teahouse in the fields and launched a music fusion project: recording folk melodies with century-old Bai instruments like the sanxian, while engaging deeply with locals through the violin. Her short videos gained 700,000 followers. To preserve vanishing traditions, she founded Dali's first music summer camp in 2024 and became the conductor of the Dali Philharmonic Orchestra.

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“Music shouldn’t be confined to concert halls. It’s the heartbeat of our lives.”

Career Highlights

Elite Education:

Studied under Professor Chai Liang at the Central Conservatory of Music | Masterclasses with Pinchas Zukerman and Midori

International Stage:

Violinist for Jacky Cheung’s world tour (3 years)

Performed with Roby Lakatos at the National Centre for the Performing Arts

Cultural Revival:

Over 1 billion views for Bai music on social media | Founded Dali Music Summer Camp in

2024 Awards: First prize at the National Youth Violin Competition (2010)