As the most famous historical route in the world which connects the East and the West, the Silk Road has presented itself as the most colorful cultural corridor. The glory of the Silk Road in the past should be the starting point where the cultures of different countries meet and continue growing. In order to better enhance cultural exchanges with the countries along the Silk Road and strengthen the training of talents, Shanghai Conservatory of Music (SHCM) and Shanghai Theatre Academy (STA), under the support of the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, will jointly organize the Belt and Road Art Talent Training Program 2024 on the basis of their respective characteristics and discipline advantages to achieve the grand goal of creating a brilliant future through education.

I. Course Description

The STA will provide courses on Chinese opera practice, Chinese Opera theories and Chinese culture. The main course focuses on the performing of traditional Chinese opera, which is composed of the learning of Chinese opera stances and movements, water sleeve routines, spear and sword routines, and selected scene work. Chinese culture and language courses will facilitate students in gaining a deeper understanding of traditional Chinese culture. The SHCM will invite prestigious educators, performing artists and young teachers to deliver a comprehensive program for international students to learn appreciate and experience the most typical traditional Chinese and foreign musical instruments along the Silk Road. During the program, students will have the opportunity to see traditional Chinese opera shows and go on a field trip.

II. Schedule

The program will last three weeks from June 5 - 26, 2024.
Chinese opera practice: 64 lessons (including final presentation)
Chinese culture: 20 lessons
Chinese music lecture and works: 8 lessons
III. Assessment:

The attendance rate over 90% is required for the program. At the end of the program, the students will be assessed in the form of a reporting performance. The certificate of completion will be issued on passing the assessment and getting the required attendance rate.

IV. Enrollment

A total of 15 applicants will be enrolled as scholarship students. The scholarship will cover the fees for the application, tuition, lodging, activities and insurance in Shanghai. This program in principle is open to foreign students between the age of 16 and 40, from overseas and of countries that are part of the Belt & Road. Please check the following website for nationality limitations to see if you qualify as a student.

https://www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/info/iList.jsp?site_id=CMSydylgw&cat_id=10037&cur_page=1

V. Expenses

- Tuition & Insurance: provided by STA
- Lodging: provided by STA. Two students share a twin-bed room.
- Meals: STA provides meal coupons for lunch and dinner at the canteen. Chinese and halal meals are available at the school canteen. For students who have special needs or food allergies, you need to take care of your own meals.
- Visa, international flights and all other expenses: to be borne by the students.
VI. Application

- Step 1: download User’s Guide for STA Online Application System via:
  http://iso.sta.edu.cn/30/list.htm
  *Route: click the above website → English version → Downloads → Guide to STA Online Application Portal

- Step 2: follow the guide to fill in and submit online application via:
  http://isoadmission.sta.edu.cn/

**Application deadline: March 15, 2024**

**Application materials required to be uploaded:**
- Passport scan
- One full front headshot (like passport photo) and one ordinary life photo
- University certificate or enrollment document
- CV (in Chinese or English)

*STA will assess the application materials and issue the admission notice to students who are enrolled via email. Students may also check the application status online: http://isoadmission.sta.edu.cn/.

VII. Visa

To come to STA for this program, students shall obtain the admission notice first and then get the DQ form (Information Form for Foreign Students’ Short-term Visit) to apply for the student visa (X2) (short-term study less than 180 days) in your home countries.

STA will issue the admission notice via email and help students to obtain the DQ form online. Enrolled students need to download the DQ form through the website of “Study in China” with the email address that you leave in our application system. So please make sure that the email address you leave to us is correct and valid.

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