



- * **4 billion plus** - The number of people around the globe who watched the Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School perform in the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics.
 - * **800 million plus** - The number of people who watched the Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School perform in the Spring Festival on China Central Television in 2016. This number does not include the millions of additional viewers outside of China who saw the broadcast in global syndication. To put this number in perspective, the 2014 Super Bowl broadcast only had 112 million viewers.
 - * **100,000 plus** - The number of people who saw the *East Meets West* tour at live events throughout North America.
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The performers of the Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School from Shandong Province have been wowing fans in China for over two decades. The group's performances are legendary and include the astounding martial arts displays during the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics.



(2008 Beijing Olympics Performance)

In 2013 twelve of the top performance martial artists from Laizhou traveled to the USA to perform in the *East Meets West* tour. Their performances blew away American audiences with their jaw dropping skills everywhere they went. Joining forces with the award winning Gold Drum & Bugle Corps from San Diego, CA, the performers from Laizhou and Gold amazed audiences with performances that combined music and martial arts in a radically new and exciting way.



The *East Meets West* production team documented this exciting venture as the performers toured the USA. From the glamour of Hollywood, to the skyscrapers of Chicago, to the small towns of America's heartland, *East Meets West* takes viewers to uniquely American locales, showcasing the sights, sounds and events that the performers experienced. With American and Chinese cultures as its backdrop, *East Meets West* melds music, martial arts and cross-cultural friendships in a one of a kind film event.



You're invited to view *East Meets West* the award winning documentary featuring students from the Laizhou Martial Arts School and Gold Drum & Bugle Corps. Watch it now at: <https://lnkd.in/beiKWFE>



THE LAIZHOU ZHONGHUA MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL - BIO & MISSION

The Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School, was founded in 1992 in Laizhou, Shandong Province China, the birth place of Praying Mantis Kung Fu and Wu Style Tai Chi. Under the direction of Principal Li Ming Zhi the school has built an international reputation for producing some of the best martial artists in the world. Alumni include 126 national champions and 48 world champions in both performance and full contact martial arts.



With over 10,000 students spread across three campuses, the school teaches a national and military curriculum and includes a preschool, middle school, junior high school and high school. The main campus alone encompasses over 460 acres of land. The school also has a satellite school in Beijing at the Beijing Military Academy, and sister schools in the United States, France, Spain, West Africa, South Africa and Thailand.



The Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School is also known for its' high academic standards, with over 98 percent of graduates continuing on to university. Alumni include some of China's top scientists, doctors, teachers and political leaders. The school has also received countless regional, national and international educational honors, and has been named one of the top "Private Education and Training Institutions" by the Chinese national government.

The students from the Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School are contracted to perform in over 30 shows annually. Past performances include, The Asian Games, The Miss Universe Pageant, The Beijing International Tourism Festival and The Opening Ceremonies of the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The school's principal Mr. Li even carried the Olympic torch for that event.



Recently, students from the school were the star performers in the 2016 Spring Festival, where they performed for a Television audience of over 800 millions viewers in China. Their performances in this show were also featured on the jumbo-tron screens in Times Square, in New York City.

The Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School also has strong ties to the film industry. Students have gone to star in many Chinese and Hong Kong martial arts movies, including Tsui Hark's San Da. International action stars Jet Li and Jackie Chan are both frequent guests to the school and have employed many of the its' graduates in their movies and TV productions.



The school and its' students have been featured in Chinese and foreign publications, including; People's Daily, Dazhong Daily, China Sports Daily, Ta Kung Pao, Dong-A Ilbo, Busan Daily, Europe Daily and on TV networks CCTV, Phoenix TV, South Korea TV, Beijing TV, and Shandong TV.



GOLD YOUTH ARTS ORGANIZATION INC - BIO & MISSION

Gold Youth Arts Organization (Gold Drum & Bugle Corps) was founded in Hawthorne, CA in 2005 by Executive Director Donald Flaherty Ed.D. The group was formed to expose local kids and young adults to a positive youth activity. The corps relocated to Oceanside CA in 2010 in order to expand it's service area to include the entire Southern CA region.

Gold is dedicated to giving students the performance, work and life skills necessary to succeed in our modern world. Dedication, loyalty, and honesty are the virtues that the Corps promotes. Achievement through perseverance and teamwork are the qualities that define the Corps. Gold's primary purpose is to enrich the educational, social, ethical and performing arts lives of young adults through the art of marching music, instruction, and performance.



As a member of Drum Corps International, Gold provides progressive and highly developed instruction and mentoring from passionate, experienced, and professional instructors. Students often experience positive life-changing moments and receive skills invaluable in the real world. The Corps goal is to empower members and instill confidence, character, drive and passion in them while providing enjoyment to audiences worldwide through music performances. According to recent studies, students who participate in music education programs like Gold, outscore their non-music peers in all academic subject areas. Additionally kids and young adults involved in music programs have lower drop out rates, exhibit higher self-esteem and have significantly lower discipline problems throughout their educational careers.



Studies also show music ensembles like Gold provide invaluable learning experiences for participants. Gold helps students develop performance skills, self-discipline and the life skills associated with functioning as a contributing member of a highly motivated team.



Gold has performed at numerous cities and venues across North America. Recent performances sites include, Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis IN and Invesco Field in Denver CO. The corps has also performed at countless venues throughout Southern CA including Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, and Universal Studios. Recent awards and honors include:

- * Rated one of the top five open class drum corps in the world - 2012 to 2015
- * Drum Corps International World Championship Open Class Finalist - 2012 to 2015
- * Southern California Regional Champions - 2007 to 2015
- * Winter Guard Association of Southern California Champions - 2008, 2009
- * American Drumline Association Champions - 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009
- * Southern California Percussion Alliance Open Class Champions - 2007

Gold Youth Arts Organization, Inc is a registered non-profit 501 C-3

THE EAST MEETS WEST PRODUCTION TEAM

Li Ming Zhi (Producer/Educator/Consultant)

As the founder of the Laizhou Zhonghua Martial Arts School, Mr. Li built an internationally recognized school with a reputation for turning out some of the best martial artists in the world. Considered one of the best educational leaders in China, Mr. Li has been honored as one of the country's outstanding principals.

Also a prolific producer, Mr. Li has created hundreds of live shows and events. He was a key player in the production of the opening ceremonies of the Beijing Olympics. An event that the rest of the world is still talking about.

Donald Flaherty Ed.D. (Writer/Director/Producer/Educator)

Dr. Flaherty is the founding director of Gold Drum & Bugle Corps, one of the most successful new drum corps in America. A perennial champion in the DCI Pacific region, Gold has established a reputation as one of Southern California's outstanding music education organizations.

In addition to his work with Gold, Donald is also a successful writer, director and producer. His feature film *The Steamroom*, starring Morgan Fairchild and Muse Watson has received glowing reviews and acclaim from audiences around the globe. Donald is currently in post-production on *Brutal*, a mixed martial arts feature film set for completion in early 2014. He is also developing several projects for film, TV and the Internet.

Morgan Benoit (Actor/Martial Artist/Producer)

Born in Burlington, Vermont, Morgan Benoit has been involved in Chinese martial arts for over 15 years. Following his passion, he moved to China at age 18 to study at the Beijing Sports University where he mastered Long Fist Kung Fu. Ascending to the top of his class in just a couple of years, he was admitted to the prestigious Shi Cha Hai Sports Academy, a former training ground of Jet Li and many of China's top Olympic athletes.

Morgan's love of martial arts led to his interest in acting and producing. He started working in the Chinese film industry as a stuntman, but eventually worked his way up to leading roles in many Chinese and American productions. Morgan's abilities and enthusiasm were well-noted by Jackie Chan, who he co-starred with in *The Forbidden Kingdom*. His recent work includes the Chinese blockbuster *Painted Skin 2*, *47 Ronin*, the Internet comedy *Bite Me* and the indie drama *Bert the Emotion Picture*. Morgan also stars in the upcoming mixed martial arts feature film *Brutal*.

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