

Experimental multimedia production “Guan Yu’s Ride of 1,000 Miles” revitalises long-standing tradition of lion dance theatre (with photo)

The experimental multimedia production "Guan Yu's Ride of 1,000 Miles" will be staged in November at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, restoring and reshaping the forgotten art of lion dance theatre in the captivating performances.

Inspired by one of the adventures of "Three Kingdoms" hero Guan Yu, the production draws on classical lion dance, image theatre, modern dance, experimental music and multimedia arts to form a super-creative performance that reinvents southern lion dance, an old tradition of Hong Kong.

Choreographed by Daniel Yeung, the multimedia theatre production also features Kwok's Kung Fu & Dragon Lion Dance Team, local artistic talents including SunFool Lau, GayBird, Oliver Shing and Jan Wong, and dancers including Li Tuokun, Soames Lee, Mao Wei and Tracy Wong.

The creation of this experimental theatre work originated from the 2016 ArtSnap outdoor programme "The Lion Rocks!" by Daniel Yeung, Kwok's Kung Fu & Dragon Lion Dance Team and other dancers. After the show, Yeung continued the research on traditional lion dance theatre with the aim of restoring and reviving this forgotten art through cross-media collaboration.

The experimental multimedia lion dance theatre: "Guan Yu's Ride of 1,000 Miles" is one of the programmes of the New Vision Arts Festival (NVAF). It will be performed at 8pm on November 9 and 10 and at 3pm on November 10 and 11 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Studio Theatre, with a meet-the-artist session to be held after each performance. Tickets priced at \$180 and \$240 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the NVAF is celebrating its ninth edition this year and is being held from October 19 to November 18. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.newvisionfestival.gov.hk.

