

Chaozhou-Shantou musician Wang Peiyu to perform in April

Acclaimed musician Wang Peiyu from the Chaozhou-Shantou region will stage a concert in April.

Wang Peiyu is one of the key figures promoting the Chaozhou music genres of xianshi and xiyue in recent years, and this concert will mark the first time that he plays in Hong Kong with the Xianshi Ensemble of Shantou. The performance will be highly anticipated by those who enjoy Chaozhou xianshi music of the new generation.

The programme will include "The Skipping Thrush", "As the Wild Geese Fly South", "The Lotus Rising from the Water", "Ying-Xian-Ke", "Liu Qingniang" (live five mode), "Wild Geese on the Sandbank", "The Pink Lotus", "Jing-Chun-Luo", "Fish Hawks Dabbling in the Water", "The Snow Geese Flying South", "The Moon Rises High" and "Tower of Lights".

Wang Peiyu is a well-known traditional musician of the Chaozhou-Shantou region, specialising in xianshi music. A National Class One Composer and a member of the Chinese Musicians Association, he is currently Artistic Director of the Shantou City Arts Research Centre (Research Centre for Chaozhou Music), a Visiting Professor of the China Conservatory of Music and a Bearer of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Chaozhou music) of Shantou.

The Xianshi Ensemble of Shantou, led by Wang Peiyu and Lin Yingping, was established by musicians of the Shantou City Arts Research Centre (Research Centre for Chaozhou Music) under the co-ordination and guidance of the Administration of Culture, Radio, Television, Press and Publications of Shantou in 2013. With an aim to cultivate and promote traditional music of the Chaozhou-Shantou region, the ensemble focuses its research on the musical genres of xianshi and xiyue.

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Concert by Wang Peiyu and Xianshi Ensemble of Shantou" is one of the attractions of the Guangdong Music Series. The concert will be held at 8pm on April 13 (Saturday) at the Theatre of the Sheung Wan Civic Centre. Tickets are priced at \$160 and \$260. 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 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_702.html.