

Local artist Chan Kai-him to give huqin concert in September (with photo)

Local huqin artist Chan Kai-him will perform huqin classics and a series of Guangdong music in a concert in September.

"Huqin Concert by Chan Kai-him" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as part of its Our Music Talents Series.

The programme will include "Henan Tunes", "A Spray of Flowers", "Meditation during Confinement in Sickness", "Plucked-string Music", "The Red Plum Capriccio", "In Celebration of Good Times", "Autumn Moon over a Placid Lake", "The Little Red Peach", "The Lament of Lady Zhaojun", "Dreaming of Falling Snow", "Streaks of Tears and Threefold Sorrows" and "The Poetry of Music".

Chan Kai-him gained a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree with first class honours from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) in 2016, with a double major of erhu and gaohu under the tutelage of Wong On-yuen and Yu Qiwei. He also benefited from the coaching of many virtuosi such as Xiao Baiyong, Liu Yang, Jiang Cairu and Xue Ke. He later obtained a Master of Music degree with distinction from the HKAPA, with a major of gaohu under the tutelage of Yu Qiwei.

Chan is an active figure on the concert stage, having performed as a soloist and a lead player countless times, and has held huqin solo recitals. In 2015, Chan was selected as one of the Young Music Makers by Radio Television Hong Kong. In the same year, he won a silver prize in Young Professionals Group B at the International Youth Erhu Competition (Hong Kong). Currently, he is the acting co-concertmaster of the Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble, a part-time erhu performer at the Music Office, a member of the Hong Kong Music Lover Chinese Orchestra and a co-founder of Hong Kong huqin ensemble Goin' Music. He has also represented the HKAPA and several music institutions to go on tour for artistic exchanges and performances in Belgium, the Netherlands, Austria, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Hungary, Ireland, Taiwan, the Mainland and elsewhere.

"Our Music Talents Series: Huqin Concert by Chan Kai-him" will be staged at 8pm on September 30 (Sunday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$120 and \$160 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 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_582.html.

The LCSD is presenting the Our Music Talents Series to nurture and support local emerging artists and groups and provide them with performing

opportunities, enabling them to develop and showcase their achievements.

