



North American Guqin Association

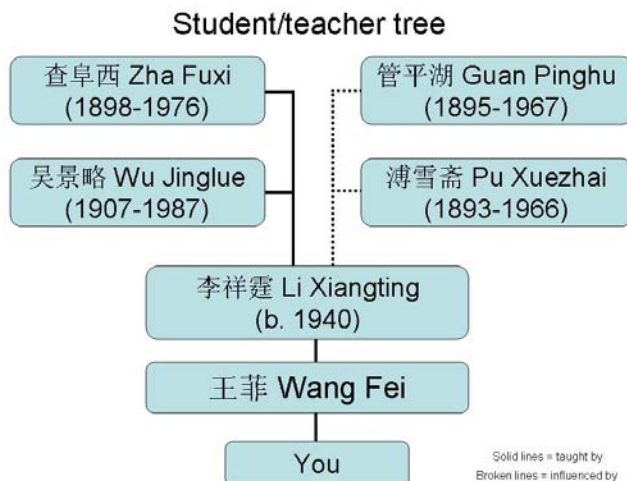
- *Guqin* product recommendations:
- Store: <http://www.beijingers.com>

CDs, any CDs from the players below in the teacher/student tree.

The *guqin* is a unique Chinese musical instrument. Making it is a very complicated process, and a good *guqin* can last thousands of years. A *guqin* must be hand made by specialists using special wood and lacquer. There are currently less than 10 qualified *guqin* makers in China. Each can probably make 20 or fewer *guqins* each year. Many of them own small home factories. First choice is *guqins* hand made by those makers. Second choice is *guqins* from their factory. These *guqins* can usually only be found in private *guqin* schools or *guqin* shops. If you try to find a *guqin* made by a big factory or brand in a public store please be careful, and preferably take a specialist to look at it first, since most them are probably unplayable.

Here are some of my recommendations from our sponsor, the *Chinese music* specialist beijingers.com. There are some discounts for the class participation.

Teacher/student tree: the *guqin* was taught orally by masters from generation to generation. It is very important for students to know who you inherited the tradition from and that you belong a tradition that goes back at least 3 generations.



Professor Li Xiangting is one of the greatest living *qin* masters of this century. Zha Fuxi, Wu Jinglue and Guan Pinghu were the three greatest *qin* masters of the last century. Pu Xuezhai was the cousin of the last emperor.

CD title	Artist	Price
<p><i>Guqin</i> Instructional Material Set</p> <p>Comprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Li Xiangting <i>Guqin</i> instruction book 2. Set of 2 instructional VCDs with booklet 3. Audio CD-Favourite <i>Qin</i> Pieces of Li Xiangting 幽居 4. English - Chinese Dictionary of <i>Guqin</i> 古琴英汉词典 5. Wang Fei <i>Guqin</i> Demo Audio CD or DVD 	<p>If you do not have a teacher but wish to learn the <i>guqin</i>, use these to teach yourself as many people, including non-Chinese speakers do.</p> <p>If you have a teacher or know how to play the <i>guqin</i>, use them to follow masters for review.</p> <p>If you plan to take <i>guqin</i> classes with Wang Fei, these are required textbooks and materials.</p> <p>The books are printed using simplified Chinese characters, and the VCDs are taught in Mandarin.</p>	\$70
Favorite <i>Qin</i> Pieces of Li Xiangting 幽居	Li Xiangting 李祥霆	\$15
Collection of Extemporizing Works of <i>Qin</i> and <i>Xiao</i> 唐人诗意	Li Xiangting 李祥霆	\$22.50 each set or \$60 for 3 sets
Inspiration from poems of Song Dynasty 宋人词意	Li Xiangting 李祥霆	
<i>Yuan Qu Gu Yun</i> 元曲古韵	Li Xiangting 李祥霆	
Tao of Peace	Li Xiangting & Dean Evenson	\$15
Sleeping Lotus	Li Xiangting 李祥霆	\$15
An Anthology of Chinese Traditional and Folk Music – A Collection of Music Played on the <i>Guqin</i> 中国音乐大全- 古琴卷 (8 CD set)	Zha Fuxi 查阜西, Guan Pinghu 管平湖, Wu Jinglue 吴景略 and other masters of the mid 20 th century	\$65
<i>Guqin</i> Masters 古琴大师	Some masters of the mid 20 th century	\$12
<i>Guqin</i> solos by Guan Pinghu	Guan Pinghu 管平湖	\$12
<i>Guqin</i> solos by Wu Jinglue	Wu Jinglue 吴景略	\$12
English - Chinese Dictionary of <i>Guqin</i> 古琴英汉词典	book	\$20
Collected <i>guqin</i> pieces 古琴曲集(全二册)	Sheet music book	\$35

Price	Maker	Material and features	Recommendation	Selected?
\$399-\$650	Factory made. At least more friendly to play and with better sound than a <i>guqin</i> from a general music store.	New <i>tong</i> wood, unknown lacquer, traditional tuning	Beginners who are curious about <i>guqin</i> and who might only study it short term, and with limited budget	No
\$1200	Hand made by a qualified maker	New, good quality <i>tong</i> wood, 100% nature lacquer (the right lacquer for making <i>guqins</i>); traditional tuning; makers signature inside	Serious beginners and intermediate students, and people with musical background. This is a good model that can keep your interest.	No
\$1800-\$2000	100% Hand made by golden award winning <i>qin</i> maker	NAGA supervised model , 400 old <i>shan</i> wood to 2000 years old han wood, 100% nature lacquer (the right lacquer for making <i>guqins</i> , good workmanship,; new tuning device; calligraphy and poem on the back as well as NAGA seal and maker's signature inside.	Serious beginners; intermediate or even advanced; people with musical background and art collectors. This is a good model to encourage you to play <i>guqin</i> long termly. No need to upgrade until you notice the difference when you play at a certain level	Selected by Wang Fei
\$3500 or above inquiries please contact with Wang Fei for consultation	100% customized <i>Guqins</i> made by various master makers	Excellent sound and workmanship, silk string available on some models.	Suitable for all levels and all purposes: beginner, intermediate, advanced, concert performance, art collectors. These are great <i>guqins</i> that can inspire you for a lifetime. No need to upgrade unless you want to get another such <i>qin</i> for a collection.	Selected by Wang Fei

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