

Montgomery Focus: Appreciation of Modern Chinese Songs

The first Chinese culture lecture of CIT Montgomery Campus in this fall is held in Bartlett Hall on Sep. 21, 2016. The theme focuses on *Appreciation of Modern Chinese Songs*. The lecturer Kai Zeng first briefly introduces the developing history and characteristics of Chinese modern songs, then presents some representative works of Chinese traditional folk songs, modern pop songs and Chinese film and television theme songs. Ms. Zeng uses a large number of video data to recommend many famous Chinese traditional and modern songs to the audience. The Chinese famous traditional folk song called *Jasmine* is preferably referred and the audience is taught to learn to sing the song. The audience is deeply attracted by the simple and elegant melodies and especially two young girls grasps it very soon.

Meanwhile, Ms Zeng introduces and sings some familiar songs like *Happy Birthday*, *The Song of Happiness*, and *Happy New Year*, both in English and Chinese version with the audience. Besides, CIT instructor Jing Zhao presents the famous Chinese song *Rap About Peking-opera Mask*, which makes the local audience have an opportunity to be absorbed in the real Chinese music in person and have a further understanding of Chinese modern songs.

