

## Gao Hong

Player of the Chinese pipa (pear-shaped lute). <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pipa>

During the Chinese Cultural Revolution, Gao Hong's father was sent to the rural area of China, due to his criticism of the Mao Zedong and the Chinese government. Her mother, being highly concerned about her future, took her to a fortune teller at age 6 to find out what her future would be like. The fortune teller told her that she would be a "flying dragon" (A Chinese nick name given to people who travel all over and never settle down, which is also the name of one of her songs). When she was 12 years old she became a professional pipa player and was already traveling throughout China to perform in concerts and different shows.

Gao has lived in the United States since 1994. She performs traditional and modern Chinese music, with her groups Spirit of Nature and Beijing Trio. She has also participated in cross-cultural musical collaborations, performing with jazz musicians and musicians from other cultures.

She is a graduate of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, China, where she studied with the pipa master Lin Shicheng, of the Pudong School of pipa playing. She later became a pipa soloist for the Beijing Song and Dance Troupe. She is currently on the music faculty of Carleton College in Northfield, MN, where she teaches Chinese instruments. She also teaches Chinese language at Northfield High School. Gao lives in Northfield, MN.

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