

Hung Ka Po Cantonese Opera Troupe to perform rescheduled "An Official's Promotion"

The Hung Ka Po Cantonese Opera Troupe will stage "An Official's Promotion", a newly adapted Cantonese opera, in March. The performances were originally scheduled in January.

Adapted from the Ping opera and Fujian opera work "An Official's Demotion", the story of "An Official's Promotion" sees Bian Yixiao get demoted by the newly appointed Inspector of Three Provinces, Cui Yunlong, due to Bian's marriage to a courtesan, Zhang Xiuyu. When Bian has a case to investigate, he disguises himself as a fortune teller and goes to a teahouse to gather clues. There he meets Cui, who is also undercover as a doctor. The two become friends, and Bian takes Cui home to stay. Later, Bian lets Cui take his place in presiding at court and Cui deliberately frees a prime suspect. Bian, angry at the misjudgement, sends Cui to jail. His wife also takes Cui to task for not exercising justice. At this point, Cui is finally convinced that Bian and Zhang are a couple of upright principles, and feels guilty for demoting Bian.

A newly adapted Cantonese Opera "An Official's Promotion"

Adaptation: Loong Koon-tin, Chan Hung-chun, Lai Yiu-wai

7.30pm, March 23 (Tuesday)

Auditorium, Sha Tin Town Hall

Tickets: \$140, \$200, \$260 and \$320

7.30pm, March 24 (Wednesday)

Theatre, Ko Shan Theatre

Tickets: \$140, \$200, \$280 and \$380

Cast: Loong Koon-tin, Cheng Wing-mui, Chan Hung-chun, Lui Hung-kwong, Yat Dim-hung, Wang Kit-ching, Vong Seng-pan, Tam Wing-lun and Siu Wing-yee

The performances by the Hung Ka Po Cantonese Opera Troupe are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets are now available at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7325 or visit

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/chinese_opera/programs_948.html.

A post-performance talk in Cantonese will be held at 7.30pm on March 27 (Saturday) at Function Room, 4/F, Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. Speakers will include Loong Koon-tin, Cheng Wing-mui and Chan Hung-chun. Admission is free. Telephone registration is required, and please call 2268 7267 from 10am on March 22 (Monday) onwards. Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Details can be found on the above website.