

LCSD's "Our Music Talents" Series: Yangqin Recital by Yanki Ma to be staged in December (with photo)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department's "Our Music Talents" Series will present a yangqin recital in early December, in which local yangqin artist Yanki Ma will collaborate with Chinese and Western instrumental musicians to perform a variety of traditional Cantonese music pieces and contemporary compositions, showcasing her exquisite yangqin skills while giving the audience a taste of the diversity and fusion of artistic characteristics of yangqin.

In the recital, Ma will give solo performance of Iranian music "Chaharmezrab-e-Mahoor" on a santur and Appalachian folk hymn "Lancaster" on a hammered dulcimer. She will also play the solo piece "Phoenixes Flying in Pairs" and her original composition "Light in Darkness" on a Chinese yangqin. In addition, Ma will partner with yangqin player Chiu Kuan-wei to present another of her original composition "The Tanka Boat Song" and the Hong Kong premiere of "The Black Butterfly" by Chiu. She will be joined by Ricky Yeung (xiao), Chan Pik-sum (gaohu), Timothy Kwok (piano), Kiki Sun (ruan), Nazar Tabachyshyn (accordion) and Alphonsus Ho (double bass) to perform an array of music pieces to explore the boundaries between Chinese and Western music. Programme includes "A Hungry Horse Shaking Its Bells", "Lovers' Sorrow", "Waves Washing the Sand", "Dancing Leaves – Libra", "Csárdás", "The Countess Cathleen" and "Riverdance" from "Riverdance", and "The Phoenix".

Ma graduated from the Hong Kong Baptist University and the Central Conservatory of Music, with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Music and a master's degree in yangqin performance respectively. Ma was the founding Vice President of the Hong Kong Yangqin Association. She is currently a yangqin player of the Cantonese Music Assembly, a core member of the Jasmine Ensemble of the Central Conservatory of Music, Vice President and Secretary-General of the Asian Dulcimer Association, and a member of the Cimbalom World Association. In 2022, Ma performed at the Grand Variety Show in Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Hong Kong's Return to the Motherland. She also held solo recitals in many parts of the world.

"Our Music Talents" Series: Yangqin Recital by Yanki Ma will be staged at 8pm on December 4 (Monday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$140 and \$180 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. Package discounts will be available for ticket purchases with "Our Music Talents" Series and "City Hall Virtuosi" Series programmes. For discount schemes and programme enquiries, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1588.html.

