

American a cappella group Naturally 7 to visit Hong Kong in September to showcase vocal charm (with photo)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has invited American a cappella group Naturally 7 to perform in the Great Music 2023 in late September. The group will present their new songs created for this Hong Kong tour using their "vocal play" technique, which will surprise music lovers in the city with their wonderful and not-to-be-missed performance.

Over the years, Naturally 7 has been taking the world by storm with their unique form of "vocal play". The group not only sings traditionally but also turns the human voice into drum set, guitar, harmonica, trombone and even the DJ scratching. Adopting styles like rap and R&B, the group transforms the human voice into an ensemble. In the concert, apart from presenting classics like "Fix You" and film songs, the group will also present new works to offer the audiences an auditory feast of the human voice.

Naturally 7 was founded by brothers Roger and Warren Thomas in 1999, and formed with five other singers at the brothers' invitation. The group won Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards, a significant award in the a cappella world. The group shared the stage and performed with numerous pop artists and groups, including Michael Bublé and Coldplay. It has been invited to perform at some of the biggest shows in the world, such as the Vancouver Winter Olympics in 2010 and the Best FIFA Football Awards ceremony in 2017. The group has put on more than 1 000 shows across five continents in over 30 countries and regions.

"A Cappella Concert by Naturally 7" will be held at 8pm on September 28 (Thursday) at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. The performance will run for about one hour and 45 minutes, including an intermission of 15 minutes. Tickets priced at \$200, \$280, \$350 and \$420 are now available at URBTIX (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_1582.html.

This programme also includes a workshop entitled "Vocal Infinity" (conducted in English). As speakers of the talk, members of Naturally 7 will introduce the development of the group and demonstrate their "vocal play" skills. Through interaction, the audience will be able to experience and explore the charm and possibility of the human voice. The workshop will be held at 7.30pm on September 27 (Wednesday) at the Recital Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$100 (free seating) are now available at URBTIX. For details, please refer to the above-mentioned website.

The LCSD will present the Great Music 2023 from September to November. Various internationally acclaimed musicians and ensembles will gather in Hong

Kong to perform an array of exciting and diversified music programmes. For more details, please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/groups_1576.html.

