

About China Album

China Album is a multicultural, live radio show that hosted primarily in Mandarin Chinese. Founded by Chinese-Canadians and international students, this show contributes to the Canadian multiculturalism by exploring various perspectives of East-Asian culture and arts. The show also broadens listenership for its station, CKCU 93.1FM, which is one of Canada's first community-based campus radio stations.

China Album is composed of two weekly-rotating themes: "Chinese in Ottawa" and "classical Chinese arts". The first theme includes discussions of the current, popular-debated social phenomena or cultural events in the Ottawa communities and Canada. One show that aired in December, 2011 featured the rise and fall of Ottawa Chinatown. Also, as a show of the campus radio, China Album provides valuable information to students, such as education and career advisories. The second part of the show explores an insight of Chinese cities, literatures, and arts. The contents attract listeners who have interests in the East-Asian culture.

Throughout years, the audience of China Album varies from "Ottawans" to listeners in China. The show has increasingly received positive feedbacks from the Ottawa-Chinese internet forums and its own blog. Besides, China Album's hosts also actively participate in community events, such as the Lunar New Year celebrations. They rejoice multiculturalism by interviewing different cultural groups and organizations to discuss on how to make the nation's capital – Ottawa, a more diversified community.

Biography

With the enthusiasm and dream in radio broadcasting, two Communications students from Carleton University, Camilla Shuang Liu and Simon Po-Chien Lin, joined CKCU 93.1 FM in February 2011.

Lin and Liu produce and host one of Ottawa's most-listen-to Chinese radio programs – China Album. They hope to act as the bridge in Canada-China relationship through radio, and spreading the concept of multiculturalism with different perspectives and stories in their radio program.

The Story of Chinatown

Chinatown, one of the multicultural neighbourhoods in Ottawa, has once been the hub of East Asian immigrants, such as Chinese and Vietnamese. In its heyday, Chinatown did not only provide Asian delicacies or goods, yet a community in exporting the essence of multiculturalism. However, this neighbourhood faced some challenges and transformations when the open market attracts new businesses and people flocked to this area. The changes and resettlement made today's Chinatown dynamic and vibrant, and well worth to be explored.

On December 5th, 2011's show, the hosts and producers presented the rise and fall of Chinatown with the form of radio documentary. The content unveiled Chinatown's history, modern economy, and cultural development by interviewing the spokesperson of organizations and cultural groups. The hosts also interacted with shoppers, local residents and business owners with dialogues to present their opinions. The music and narratives are expressed based on East-Asian style.