

Cross-generation dancers to discuss “3 Decades of Dance in Hong Kong”

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Beyond Multi-arts Series" for dance enthusiasts, a set of five talks (conducted in Cantonese) will be curated and hosted by veteran arts critic Dr Lo Wai-luk on the theme of "3 Decades of Dance in Hong Kong". Sharing the podium with Dr Lo will be local dance practitioners, including Anna Chan, Willy Tsao, Pewan Chow, Lau Siu-ming, Stella Lau, Yuri Ng, Paul Tam, Dick Wong, Miranda Chin, So Kwok-wan and Lau Tin-ming.

Opened in November 1989, the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC) has become an important cultural landmark in Hong Kong by offering performing platforms for artists and dance companies, both local and visiting, while enhancing the viewing experience of the local audience and enabling international cultural exchanges. Over the past 30 years, the HKCC has witnessed the development of dance in the city. Generation after generation of leading dance artists have delivered their humanistic, social and contemporaneous concerns through their works. The talk series on one hand reviews dance history of Hong Kong, while on the other hand forecasts the path ahead.

Details of the talks are as follows:

September 3 (Tuesday)

Topic: The Venue, Its Space, and Their Dance Stories

Content: This talk will look back on landmark performances over the past three decades and recall how choreographers and dancers have been inspired by the various spaces of the HKCC to create their dance works; from the Grand Theatre to the Foyer, from the Studio Theatre to the Piazza and from the stage to the special corridors.

September 10 (Tuesday)

Topic: On the Ecological Development and Vista of Dance in Hong Kong

Content: The emergence of local professional dance companies in the late 1970s and early 1980s changed the ecology of the dance sector in Hong Kong. By the 1990s, the opening of the HKCC not only provided new performance venues for local dance companies but also created new forms of partnerships. These developments, together with the impact brought about by visiting international dance companies, have created a healthy environment for dance in Hong Kong to flourish.

September 24 (Tuesday)

Topic: Dance Appreciation – Art and the Urban Experience

Content: Leading dance companies of the world in the genres of modern dance, ballet and folk dance have performed at the HKCC. What sort of impact and novel viewing experiences did their diverse and quality productions have on the local audience to make art an important part of the urban experience of cosmopolitan Hong Kong?

October 8 (Tuesday)

Topic: Hong Kong Dance: Personality, Style and Character

Content: In the 30 years since the HKCC opened its doors to the arts community and audiences, the programming and content of dance shows have changed a lot. Local dancers have also kept themselves abreast of the times. It's time to see if Hong Kong has its own dance, or whether there is such a thing as "Hong Kong Style".

October 15 (Tuesday)

Topic: "For the Times They Are A-changing" – On the Reciprocal Relationship between Dance and Epochs

Content: Each era has its own form of art. In the past 30 years, what eras had Hong Kong gone through? What sort of experiences had Hongkongers gone through? How did social issues influence the creative concepts and directions of choreographers? When confronted with the predicaments of the times, how did dancers play a part in the future by expressing through physical movements and opening up new spiritual journeys?

Each talk will be held at 7.45pm at AC2, 4/F, Administration Building, HKCC. Tickets priced at \$60 per session (free seating) are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and various discount schemes of the "Beyond Multi-arts Series", please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_832.html.

Red flags hoisted at several beaches

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 5) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach and Shek O Beach in the Southern District, Hong Kong Island; Upper Cheung Sha Beach, Lower Cheung Sha Beach and Tong Fuk Beach in the Islands District; and Clear Water Bay First Beach in the Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Labour Department to hold seminar on productivity assessment for employees with disabilities under Statutory Minimum Wage regime

The Labour Department will hold a seminar on productivity assessment for employees with disabilities under the Statutory Minimum Wage regime on September 4 (Wednesday) at 10am at the Multi-purpose Hall of the Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre, 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei. Enrolment is now open.

Details of the productivity assessment for employees with disabilities under the Minimum Wage Ordinance will be introduced in the seminar. Employers, persons with disabilities and their family members as well as representatives from rehabilitation organisations are welcome to attend.

The seminar will be conducted in Cantonese with a sign language interpretation service provided. Admission is free and seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The enrolment deadline is August 29 (Thursday). The enrolment form can be downloaded from the department's website (www.labour.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call 2852 3856.

Temporary closure of Tuen Mun Public Library

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (August 5) that in light of possible mass gathering activities in Tuen Mun District, Tuen Mun Public Library will be closed today.

Public Hospital Service Arrangements

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) spokesperson said today (5 August) that due to traffic disruptions in various districts, some patients may not be able to

attend their scheduled consultation. They can call the clinics to reschedule the appointments later and there is no need to worry and rush for the consultation appointments. Services at the Accident and Emergency Departments at public hospitals remain normal at the moment.

At the same time, HA staff who could not report duty as scheduled should inform the supervisors concerned immediately for flexible staff deployment and contingency duty rearrangement. HA would like to express appreciation to staff who may need to work additional hours beyond their normal duty