

Daring Vietnamese acrobatic show “À á»ø Làng Phá»’” to be staged in July at Sha Tin Town Hall (with photos)

The innovative circus-based show “À á»ø Làng Phá»’” (meaning “from village to city”) will be staged from July 26 to 28 at Sha Tin Town Hall, depicting the rapid evolution of Vietnam's rural existence into urban life. Produced by Lune Production of Vietnam, it is one of the highlights of the International Arts Carnival (IAC) presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

The breathtaking production ingeniously employs super-sized rattan baskets and bamboo poles, and combines cultural metamorphosis, humour and dazzling artistry to display the local customs of Vietnam. Along with juggling, spinning and daring aerial displays, the electrifying acrobats turn themselves into Mekong River creatures, rapidly construct and deconstruct markets, and build moonlit homes before traditional scenes and sounds give way to contemporary city pursuits in the fast-developing country.

“À á»ø Làng Phá»’” immaculately merges acrobatics, contortionism, martial arts, hip hop, beatboxing and comic moments with Vietnamese folk opera and modern stage design. In doing so, its aesthetic vision of the Vietnamese circus genre simultaneously takes the creative form to new heights and wider audiences.

The German Vietnamese director Tuan Le is the first solo artist of Vietnamese descent to have appeared in the world-famous Cirque du Soleil. The show has toured around the world and has been enthusiastically received in Australia, Brazil, Germany, Japan and New Zealand, among other countries.

“À á»ø Làng Phá»’” will be staged at 8pm on July 26 and 27 (Friday and Saturday) and at 3pm on July 28 (Sunday) at the Sha Tin Town Hall Auditorium. There will also be audio description in Cantonese for the matinee on July 28 and a touch tour prior to the performance. Please call 2777 1771 for enquiries and registration.

Tickets priced at \$180, \$280 and \$380 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.hkiac.gov.hk/2019/en/pho.html.

The IAC, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will run from July 5 to August 18.

