

LCSD presents free online concert series "Variations in Chinese Music"

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has launched a free online concert series, "Variations in Chinese Music", by local huqin performer Chan Pik-sum, dubbed "Goddess of the erhu", and the first episode is now available for viewing online.

Chan Pik-sum is collaborating with music arranger Johnny Yim and accompanying musicians who play various Chinese and Western instruments in the concerts. The characteristics of huqin will be on display in each of what will be four concerts. Yim will weave new arrangements from the spectrum between traditional and modern styles. Chan will also bring pleasant surprises to audiences, turning out Chinese/Guangdong music, Western classical music and pop, as she jams with piano, yangqin, cello, harmonica and more.

In the first episode entitled "Perennial Hits in Chinese Music", Chan (erhu) and Yim (piano) will collaborate with Bryan Lai (yangqin) in performing new arrangements of some of the best known classics in Chinese music, endowing them with a refreshingly modern touch and highlighting the quaint elegance of huqin.

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The broadcasting schedule of the remaining three episodes, namely "Story of Nanyin – the Wistful Southern Tunes", "Popular Tunes Across the Oceans and Seas" and "Music from Cantonese Movies" respectively will be announced on the LCSD's website

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1056.html and the LCSD Cultural Presentations Section's Facebook page.

Chan started learning erhu at the age of 6, and has been the concertmaster of several local Chinese music ensembles. Ardently promoting erhu music for the last few years, Chan has performed erhu crossovers with pop, jazz and rock music, while creating opportunities for collaboration among Chinese music performers and musicians of different genres.

To view the "Variations in Chinese Music" online concert series, please visit the LCSD's Edutainment Channel at

www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/edutainment-channel.html. For programme enquiries or more information, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/cp.