

LCSD to hold contemporary dance lecture series and workshops from September to November

Dance scholar Vanessa Cheung and five guest speakers will host seven contemporary dance lectures and workshops, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), from September to November.

Choreography seems very simple but it is intriguing and often starts with the creator's tastes and inclinations. The lectures and workshops will guide the participants to explore and discuss the special qualities of modern dance and contemporary dance through specially designed interactive sessions and dance performance video clips. The programme will also attempt to decode dance from its primary source – creation – and participants will be guided to understand how a choreographer selects, trims and pares down ideas and turns them into visible movements for the audience to watch.

The lectures and workshops will be conducted in Cantonese. Details are as follows:

September 19 (Wednesday), 7.30pm
Exhibition Gallery, Tsuen Wan Town Hall
Topic: "New Force in Motion" Series – "Lördagsgodis" by Gabbie Chan and "Moha" by Jennifer Mok
Guest speakers: Gabbie Chan and Jennifer Mok

September 26 (Wednesday), 7.30pm
Exhibition Gallery, Tsuen Wan Town Hall
Topic: "Tree of Codes" by Wayne McGregor (UK), Jamie xx (UK) and Olafur Eliasson (Iceland/Denmark)

October 3 (Wednesday), 7.30pm
Exhibition Gallery, Tsuen Wan Town Hall
Topic: "Dance On" Series – "Untitled III" by Wayson Poon
Guest speaker: Wayson Poon

October 25 (Thursday), 7.30pm
AC1, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
Topic: "Negotiation" by Olé Khamchanla (France/Laos) and Pichet Klunchun (Thailand)

November 1 (Thursday), 7.30pm
AC1, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
Topic: "Swan Lake/Loch na hEala" by TeaĀ Daá¹Ósa (Ireland)

November 8 (Thursday), 7.30pm
AC1, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Topic: "When I Grow Up" by Victor Fung
Guest speaker: Victor Fung

November 15 (Thursday), 7.30pm
AC1, 4/F, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
Topic: Siu Lung Fung Dance Theater
Guest speaker: Cyrus Hui

Vanessa Cheung holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance from Ohio State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree in dance from Texas Woman's University in the US. She was a lecturer of the School of Dance at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Her scope of teaching covered somatics and dance training for both the Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts (Dance) programmes, as well as mentoring Master of Fine Arts (Dance) postgraduate students.

Tickets for "Lecture Series and Workshops on Contemporary Dance" priced at \$50 for each session (free seating) are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/dance/programs_612.html.