

Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre to perform "Strange Feathers" in February next year

Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre from Ireland will perform "Strange Feathers" in February next year. The show is best suited for those aged 2 or above.

"Strange Feathers" is an aerial dance performance. Two birds hatch into the world, and on a journey of discovery they hear the sounds of nature and learn how to fly. Mixing circus, aerial dance, live music, soft colourful lighting and soothing sensory sounds, the production sees these friendly birds explore their world.

Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre has performed indoor, outdoor, crane and vertical dance performances and shows for young audiences in Ireland and internationally since its founding in 1998. For the past 20 years, the company has grown and nurtured the aerial dance sector in Ireland, and has organised Ireland's first-ever annual aerial dance festival since 2009. In 2013, Fidget Feet was awarded the Arthur Guinness Project fund for Ireland's first Irish Aerial Creation Centre, which was opened in 2015.

Details of the performances are as follows:

February 15 (Friday), 3pm and 7.30pm
February 16 (Saturday), 11.30am, 3pm and 7.30pm
February 17 (Sunday), 11.30am and 3pm
Black Box Theatre, Kwai Tsing Theatre
Tickets: \$220

The running time of each performance is approximately 35 minutes without intermission. Children must be accompanied by parents or adults, and one ticket per person is required regardless of age. A DIY mask-making session will be held 45 minutes prior to each performance at the Kwai Tsing Theatre Rehearsal Room. Ticket holders are welcome to join.

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Strange Feathers" is one of the attractions of the "Cheers!" Series. Tickets are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_654.html.

Special traffic arrangements for race meeting in Sha Tin

Police advise motorists that special traffic arrangements will be implemented in Sha Tin to facilitate the race meeting today (December 19).

The arrangements will come into effect two hours before the start of the first race and will last until the crowds have dispersed after the race meeting.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up and police will be on hand to guide motorists.

The Police also appeal to people going to Sha Tin Racecourse for the race meeting and to Happy Valley Racecourse for cross betting to make maximum use of public transport.

Parking spaces at the two racecourses are available only to holders of appropriate permits issued by Hong Kong Jockey Club and any vehicles illegally parked will be towed away.

Red flags hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach

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 (December 19) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected

illegally imported live birds (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs today (December 18) seized 96 live birds suspected illegally imported with an estimated market value of about \$10,000 at Lok Ma Chau Control Point.

Hong Kong Customs officers intercepted an incoming private car at Lok Ma Chau Control Point this afternoon and seized a total of 96 live birds in the vehicle.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

Under the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Regulations of the Public Health (Animals and Birds) Ordinance, Chapter 139, it is an offence to import any bird unless it is accompanied by a valid health certificate. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$25,000.

Members of the public may report any suspected activities of illegal import of live birds to the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



DH investigates suspected illegal sale and possession of unregistered proprietary Chinese medicine (with

photo)

The Department of Health (DH) is today (December 18) investigating a licensed wholesaler of proprietary Chinese medicine (pCm), Way On Tienchi Company Limited (Way On), at Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, for suspected illegal sale and possession of an unregistered pCm called "Wayon Tienchi Tablet (Steamed)".

Acting upon intelligence, the DH conducted a field investigation and seized the above unregistered pCm. Preliminary investigations revealed that the above product had been imported from the Mainland for local sale. The product label claimed that the product was suitable for people requiring to replenish qi and blood. According to the record of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong (CMCHK), Way On held three registered pCms namely, "Wayon Tienchi Tablet (Natural) (Concentrated)" (registration number: HKC-07361) , "Wayon Tienchi Tablet (Steamed)" (registration number: HKP-07347) and "Wayon Tienchi Tablet (Natural)" (registration number: HKP-07355). The suspected unregistered pCm is not one of the aforementioned three registered pCms.

"Unregistered pCms may pose threats to public health as their safety, quality and efficacy are not proven. Way On is voluntarily recalling the above unregistered pCm from the market and has set up a hotline (2541 1428) for related enquiries. Our investigations are ongoing and we will closely monitor the recall. So far, no related adverse reports have been received," a spokesman for the DH said.

According to section 119 of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap 549), no person shall sell, import or possess any pCm unless it is registered. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$100,000 and two years' imprisonment. The DH will seek advice from the Department of Justice on prosecution matters upon completion of the investigation, and will refer the case to the CMCHK for consideration of possible disciplinary action.

Members of the public who have purchased the above unregistered pCm should stop taking it immediately. Those who have consumed it and are feeling unwell should seek advice from healthcare professionals. People who have the product can submit it to the DH's Chinese Medicine Division on 16/F, AIA Kowloon Tower, Landmark East, 100 How Ming Street, Kwun Tong, during office hours for disposal.

"The public should not buy or use products of doubtful composition or from unknown sources. All registered pCms should carry a Hong Kong registration number on the product label in the format of 'HKC-XXXXX' or 'HKP-XXXXX'. The list of registered pCm is published on the website of the CMCHK (http://www.cmchk.org.hk/pcm/eng/#main_listpcm.htm) for public reference," the spokesman added.

