

Local artist Loo Sze-wang to show superb skills in playing sheng (with photo)

Local sheng artist Loo Sze-wang will show his superb skills by playing a variety of compositions in a recital in October.

"Sheng Recital by Loo Sze-wang" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as part of its City Hall Virtuosi Series.

The programme will include "Festival on Tianshan", "Fishermen's Song of the South Sea", "Daybreak on a Snowy Mountain in Spring", "Zen", "The Love Valley", "Recollection", "Only Sheng", "MM (Tango)", "Sonata for Sheng and 17 strings Koto" (2nd movement), "Three Lai", "Keyed Sheng Rhapsody, Op. 1" and "Dazzle", the new work by Loo.

Renowned sheng virtuoso Loo Sze-wang has many awards under his belt, and has been active both as a soloist and as a chamber musician. He has collaborated with different performing groups including the Song Company of Australia, St Lawrence String Quartet of the United States, POING of Norway, the Fulcrum Point New Music Project of Chicago, Het Collectif of Brussels and the Macao Orchestra, covering Europe, the US, Asia and South America.

Loo has also premiered several sheng concertos, the notable pieces being "Miroir de Macao" by Lam Bun-ching, and "Hark the Phoenix Soaring High" and "'Twas the Thawing Wind" by Chan Hing-yan. In 2009, he was Artist-in-Residence of Cornell University in New York, the United States. As Artist Associate of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta in 2012, he went on tour with the orchestra to North America. His recent performances have included the operas "The Heart of Coral" and "Ghost Love" by Chan Hing-yan; the atmospheric music theatre shows "When Petals Fall in Serenity" and "Beyond the Senses" by composer Law Wing-fai; "The Anatomy of the Musician" by Samson Young in Paris, France; and the new concerto "Hark the Phoenix Solitaire Cry" by Chan Hing-yan with the UniMi Orchestra in Milan, Italy, under the baton of Yip Wing-sie in 2016. Loo is a founding member of the group Chinese Music Virtuosi, which was Ensemble-in-Residence of the Department of Music of the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2011-12.

"City Hall Virtuosi Series" Sheng Recital by Loo Sze-wang" will be staged at 8pm on October 28 (Sunday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$150 and \$200 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_556.html.

