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Traditional Asian Music

Asian music is renowned for its beautiful, soothing qualities, and is so appropriate to enjoy in our everyday, hectic lives. It can also be very vibrant and exciting! In this presentation, I hope to acquaint you with some of the traditional instruments of China, Japan and Korea. You will learn a beautiful Korean song, "Arirange". We will learn how much Asian traditional music is based upon the pentatonic scale, and you will learn how to play and improvise on this scale. Lastly, I hope to provide you with a short list of some wonderful music and performers, so that you can begin to explore this wonderful music for yourselves. You will also have the opportunity to play these instruments, let us soar!

Presenter Biography

Ann is a Gustavus graduate, class of 1982, and has taught vocal and instrumental music in various venues for 35 years! In addition to teaching, Ann has served as an alto section leader in the Bach Society chorus, has worked with community theater, and has directed choirs of all ages in 4 different churches. Currently, she is music specialist at the World Learner Montessori school of Chaska, and plays clarinet with the Minnesota Valley Community Band. She lives in Chaska with her husband Gordon, and has 2 children in college.