

“City Hall Virtuosi” Series to showcase delightful music programmes

The "City Hall Virtuosi" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be held from September to December. The programmes of the three recitals are as follows:

Piano and Pipa Duo Recital by Linda Yim and Zhang Ying

September 1 (Sunday), 8pm
Theatre, Hong Kong City Hall
Tickets: \$150 and \$200

Linda Yim is a member of the Hong Kong New Music Ensemble and currently teaches at the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Education University of Hong Kong. She is proactive in promoting classical and modern music education. She graduated from the Hong Kong Baptist University, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Royal College of Music in London and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music at the University of Sydney, where she obtained her Master of Music Studies degree majoring in piano. She has performed on the Mainland and in Taiwan, Malaysia, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Zhang Ying is currently Principal Pipa of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra as well as a part-time academic staff member of the School of Music of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. She teaches at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Education University of Hong Kong. She graduated from the China Conservatory of Music with a Master's degree. She has studied pipa with Zhao Yinan, Li Guixiang, Wu Junsheng, Ren Hong and Yang Jing, and has won numerous awards in international competitions.

Viola Recital by Andrew Ling

September 8 (Sunday), 8pm
Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall
Tickets: \$150 and \$200

Andrew Ling is currently the Principal Violist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. He is active in the classical music scene and is often seen playing solos, chamber works and conducting. Ling's journey with music began at age 6 when he studied violin with the late Professor Lin Yaoji at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. He went on to pursue violin performance at Indiana University under Henryk Kowalski, Mauricio Fuks, Alan de Veritch and the late Ik-hwan Bae, and was a protégé of Lin Choliang at Rice University.

The Hungarian Connections

December 13 (Friday), 8pm
Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall
Tickets: \$150 and \$200

The concert will feature a piano duo performance by Colleen Lee and Warren Lee, as well as percussionists Choy Lap-tak and Raymond Vong.

Pianist Colleen Lee has received many international awards beyond her success in winning the sixth-place prize at the 15th International Fryderyk Chopin Piano Competition. She won First Prize at the 3rd Seiler International Piano Competition in Germany, the 2003 Dorothy Mackenzie Artist Recognition Award, and Third Place and Critic and Audience Prizes at the 15th International Competition for Piano and Orchestra in Italy.

Pianist Warren Lee received a Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in Hong Kong in 2012, an Associateship from the Royal Academy of Music in the United Kingdom in 2015 and the Ian Mininberg Distinguished Alumni Award by the Yale School of Music in the United States in 2017.

Percussionist Choy Lap-tak is currently a tutor in Western percussion as well as an adviser and coach for the Academy's Percussion Ensemble at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Choy is an active percussion and timpani soloist, and has performed percussion and timpani concertos and appeared in the Sydney Opera House and venues in Beijing, Singapore and Korea.

Currently principal percussionist of the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong since 2013, Raymond Vong obtained a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree and a Master of Music degree with distinction from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. He has given many percussion solo and ensemble concerts in Hong Kong and Macao.

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