

Cantonese Opera Day to be held on November 25

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will hold the 16th Cantonese Opera Day on November 25 (Sunday) at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC) and the Hong Kong Space Museum. Admission is free.

This entertaining annual event includes a film about Cantonese opera, which will start at 10.30am at the Hong Kong Space Museum Lecture Hall, and a variety of activities for family enjoyment to be held at the Piazza, Foyer, Exhibition Gallery and conference rooms of the HKCC, starting at 1pm.

Programmes will include performances of Cantonese opera excerpts and operatic songs; talks; demonstration workshops on Cantonese opera stylised movement and posture; Cantonese opera costume sewing techniques, make-up and dressing-up; Cantonese opera music and singing styles; game stalls; and a Cantonese opera exhibition. Cantonese opera virtuosos Ng Chin-fung, Wan Fai-yin, Sun Kim-long, Nam Fung, Hong Hai, Chan Ka-ming, Wan Yuk-yu, Ko Lai, Wai Chun-fai, Tang Mi-ling, Lam Tin-yau and Cheng Wing-mui will also be present for autograph signing.

To further Hong Kong's image as a centre of Chinese and Western culture, Putonghua and English guided tours will be available to introduce this legendary art form to visitors.

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.

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_668.html. For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7325.