

LCSD to stage "Music Delight" Series: "A Classical x Percussion Bash" in October

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will launch "A Classical x Percussion Bash" concert under the "Music Delight" Series in October, blending classical favourites with modern percussion instrumentation through a group of local young percussionists. This follows the successful staging of "Gingers' Tonic" concerts under the same series in July.

Rearranged by local percussionist Anna Fan, popular classics are energised with percussive beats in the concert through percussion instruments including marimba, vibraphone, drum set, timpani, electronic mallet controller, Brazilian surdo and African boba, from pop to heart-throbbing samba, then to African music with its crisp rhythm and beat, bringing a brand new musical experience to the audience.

In addition to Fan, young percussionists Chau Chin-tung, Joey Wong, Raymond Vong, Wu Tin-lap, Tracy Lam and guest artists Eyo Li and Emily Cheng will also take part in the performance, bringing audiences dynamic songs, including re-arrangements of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata", J S Bach's "Prelude in C Major, BWV 846", Saint-Saëns's "The Swan" and Prokofiev's "Dance of the Knights" (from "Romeo and Juliet Suite"), as well as a newly arranged classical music mashup.

Fan, a home-grown percussionist, graduated from the Music Department of the Hong Kong Baptist University in percussion and studied jazz drumming at the Berklee College of Music in the United States. After returning to Hong Kong in 2009, she collaborated with many well-known jazz musicians including Eugene Pao and Ted Lo and formed the jazz bands maRK and Da Jian, which focus on mixing jazz with ethnic rhythms. In addition to performances, she is also keen on promoting extraordinary percussion and jazz culture.

"Music Delight" Series: "A Classical x Percussion Bash" will take place at 8pm on October 30 (Saturday) at the Auditorium of Yuen Long Theatre. Tickets priced at \$120, \$180 and \$250 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1210.html.