

2021 Taiwan Bunun Indigenous Music & Film Festival comes to Michigan in October (October 13 – 27)
Celebrating Indigenous People of the World



Listen to **Pandora's Lunchbox** at 6:30PM, on October 7 (Thursday), 2021, WCBN FM 88.3, The University of Michigan Campus Student Radio Station. Mike Perini will introduce the Bunun indigenous music and culture.

Watch CTN interview on the Bunun Music & Film Festival on Comcast (XFINITY) Channel 16. It will premiere at 6 PM on Friday, October 8, and at 6 PM on Sunday (October 10), and Monday-Friday (7 AM, 10 AM, & 1 PM).

Dana Denha, CTN Producer, will interview principal participants of the 2021 Taiwan Bunun Indigenous Music & Film Festival, **Mr. Larry Baranski, Director of Public Programs, Detroit Institute of Arts**, **Ms. Huichun Jo Chang, Director of the Taipei Cultural Center of New York**, **Dr. Theresa Chang, President of the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization**, **Emily Howard, Library Technician, Ann Arbor District Library**.

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2. Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)

- + Website: <https://www.dia.org/events>
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 - Event: <https://www.dia.org/events/panel-discussion-bunun-indigenous-music-taiwan>
 - YouTube Playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DetroitInstituteArts/playlists>

3. The University of Michigan-Flint (UM-Flint)

- + Website: <https://umflint.edu>
 - Q/A Registration: https://umich.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Qln-dgCvSsCNwsnAJhN9Pg?fbclid=IwAR1J7q1-SQRm4R55lXF2SjSX1IaqbpLk0Ictbm2agE1PMOtUcvSxR62i8Cw

4. Oakland University (OU)

- + Website: <https://oakland.edu>
 - Event (Taiwan Week): <https://oakland.edu/languages/chinese/china-clubs/>

5. Ann Arbor District Library (AADL)

- + Website: <https://aadl.org/bununfestival>
 - Event:
 - <https://aadl.org/node/580658>
 - <https://aadl.org/node/579439>

In-Person Event in Ann Arbor: October 17, 2:00 -4:00 PM, Downtown Library (343 S. 5th Ave, Ann Arbor, MI), AADL

The feature film by Warner Brothers, *Listen Before You Sing*, will only be shown in person at the Ann Arbor District Library Downtown Branch. It is the premier showing in the U.S. The film is a story about a group of Bunun school children practicing to enter a chorus contest in Taiwan.

The same film will also be shown in person on **October 19, Noon - 2:00 PM, on the campus of Oakland Center, OU** and on **October 21, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Kiva**

Auditorium (303 E. Kearsley St, Flint, MI), UM-Flint (An online Panel discussion is at 8:00 -8:30 PM at UM-Flint).

Live Lecture by Zoom at AADL October 20, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

The lecture entitled “**Music and Instruments of the Bunun People of Taiwan**” is presented by Joseph Gascho, Ph.D., Professor of Music and Director of the Stearns Collection, the University of Michigan. In a live tour of instruments at the Stearns Collection, Director Joseph Gascho will feature two Bunun instruments recently donated to the Collection by the Michigan Taiwanese American Organization as well as other related instruments from across Asia.

Virtual Events

- A. **October 13-27**, Watch ***Listen to Bunun*** via DIA YouTube Playlist or <https://www.youtube.com/c/DetroitInstituteArts/playlists> (For details, visit websites of all sponsors)

This 60-minute musical also includes interviews. It is available virtually throughout the Festival until October 27. This is a musical provided by the National Chinese Orchestra Taiwan (NCO) and performed by Bunun tribal members. Through a Bunun elder’s recollection, the musical tells the history of the Bunun people with generations of joys and sorrows, ethnic disputes, and emotional entanglements among the Bununs and their neighboring tribes, as well as the arrival of Han Chinese people since the 17th century and the Japanese colonization of Taiwan for 50 years. The eventual harmony was achieved under the guidance of Pasibutbut music through integration of blood and emotions. Hatred is replaced with love and light.

- B. **October 14, 7:30-8:30 pm** (DIA StreamYard Live), International panel discussion on the Bunun music and culture. This is an across the ocean panel discussion that features panelists in Michigan (Larry Baranski, DIA Director of Public Programs, Professor Daniel Birchok, Professor in Anthropology at the University of Michigan-Flint), as well as panelists in Taiwan (Film Director Chih-Lin Yang, Mr. Piling Taimu, Bunun Chief and General Manager of Bunun Cultural Association, Ms. Sani Sugluman, Bunun Docent and Music Director. Q&A session from the audience follows.

C. **October 19-27**, DIA YouTube Playlist, available to all viewers in Michigan via sponsors' platforms.

“Chance and Intent: Bunun’s Pasibutbut,” a lecture delivered by Professor Rung-Shun Wu, Ph.D., former Dean of the School of Music, Taipei National University of the Arts, introducing the Taiwanese indigenous Bunun tribe’s story of culture, music and Pasibutbut.



Michigan Taiwanese American Organization (MiTAI), founded in 2002, is devoted to cultural exchange between residents of Michigan and those in Taiwan. Past activities included the Taiwanese Music Festivals, 2002-2011, I Wan Jan Puppet Theater 2016 and 2017 US Tours in Michigan, Yung Shing Le Shadow Puppet Troup in 2017 and 2018, National Chinese Orchestra Taiwan (NCO) Splendid Taiwan visit in Michigan in 2018, and Formosa Roadside Wedding Banquet by NCO in 2019.



**Do you know that linguists have recently reached the conclusion that “indigenous Taiwan was the birthplace of Polynesian languages and Pacific navigation”?

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