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### Dan tranh zither performance by Van-Anh Vanessa Vo

On September 22, Colgate hosted a dan tranh zither performance by **Van-Anh Vanessa Vo**.

## **Friday Night Film Series: Under the Sun**

Asian Studies co-sponsored a controversial film by the Russian director Vitaly Mansky who was originally invited by the North Korean government to make a film about one girl and her family in the year she prepares to join the Children's Union, but who was

## Voices of Alumni

### Li Jian (class of 2017)

What I like the most about Asian studies major is its multidisciplinary approach. Instead of taking classes from only one department, I was able to explore my interests in history, political science, economics, language courses, etc. For example, I took three years of Japanese, Chinese economy, and Asian politics. These courses complement each other and gave me the ability to think in different perspectives and dimensions, which I believe is the very essence of a liberal arts education.

While every course I took was an incrementally step toward establishing my holistic conception and understanding of the society, the most indispensable component is arguably studying Japanese language. Studying a new language is a completely new experience because it opened the gate to a whole new world. Japanese became an essential tool of understanding more deeply the culture, of communicating with the people in the culture, of challenging my old ideas. I was able to use the language in other courses to do research and to gain insights that would be impossible without the language.

Born and raised in China, I chose Asian studies because I wanted to challenge what I have known about my country. I had doubts about what I learned at school and questions about what I saw on the street every day. By studying it, I consolidated my identity and saw more clearly who I am. This building of self-consciousness is one of the most important gifts I received from Colgate.

### Maddy Clough (class of 2017)

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every trip USAI takes. I took the stairs to see the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the National Museum of China and the Silk Street Market. The day we saw the Great Wall was quite unusual because it POURED all day – very uncommon for Beijing, even in monsoon season! Despite the rain, the Great Wall was amazing. Slippery, yes, but mist surrounded us so the only thing in sight was the 2,000-year-old wall. The usually packed wall was empty and we got it.







## Explore Asian Studies

Courses Offered in Spring 2018	
ARIS 240 A	From Emperors to Animate
CHIN 122 A	Elementary Chinese II
CHIN 202 A	Intermediate Chinese I
CHIN 222 A	Advanced Chinese Literature & Film
CHIN 222 A	Required Film Screening
CHIN 304 A	Readings in Social Issues
CHIN 406 A	Readings in Modern Literature
CORE 138S-A	Advent of the Atomic Bomb
CORE 165C A, B, C	China
CORE 167CA	Japan
ENGL 202 A, B	Austral/Brown Australasian Lit.
ENGL 431A	Phonographic Borders
ENGL 263A	Cities of the Silk Road
ENGL 372A	Advanced Japanese
ENGL 455A	Advanced Spanish
ENGL 504	Advanced Cultural Development
ENGL 505	Reading with U.S. American
ENGL 506	Reading with Asian Religions
ENGL 507	Reading with African Literatures
ENGL 508	Reading with World Literatures
ENGL 292A	Advanced Japanese
ENGL 295A	Advanced Spanish
ENGL 331A	Advanced Cultural Development



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