

Star harmonica player CY Leo to give recital in June

The talented local harmonica player CY Leo (Ho Cheuk-yin) will stage a recital entitled "The Milestone" in June.

CY Leo will perform an array of works that are considered milestones of his music career journey, including Farnon's "Prelude and Dance" and Piazzolla's "Invierno Porteño", both of which brought him awards at the World Harmonica Festival, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue", Williams' "Schindler's List" as well as his work "Ideology" which was composed for the Solo Chromatic Category of the World Harmonica Festival as test piece in 2017. He will also join the members of his ensemble "Perfect Fourth", namely Ivan Chong, Jerry Wong and Ramiel Leung, to perform some of their own pieces.

A chromatic harmonica player, CY Leo is also a composer and singer-song writer. Under the influence of his father, Ho Pak-cheong, founder of the Hong Kong Harmonica Association and King's Harmonica Quintet, he began his classical harmonica training at a young age. His talent has given him widespread international recognition and success ever since.

CY Leo won his first international award at the age of 10 in the Asia-Pacific Harmonica Festival. He has garnered 17 international titles, including two times as world champion in the World Harmonica Festival in 2009 and 2013. He has performed in different music and cultural activities including Clockenflap, the NAMM Show in California, the Seoul International Harmonica Festival, Swiss Harpers Gala Concert and the Norwegian Harmonica Festival.

In the local entertainment sector, he has collaborated with prominent Hong Kong artists such as Sandy Lam, Lowell Lo, Hacken Lee, Leo Ku and Louis Koo. He also records film and television scores, and writes music for TV commercials.

"City Hall Virtuosi Series: 'The Milestone' – Harmonica Recital by CY Leo" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It will be staged at 8pm on June 29 (Tuesday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$180 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1054.html. The other programme in this year's "City Hall Virtuosi Series" is "Erhu Recital by Wong Lok-ting" on May 5.