

Cantonese Opera Day to be held on November 24

The 17th Cantonese Opera Day will be held on November 24 (Sunday) at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC) and the Hong Kong Space Museum. Admission is free.

This entertaining annual event includes a film screening about Cantonese opera, which will start at 11am at the Hong Kong Space Museum Lecture Hall. The event will also feature a variety of family activities to be held from 1pm to 5:30pm at the HKCC's foyer, Exhibition Gallery, conference rooms and nearby piazzas.

Attractions will include performances of Cantonese opera excerpts and operatic music; talks on Cantonese opera songs and two generations of Cantonese opera artists; demonstration workshops on the stylised movements and postures of Cantonese opera, make-up, dress-up, music and miniature props; a Cantonese opera exhibition and game-stall virtual reality experiences. Cantonese opera virtuosos Loong Koon-tin, Chan Wing-yee, Yuen Tak-man, Ko Lai, Leung Siu-ming, Cheng Wing-mui, Wai Chun-fai, Zong Yun-sin, Sun Kim-long, Tang Mi-ling, Ng Chin-fung and Wan Fai-yin will also be present for autograph signing.

The event is organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. For more information, please refer to the programme leaflet or visit the website at www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/chinese_opera/programs_925.html.

For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7325.

Since 2003, the cultural sectors of Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong have designated the last Sunday of every November as Cantonese Opera Day to promote the valuable vernacular art of Cantonese opera. By holding this territory-wide activity on a regular basis, it is hoped that a broader audience base can be developed to hold the torch of Cantonese opera alight for future generations.