

LCSD to launch online virtual artwork “Auguries of Innocence” by Wong Chi- yung

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will launch in late February the online virtual artwork "Auguries of Innocence" by cross-disciplinary artist-curator Wong Chi-yung, who creates a visual album in the form of a website as a response to his research on contemplative arts. The artwork allows viewers to dive into the practice of idleness, immersing their senses in music, soundscapes, virtual art and generative art in the digital realm. The visual album is complemented by a free online lecture series, "Talks in 3 Parts". The first episode is available today (February 11) at the department's Edutainment Channel.

As a collaboration with a team of experts, including Wong, music composer An Tôn Tháºt and creative technologist Markus Lanxinger, the online contemplative visual album "Auguries of Innocence" transcends the concept of mindfulness practice and contemplative arts to present a cinematic experience, with a wide range of elements such as creative coding, music, soundscapes, virtual art and generative art. Embraced by visuals and audio, audiences will be able to seek their own pace of equanimity through the practice of idleness. The album will be launched on February 28 (Monday) at the programme website at www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_1285.html.

In the free online series of three lectures, "Talks in 3 Parts", Wong will share with audiences his viewpoints and perspectives behind his creation by exploring various topics including mindfulness, cross-disciplinary collaboration and creative technology. Each episode is approximately 15 minutes long and conducted in English with Chinese and English subtitles. To watch the first episode, please visit the LCSD's Edutainment Channel at www.lcsd.gov.hk/edutainment/en/performing_arts/page_646.html.

In addition, a free online forum, "In Between Two Realms – The Making of Auguries of Innocence", will be held by Wong and Lanxinger on March 4 (Friday) to share their creative process. Details will be announced in the programme website later. A recorded highlight version (in English with Chinese and English subtitles) will be available at the above LCSD Edutainment Channel website on March 18 (Friday).

Wong is a cross-disciplinary artist and curator. He has been promoting artistic and academic exchanges for years through collaborations with various organisations such as the Théâtre de Liège in Belgium, the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority and the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Wong was selected as one of the Art Fellows 2020 by Yale University in the United States, where he developed arts and mental health projects.

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