

Asia premiere of "Passengers" by The 7 Fingers from Canada to be staged in Hong Kong in December (with photos)

Renowned Canadian contemporary physical theatre troupe, The 7 Fingers, will come to Hong Kong to present the Asia premiere of "Passengers" in early December. The troupe tells the captivating stories of encounters, reunions and goodbyes of strangers in transit through the form of acrobatics, theatre, music and dance performance. The three dazzling performances will also open the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Cheers!" Series this year.

The production takes train travel as the story background. Passengers on this train express their dreams through the exuberance of their bodies. The astounding skills like the silks, flying trapeze, tightrope walking, juggling and hula hoops demonstrate the physical artistry and beauty of the performers. Combining choreography, multimedia effects, music and bits of monologue, the production perfectly captures the essence of human connection and emotions that guarantee an unforgettable theatrical experience for audiences of all ages.

The 7 Fingers was founded in 2002 and strives to redefine the circus by stripping down the spectacle to its thrilling essence. The seven founders set out to tell stories with death-defying acrobatics and life-affirming theatricality. The troupe has produced its own signature touring shows and created diverse theatrical experiences.

"Cheers!" Series: "Passengers" by The 7 Fingers will be held at 8pm on December 1 and 2 (Friday and Saturday), and at 3pm on December 3 (Sunday) at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall. Tickets priced at \$180, \$260, \$320 and \$380 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. Package discounts will be available for ticket purchases with "Cheers!" Series programmes to be held between December 2023 and February 2024. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_1633.html.

Moreover, two workshops (conducted in English with Cantonese interpretation) will be organised. The first workshop will be held at 8pm on November 30 (Thursday) at the Music Studio of Sha Tin Town Hall. It is suitable for those with a dance or gymnastics background, wishing to deepen their knowledge and technical skills in the acrobatic discipline. The second workshop will be held at 2pm on December 2 (Saturday) at the Dance Studio of Sha Tin Town Hall. Members of the troupe will guide participants through the foundations of different acrobatic disciplines in an interactive approach. Tickets priced at \$150 per workshop are now available at URBTIX. For details, please refer to the above-mentioned website.

