

Japanese artist Shiro Takatani to present multi-media production "ST/LL" in September

Japanese avant-garde contemporary artist Shiro Takatani will bring his multi-media production "ST/LL" to Hong Kong for its local debut in September. It is one of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Beyond Multi-arts' Series" programmes and one of the celebration events to mark the 20th anniversary of the Kwai Tsing Theatre.

"ST/LL" is a visual spectacle exploring the notion of time and space. The stage becomes a mirror to reflect massive projections and the movement of actors, aiming to transport the audience into a quasi-hypnotic state. Lighting and images intertwine to showcase mirage-like scenes one after another, leading the audience further into a dream-like world.

Oscar award-winning composer Ryuichi Sakamoto, together with Marihiko Hara and Takuya Minami, create the music and sound effects for "ST/LL". Japanese actress Mayu Tsuruta, a nominee for Best Supporting Actress for the Japan Academy Film Prize, is one of the four performers.

"ST/LL" will be staged at 8pm on September 20 and 21 (Friday and Saturday) and at 3pm on September 22 (Sunday) at the Auditorium of Kwai Tsing Theatre. Tickets priced at \$200, \$280, \$380 and \$450 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. A meet-the-artist session (in Japanese and Cantonese) will be held after the first performance.

Two extension activities – a screening of "Shiro Takatani – Between Nature and Technology" (in Japanese, French and English with subtitles in Chinese and English) and a pre-performance talk entitled "Exploring the Theatre Art of ST/LL and Shiro Takatani" (in Cantonese and Japanese) will be organised in connection with the performances. Admission is free with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For programme enquiries, concessionary schemes and reservations regarding the extension activities, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_800.html.