

“The RTHK Chamber Soloists” to perform in August

Five renowned soloists will come together to perform in a concert entitled "The RTHK Chamber Soloists" in August.

The RTHK Chamber Soloists formed in the summer of 2018 with a vision to promote the making and appreciation of chamber music. Group members violinist Le Hoai-nam, violinist and violist Andrew Ling, cellist Laurent Perrin, clarinetist John Schertle and pianist Colleen Lee will be accompanied by guest violist Kaori Wilson. Together they will perform a selection of virtuoso compositions and a new work by a Hong Kong composer.

The programme will include Elliot Leung's "Quintet No. 2, 'Gardiner Expressway'" (world premiere), Mendelssohn's "Piano Quartet No. 2 in F minor, Op. 2", Mozart's "Trio in E flat, K. 498, 'Kegelstatt'" and Copland's "Sextet for Clarinet, Piano and String Quartet".

Le was born in Hanoi and began studying violin with his father at the age of 5. He was accepted by the Hanoi National Conservatory of Music when he was 7, and furthered his studies with Professor Michael Ma at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA). He is currently the Principal Second Violin of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta and teaches at the HKAPA.

Ling began learning the violin at the age of 6 and studied with the late Professor Lin Yaoji at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He went on to pursue violin performance studies at Indiana University and Rice University. Currently the Principal Viola of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil), he has garnered acclaim for his orchestral playing and solo recitals worldwide.

French cellist Perrin began studying cello in Luxembourg and later in Spain, England and Canada. He is currently Assistant Principal Cello with the Hong Kong Sinfonietta and teaches at the HKAPA, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Baptist University.

Schertle is currently the Co-principal Clarinet of the HK Phil. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music and the Juilliard School, he was a prize winner at the National Arts Club Competition. Schertle has given masterclasses in Asia and serves on the faculties of the HKAPA and the Hong Kong Baptist University.

Pianist Lee was born in Hong Kong. Beyond her success in winning the 6th Prize at the 15th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition, she has performed extensively throughout Asia, Europe and North America in solo recitals and with orchestras. She is currently a member of the piano faculty at the HKAPA and the Hong Kong Baptist University, and is the Honorary Artist-in-Residence of the Education University of Hong Kong.

"City Hall Virtuosi" Series: "The RTHK Chamber Soloists" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The performance will be staged at 8pm on August 2 (Monday) at the Theatre, Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$180 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 www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1163.html. Another programme in the "City Hall Virtuosi" Series includes "Reunion Concert of Colleen Lee, Gallant Ho and Zhu Lin" (December 12).