

Guzheng Recital by Xu Lingzi and Ng Hiu-hung at LCSD's "City Hall Virtuosi" Series

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "City Hall Virtuosi" Series will present a guzheng recital in October, featuring renowned guzheng virtuosi Xu Lingzi and Ng Hiu-hung. The duo will captivate the audience with renditions of classic masterpieces and their own original compositions to present the charisma of guzheng music with their superb skills.

In the recital, Xu and Ng will perform familiar pieces "Song of the Homebound Fishermen" and "Moonlight over the Spring River" in duet. They will also respectively perform solo pieces "Shooting Wild Geese", "Moon at Dawn" and "On the Mountains Over the Clouds", as well as "Listen to My Drinking Vessel" and "Consort Yu", which will be accompanied on the piano by pianist Chang Tao. The duo performance of "Battling with the Typhoon" will draw the recital to a perfect ending.

National Class One Musician Xu Lingzi joined the Shanghai Conservatory of Music after her graduation there. She then became a soloist at the China National Traditional Orchestra in Beijing. Currently she serves as the Deputy Head of Chinese Music at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Xu has given solo performances on world-class stages across Europe, Asia and America in more than 20 countries and regions, notably at the Musikverein Wien in Vienna. Moreover, she has collaborated with numerous professional Chinese orchestras in performing full-length guzheng concertos.

Ng Hiu-hung serves as the Principal Guzheng of the Hong Kong City Chinese Orchestra. She has toured over 20 countries and regions spanning the globe. Her composition "Romance under the Moon" won the 2015 CASH Golden Sail Most Performed Works Award, while her work "Consort Yu" received a nomination for the 2018 CASH Golden Sail Music Award for Best Serious Composition.

"City Hall Virtuosi" Series: Guzheng Recital by Xu Lingzi and Ng Hiu-hung will be staged at 8pm on October 21 (Saturday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$180 and \$220 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. Package discounts will be available for ticket purchases with "Our Music Talents" Series and "City Hall Virtuosi" Series programmes to be held during September to January 2024. For discount schemes and programme enquiries, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1598.html.

