

Chow Fan-fu to give talks on appreciation and enjoyment of opera classics

Acclaimed arts critic Chow Fan-fu will give lectures entitled "Music Appreciation Series 27: All about Love in Western Opera – 6S The Secret Key to the World of Opera Classics" in November and December. The lectures are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

The seven love operas selected for this series are highly popular and regarded by many as world-class masterpieces. For these lectures, Chow will talk about ways to appreciate and enjoy the great art of the opera.

Details of the lectures are as follows:

Lecture 1

November 7 (Wednesday)

Title: Mozart – "Cosi Fan Tutte" (1790)

Lecture 2

November 14 (Wednesday)

Title: Bellini – "Norma" (1831)

Lecture 3

November 21 (Wednesday)

Title: Donizetti – "Lucia Di Lammermoor" (1835)

Lecture 4

November 28 (Wednesday)

Title: Wagner – "Der Fliegende Hollander" (1843)

Lecture 5

December 5 (Wednesday)

Title: Gounod – "Faust" (1859)

Lecture 6

December 12 (Wednesday)

Title: Smetana – "Die Verkaufte Braut" (1866)

Lecture 7

December 19 (Wednesday)

Title: Giordano – "Andrea Chénier" (1896)

Chow Fan-fu has hosted a variety of classical music and cultural programmes on Radio Television Hong Kong's Radio 4 since 1982. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Chapter of the International Association of Theatre Critics and an examiner for the Hong Kong Arts

Development Council. In 2011, he was awarded a Medal of Honour by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government for his continued and tireless efforts in the promotion of classical music and appreciation of the arts. Publications authored by him include "Music Is Life", which was nominated for Ten Best Books of 2006, and "Music with Love: The 30th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra", which was listed as one of the Ten Best Books of 2005.

All lectures (to be conducted in Cantonese) will be held at 7.30pm at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum. Tickets (free seating) priced at \$50 for each lecture are now available at URBIX (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_637.html.