

The Seven Great Singing Stars of Shanghai

(Part 1)

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PINYIN / TERM	CHINESE	ENGLISH / MEANING
Bái Guāng	白光	27 June 1921 – 27 August 1999, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai
Bái Hóng	白虹	1920–1992, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai
Chén Dúxiù	陈独秀	1879-1942, major figure in the Xinhai Revolution and May 4th Movement, CCP cofounder
Cài Yuánpéi	蔡元培	1868-1940. Former Peking University president, founder of Academia Sinica, major figure of the New Culture Movement
Guāngxù	光绪帝	The second to last Qing Dynasty emperor. Reigned 1875-1908
Gēwǔtuán	歌舞团	A song and dance ensemble
Gōng Qiūxiá	龚秋霞	The oldest of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai. December 4, 1916 to September 7, 2004
Huángsé Yīnyuè	黄色音乐	"Yellow Music"
Hú Shì	胡适	1891-1962, Chinese philosopher, writer, diplomat and advicate of vernacular Chinese education
Húnán	湖南	province in south central China
Liúxíng Yīnyuè	流行音乐	Popular (pop) music
Lí Jǐnguāng	黎锦光	Younger brother and long-time collaborator of Li Jinhui
Lí Jǐnhuī	黎锦晖	5 September 1891 – 15 February 1967, Called the Father of Chinese Popular Music
Lí Jĭnxī	黎锦熙	The eldest of the 8 Li Brother, renowned linguist, educator and the father of the Chinese phonetic alphabet
Lí Jĭnyáng	黎錦揚	C.Y. Lee, Chinese American author who, in 1957 wrote the novel "Flower Drum Song"
Lí Mínghuī	黎明晖	Daughter of Li Jinhui and one of the earliest Chinese pop singers

Lí Shì Bā Jùn	黎氏八骏	The 8 Brothers or 8 Stallions of the Lí Family
Lăo Èr	老二	the 2nd brother (or sister)
Lǐ Dàzhāo	李大钊	CCP co-founder and librarian at Peking University and major figure in the New Culture Movement
Lĭ Xiānglán	李香兰	12 February 1920 – 7 September 2014, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai. Known in Japan as Yamaguchi Yoshiko
Máo Máo Yǔ	毛毛雨	First ever big pop hit, written by Li Jinhui and sung by his daughter Li Minghui
Míng Yuè Gēwǔtuán	明月歌舞团	Bright Moon Song and Dance Troupe
Pǔtōnghuà	普通话	Standard Chinese, Mandarin Chinese language
Qīdà Gēhòu	七大歌后	Seven Great Singing Queens
Qīdà Gēxīng	七大歌星	Seven Great Singing Stars
Shànghǎi Wénhuà Guǎngcháng	上海文化广场	Shanghai Cultural Square, former site of The Canidrome
Shídàiqŭ	时代曲	Literally: The songs of this age. The term used to describe the new pop music of 1940's China
Sòng Àilíng	宋爱玲	1888-1973, oldest of the three Soong Sisters
Wú Yīngyīn	吳莺音	June 23, 1922 – December 17, 2009, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai
Xiāng dialect	湘语	The dialect of the Hunan region
Xiāngtán	湘潭	City in Hunan. Home of Mao Zedong, Peng Dehuaio and Liu Shaoqi
yuántóu	源头	The fountainhead
Yáo Lì	姚莉	Born September 1922, also known as Nancy Yao Lee, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai
Yè Lái Xiāng	夜来香	A Chinese name of a kind of flower, night blooming jasmine. The flower blooms at night. The lyric describes the beauty of the flower however it has another hidden meaning of missing a lady when nightfall. One of the greatest songs of the Shidaiqu
Zhōu Xuán	周旋	August 1, 1920 – September 22, 1957, One of the Seven Great Singing Stars of 1930's-40's Shanghai