

International Arts Carnival to stage immersive and interactive Italian dance theatre production "+Erba – A Forest in the City" in July (with photos)

The International Arts Carnival (IAC), a summer arts festival organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will present an immersive and interactive dance theatre production, "+Erba – A Forest in the City", by Italian art group Compagnia TPO from July 24 to 29. Fusing art, physical fun and learning, the programme allows children to be part of the performance, where they can build an imaginative green city with their body movements and learn how humans and nature can prosper together.

In the programme, children will be invited into a white cube transformed from the stage to use their bodies as paintbrushes to create their ideal city. Participants can add lush forests, open fields of grass, airy houses or bustling streets to the city as they wish. Be it a natural landscape or man-made structures, technology will make the wildest imagination come true. Every movement of the participants will be projected on the wall instantly to form a unique work of art.

"Erba – A Forest in the City" will be held from July 24 to 29 at 2.30pm, 4.30pm and 7.30pm daily at the Sha Tin Town Hall Cultural Activities Hall. The programme contains limited dialogue in English. Tickets priced at \$320 (free seating) are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone booking, please call 3166 1288, or use the mobile ticketing app "URBTIX".

Each performance will be followed by a free workshop where ticket holders can make bracelets from natural materials such as grass, flowers and seeds, as well as biodegradable masking tape. The final product can be put back into the soil to flourish again.

For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.hkiac.gov.hk.

This year's IAC will run from July 5 to August 11 featuring a wide array of fun-filled educational programmes by overseas, Mainland and local art groups and artists. In addition to acrobatics, magic, dance, music, theatre and puppetry, the IAC will also offer film screenings, online programmes, parent-child workshops and an exhibition.

