

Cantonese opera stars from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to perform masters' showcase in December

Cantonese opera stars from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao will gather in Hong Kong and present six pieces of classic Cantonese opera excerpts in "A Showcase of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Cantonese Opera Masters" in December, with a view to enhancing cultural exchanges and promoting the art of Cantonese opera.

The cast from the Guangdong Province includes Huang Chunqiang, Peng Qinghua, Jiang Wenduan, Wen Ruqing and Zeng Xiaomin. They will perform "The White Monkey Steals Celestial Peaches", "Under the Umbrella" and "A Perfect Union from The Strange Encounters of Liu Yi". Hong Kong's Lee Lung, Sun Kim Long, Tang Mi-ling, Wan Yuk-yu and Wan Yiu-sing will stage "Kneeling by the Pond from The Lioness Roars" and "A United Front to Defeat Cao Cao" while Macao's Peng Chiquan and Zeng Hui will present "Smashing the Royal Palanquin". Each of the six acts of Cantonese opera has its own unique characteristics. With the exquisite skills of the veteran artists from the three places, this is a showcase not to be missed by theatregoers.

"A Showcase of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Cantonese Opera Masters" is jointly presented by the Guangdong Provincial Department of Culture and Tourism, the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government. It is organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The showcase will be held at 7.30pm on December 19 (Tuesday) at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall. Tickets priced at \$180, \$280, \$380 and \$480 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7325 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/chinese_opera/programs_1646.html.