

LCSD's "Cheers!" Series to present two stage performance screenings of "The Snow Queen" by Scottish Ballet (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s "Cheers!" Series will present two stage performance screenings of "The Snow Queen" by the Scottish Ballet at Hong Kong City Hall and Tsuen Wan Town Hall. A sparkling cast of characters will tell an amazing story of love and friendship through elegant dance performance, sharing the joyful and festive atmosphere of winter with adults and kids on the silver screen.

"The Snow Queen" is inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale, which was also the basis for the animated movie "Frozen". The story begins when the Summer Princess, who lives in the ice palace with the Snow Queen, has seen herself through the enchanted mirror embracing a handsome stranger in the future. She then decides to leave the palace to find him. The princess later recognises in town a handsome young man, Kai, who proposes to his beloved Gerda, as the stranger she saw in the mirror. To bring her sister back to the palace, the Snow Queen steals Kai and bewitches him to forget his true love. Gerda sets out alone to save Kai and reaches the palace. In the end, the Summer Princess returns to her sister, and the Snow Queen's spell is broken. Kai and Gerda are reunited.

The screening was filmed at the premiere at Festival Theatre Edinburgh in 2019. Choreographed by Artistic Director of the Scottish Ballet Christopher Hampson with sets and costumes designed by the award-winning designer Lez Brotherston, the production also features music of Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov that is played by the Scottish Ballet Orchestra, providing a feast for audiences' eyes and ears.

Founded in 1969, the Scottish Ballet has brought audiences of different places in the world inspiring performances with a creative vision crafted by Scotland over the decades. The company created the world's first digital dance season in 2017, thus opening a new dimension in dance and performing arts viewing, and promoting Scotland's pioneering spirit far and wide.

The first screening of "Cheers!" Series: "The Snow Queen" by Scottish Ballet will be held at 3pm on December 11 (Sunday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall, while the second screening will be held at 3pm on January 1 next year (Sunday) at the Auditorium of Tsuen Wan Town Hall. Tickets priced at \$60 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_1445.html.

Other highlighted performances in the "Cheers!" Series include "Techno

Circus" by SIRO-A to be held from December 30 to January 1 next year, and "The Good Old Days" (Rework) Pop-Up Book Theatre by Lau Ming-hang to be staged from January 12 to 15 next year. For details please visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/f_entertainment/groups_1427.html.

In order to comply with the requirements stipulated in the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) and relevant requirements of administrative instructions, members of the public are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code with their mobile phones/other mobile devices before being allowed to enter the performing arts venues managed by the LCSD. In accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Cap. 599L) and relevant requirements of administrative instructions, all persons entering indoor venues under the management of the LCSD must comply with the requirements of the Vaccine Pass. According to the latest requirements on the Vaccine Pass announced by the Government, all persons with their Vaccine Pass QR codes displayed in red or amber are not allowed to enter performing arts venues managed by the LCSD.

