

# LCSD's Great Music 2024 to present "Duo Recital by Gautier Capuçon (Cello) & Jean-Yves Thibaudet (Piano)" in October (with photos)

World-renowned French cellist Gautier Capuçon, along with his longtime music partner, pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet, will visit Hong Kong in early October to stage a duo recital in the Great Music 2024, presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), to showcase their mastery of music techniques and rapport. This is a one-night-only event that music lovers will not want to miss.

This recital programme covers Schumann's "Fantasiestücke, Op. 73", Brahms's "Sonata for Cello and Piano No. 1 in E minor, Op. 38", Debussy's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor" and Shostakovich's "Sonata for Cello and Piano in D minor, Op. 40"

Capuçon is acclaimed for his expressive musicianship and exuberant virtuosity. Now a household name in his native France, Capuçon appears on screen and online shows, and is a guest presenter on Radio Classique in the show "Les Carnets de Gautier Capuçon". Each season, he performs with world leading orchestras and plays with many of the world's foremost conductors and instrumentalists around the globe. During the 2023-24 season, he partnered with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Munich Philharmonic, the Orchestre Nationale de France and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra as a soloist. Capuçon's recordings have won numerous awards, in which the classics album "Emotions" achieved gold status in France in 2020. He is also committed to education and support for young musicians from every background.

Through elegant musicality and an insightful approach to both contemporary and established repertoire, Thibaudet has earned a reputation as one of the world's finest pianists. During the 2023-24 season, he engaged with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and more in various performances. Thibaudet's extensive recording catalogue has received two Grammy nominations, two ECHO Awards, the Preis der Deutschen Schallplattenkritik, the Diapason d'Or, the Choc du Monde de la Musique, as well as the Edison and Gramophone Awards. Among his numerous commendations are the Victoire d'Honneur, a lifetime career achievement award and the highest honour given by France's Victoires de la Musique. In addition to being named a Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Thibaudet was awarded the title of Officier by the French Ministry of Culture in 2012.â€€

The "Duo Recital by Gautier Capuçon (Cello) & Jean-Yves Thibaudet (Piano)" will be held at 8pm on October 3 (Thursday) at the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Tickets priced at \$280, \$380, \$480, \$580 and

\$680 are now available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs\\_1727.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1727.html). This programme is one of the celebratory programmes of the 35th anniversary of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

A pre-concert talk (in Cantonese) will be held at 6.45pm on October 3 at Level 4 Foyer Reception Area, Auditoria Building, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The speaker will be music critic Ernest Wan. Admission is free, with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The LCSD's Great Music 2024 will continue to bring spectacular performances to Hong Kong in this October and November, featuring five world-class musicians. The programme enables audiences to feel the city's arts and cultural buzz through music, showcasing the unique charm of Hong Kong as a cultural hub. For more details, please visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/groups\\_1682.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/groups_1682.html).

