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Ancient Future Releases Its Sixth Album

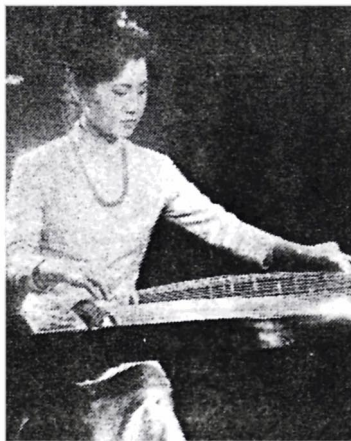
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SAN FRANCISCO— *Asian Fusion*, a musical travelogue spanning the vast geographic and cultural expanse of Asia, the sixth CD of Ancient Future group has just been released.

The music showcases some of the top performers in the Asian music field, including Zhao Hui, China's preeminent master of the *gu zheng*. One song titled "Ladakh" is closely based on a folk melody from the mountainous region of India and Tibet. The record incorporates many elements of Indian music, such as beginning a piece with an *alap* and ending with a *tihai*.

Ancient Future is an organization formed in 1978 by students of Indian music at the Ali Akbar College of Music in San Rafael, Calif. The goal of the group is to fuse the music of the East and West.

Ancient Future and Jai Uttal, the Bay Area's finest world fusion music artists, will perform at The Great American Music Hall, Aug.



Zhao Hui, China's pre-eminent master of the gu Zheng, will be performing next month at an Ancient Future concert in San Francisco.

18 at 8:00 p.m. The concert will open with Jai Uttal and the Pagan Love Orchestra performing from Jai Uttal's releases.

Jai Uttal's latest release, *Monkey*, enjoyed a long stay in the top ten of the Billboard World Music chart. Members of the Ancient Future will be performing material from *Asian Fusion*.