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## CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections

Monday, October 18, 2010

6:30 p.m. Reception

7 p.m. presentation by Cathy Barbash

8 p.m. webcast featuring Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr.

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China's rapid development and Sino-American relations have a direct impact on the lives of just about everyone in the United States. **CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections**, is a national day of programming designed to provide Americans across the United States and beyond the opportunity to discuss these issues with leading experts.

The National Committee is pleased to present this program, which will feature a webcast by **Jon M. Huntsman Jr.** ([bio](#)), U.S. ambassador to China.

Immediately prior to his confirmation as ambassador to China in August 2009, Huntsman served as governor of Utah. His public service career began as a White House staff assistant to President Ronald Reagan and included appointments as deputy assistant secretary of commerce for Asia, U.S. ambassador to Singapore and deputy U.S. trade representative. He is a founding director of the Pacific Council on International Policy and has served on various boards such as the Brookings Institute Asia Policy Board, Center for Strategic and International Studies Pacific Forum, Asia Society, and National Bureau of Asian Research.

The webcast will be moderated by Stephen A. Orlins, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Preceding the webcast at 7 p.m. will be a presentation by **Cathy Barbash** of Barbash Arts Consulting Services, on "From One to Many:



Jon M. Huntsman Jr.  
U.S. Ambassador to China



Cathy Barbash  
Barbash Arts Consulting  
Services

The Evolution of U.S.-China Cultural Exchanges from Single to Multi-Stream Practice."

Barbash is a specialist in the performing arts, cultural policy and creative industry development in the People's Republic of China. In addition to creating and co-producing the U.S. Major University Presenters' China initiative with the Ministry of Culture of the PRC and Arts Midwest, she is currently creating China-related cultural industry infrastructure development, cultural diplomacy and corporate social responsibility projects with major arts-related government, corporate, educational and not-for-profit partners. She shares her China experiences with the arts field through her [MusicalAmerica.com](http://MusicalAmerica.com) blog.

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