



Village voices raised in song

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SHENZHEN — Beautiful women dancing and singing on stage.

Waves of screaming, sweating fans in the audience below.

A concert in New York City or a nightly ritual in the Universiade Village?

The posters of the smiling UU mascot are the lone giveaways at the 23 cultural performances, held daily at Longgang.

Ten traditional Chinese cultural performances are on tap at an auditorium in the village, including symphony concerts, martial arts performances, acrobatics and traditional Chinese operas, and 13 outdoor performances have been scheduled for the lakeside square in the village, according to Chen Xinliang, deputy head of the city's culture, sports and tourism bureau.

"It's considerate of the organiz-



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Performers give a Chinese traditional folk music show in the Universiade Village.

ing committee to set up a performance for the villagers," said Huang Yue, a yachtsman from Shenzhen University.

"The performance is very modern and relaxing, exactly what the university students fancy. The shows help ease the exhaustion after a day's competition."

"We aim to enrich the athletes' cultural experience while display-

ing the city's image as a young and vigorous city," said Zhang Jinwen, sports services deputy minister of the Universiade Village.

"It's my first time to China and I have been greatly impressed with the cultures of modern China, even before the Games kicked off," said Abdnlmalik Alsalamah, a member of the Saudi Arabia medical staff, as he recorded the

performance on his camera. "I think I'll come every night if I have time."

Seven local bands will perform pop concerts in an attempt to combine traditional Chinese culture with the vigor of a young city.

Ou Xin, a member of a local street dance club named Green Max, will also stage a jazz dance during the night gala.

"We love dancing so we get together," said Ou, who goes by Lulu. "It's exciting that we could get on the stage in the village and illustrate the new image of China to the world."

"I came to the pop concert here last night and it was awesome," said Kamilla Gafurzianova, a female fencer from Moscow State University of Railway Engineering. "A lot of athletes gathered there to have fun. We all like it and will come again. We love singing karaoke in Russia, but the night-clubs are more popular now. It's a great experience to (be) with young guys here."

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Aimi Abe, 22, from Yamagata University in Japan, basketball player

How do you feel about life in the Village so far?

It's been good. The staff and volunteers have been very considerate and friendly, providing us with language help and giving directions.

You have gotten used to the weather already?

Yes. It's pretty hot and humid these days, but it's OK.

I saw you just come out of the restaurant. What did you have for lunch?

We took some rice and vegetables at the Asian section. We prefer Asian food.

How do you like other food? Like the Mediterranean and international options?

Normally, we have sushi and soba for meals, and my favorite is udon.

I appreciate the dining place has a great variety of food there, yet I still prefer Asian food.



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