

Local artist Andrew Ling to showcase superb skills in September viola recital

Local artist Andrew Ling will give a viola recital in September as part of the "City Hall Virtuosi" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Ling will collaborate with pianist Cheng Wai, showcasing his superb viola skills by playing a variety of compositions.

The programme will include Brahms' "Sonata in F minor, Op. 120, No. 1", Ligeti's "Sonata for Viola Solo", Bach's (arranged by Kodály) "Chromatic Fantasy for Viola Solo", Shostakovich's "Sonata in D minor, Op. 40" and Piazzolla's "Le Grand Tango".

Hong Kong-born Andrew Ling is a concert violist and violinist. He is also a conductor as well as a music educator. Currently the Principal Violist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil), he has garnered acclaim for his orchestral playing and solo recitals worldwide. He has appeared with the HK Phil, the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra and the China Film Symphony Orchestra as a concert soloist.

Ling has brought his musicianship to conducting engagements with the HK Phil, the Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra, the Kunming Nie Er Symphony Orchestra and Finland's Seinäjoki City Orchestra and Kuopio Symphony Orchestra. Handpicked to conduct the HK Phil in rehearsal for Christoph Eschenbach and the late Lorin Maazel, he has worked alongside some of the world's foremost conductors, including Jaap van Zweden, Edo de Waart, Jun Märkl and Leonard Slatkin.

Ling's journey with music began at age 6, when he studied violin with the late professor Lin Yaoji at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He went on to pursue violin performance at Indiana University under Henryk Kowalski, Mauricio Fuks, Alan de Veritch and the late Ik-hwan Bae, and was a protégé of Lin Choliang at Rice University.

Ling is a successful musician and a much sought-after art educator. Upon his return to Hong Kong, he remains active in the classical music scene and is often seen playing solo and chamber works as well as conducting. In continuing his career as a concert musician and conductor, Ling has played with many renowned musicians including Yuja Wang, Lin Choliang, Jaime Laredo, Ning Feng, Michael Guttman and the Shanghai Quartet.

"City Hall Virtuosi Series: Viola Recital by Andrew Ling" will be held at 8pm on September 8 (Sunday) at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$150 and \$200 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 7321 or visit

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