

## Heritage Museum to commemorate renowned Cantonese opera artist Ng Kwan-lai through film programme and exhibition (with photos)

Renowned Cantonese opera artist Ng Kwan-lai passed away on September 26. To commemorate this opera great, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum has organised a film programme complemented by a small display of Ng's belongings and memorabilia under the title of "A Star on the Stage and on the Silver Screen – The Stage Art of Ng Kwan Lai", allowing visitors to revisit Ng's spectacular performing career.

Curated by the Hong Kong Film Archive, the film programme will be held at the Heritage Museum's Theatre on 1/F during December and feature eight movies starring Ng. These are "Patriotic Heroine" (1960), "The Unroyal Prince" (1960), "The Marriages of the Two Princesses" (1958), "The Courtship of the Queen" (1961), "Lui Bo" (1961), "The Impartial and Incorruptible Judge Pao" (1967), "The Ambitious Prince" (1965) and "A Merry Maid" (1967).

The small display, featuring items including Ng's costumes, headgear and scripts as well as photos related to the plays she performed in the past, is now being held at the museum's Cantonese Opera Heritage Hall and will run until February 25, next year.

Ng Kwan-lai achieved extraordinary accomplishments in all four basic aspects of Cantonese opera – singing, acting, delivery of lines and martial arts. She joined a number of large troupes including Lai Sing Opera Troupe, Fei Fan Heung Opera Troupe and Chung Sun Sing Opera Troupe, and performed with renowned artists like Mak Bing-wing, Ho Fei-fan, Fung Wong Nui and Lam Kar-sing. They successfully built a repertory of Cantonese opera classics such as "Two Immortals at the Pavilion of the Moon", "Presenting a Sword at Hundred-Flower Pavilion" and "The Story of Chu Pin's Loyalty to the Sung Dynasty" which won huge popular acclaim.

For details of the exhibition and the film screening schedule, please visit the museum's website at [www.heritagemuseum.gov.hk/en\\_US/web/hm/exhibitions/data/exid256.html](http://www.heritagemuseum.gov.hk/en_US/web/hm/exhibitions/data/exid256.html) or call 2180 8188 for enquiries.

The Hong Kong Heritage Museum is located at 1 Man Lam Road, Sha Tin.

