

# HK singer gives two concerts

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A famous Chinese concert soprano, Barbara Fei (Fei Ming Yee) is taking part the third Chinese Folk Concert held in Taipei City Hall yesterday and today, sponsored by the Broadcasting Corporation of China.

She sang four Chinese folk songs at yesterday's concert, Four Seasons, Mountain Song, New Year, and The Puzzles, on her sixth visit to Taiwan.

A resident of Hongkong, Barbara started learning the piano at an early age. In 1950 she began her study of vocal music under the direction of Prof. Chao Mei-pa and in 1956 went to France to continue her studies with Madame Lotte Schoene, a leading Austrian musician, for a total of four years, during which time she gave many performances in Europe.

A specialist in art song, opera, and folksong, she said folksongs were the hardest to interpret because the tradition and customs of the local people must be fully understood.

In addition to the singing technique, the artist must also have a feeling for the place of origin, so the local color can be put across.

Barbara can speak many Chinese dialects and English, French, German, and Spanish which helps her in her folk song performances.

In Hongkong she is hostess of the weekly "Concert Miniature" television program in which she introduces classical music, musical instruments, and famous foreign and local singers.

She also conducts a choir



known as the Allegro Singers which is composed of about 50 young people interested in art and folksongs, which also visited Taiwan about three years ago.

She said specialists should often hold concerts to allow the public become familiar with Chinese folksongs. She did not underestimate the value of popular songs as their entertainment value was high. But they did not last as long as or have the deep feelings of classical pieces.

Today Barbara will sing Chinese folksongs at the concert at 8:00 p.m.

Lin Kuan, Yang Lo-na; and Hsin Yuan-shu will perform on the same program.

Yang Lo-no also a concert soprano living in Hongkong, who studied vocal music in Rome.

Barbara is expected to leave Taipei tomorrow.

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## 新 音 樂

### 費明儀獨唱獲讚賞

歌唱家費明儀四月廿二晚在大會堂舉行獨唱會十分成功，獲得一致讚賞。其中以法文歌曲有更精彩的表演。蘇紹良之伴奏亦甚出色。

### 周文珊五月獨唱

歌唱家周文珊女士將於五月八日參加一項音樂舞蹈會於大會堂，據聞此次演唱會將唱出新舊歌曲十餘首云。