

Local artists to share experiences on production of operas in Chinese

"Operas in Chinese Lecture Demonstration Series" will be held in October, featuring tenor David Quah as host. Guest speakers and local artists will be invited to join the lectures to share their experiences in performing and producing operas in Chinese, accompanied by live music demonstrations.

Details of the lecture series are as follows:

October 2 (Wednesday)

Topic: From Western Opera to Opera in Chinese

Content: David Quah will share the differences between singing operas in Putonghua and European languages. He will also discuss different techniques when it comes to interpretation, supported by his demonstration.

Speaker and demonstration artist: David Quah

Pianist: Dennis Tam

October 9 (Wednesday)

Topic: Composing for Operas in Chinese

Content: Recognised as having created the largest output of Hong Kong opera compositions, composer Chan Hing-yan will explore various aspects of writing operas in the Chinese language by drawing examples from his works.

Speaker: Chan Hing-yan

Demonstration artist: David Quah

Pianist: Dennis Tam

October 16 (Wednesday)

Topic: Is Composing Operas in Cantonese an Impossible Task?

Content: Setting operas to the nine tones of Cantonese is not an easy feat. Composer Chan Hing-yan and librettist Mak Su-yin will share their views and expertise with us.

Speakers: Chan Hing-yan and Mak Su-yin

Demonstration artists: David Quah and Candice Chung

Pianist: Dennis Tam

October 23 (Wednesday)

Topic: The Evolution of Opera

Content: Professor Law Wing-fai will share his vision of operas in Chinese, which deviate from conventional Western operas, with an emphasis on atmospheric creation that comes from an oriental aesthetic point of view.

Speaker: Law Wing-fai

Demonstration artist: David Quah

Pipa player: Lam Tsan-tong

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, all lectures will be held at 7.30pm at the Lecture Hall of the Space Museum. Tickets priced at \$50 (free seating) are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme

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