

Media artist GayBird to fuse arts and technology in stage performance "Keep Breathing at Zero" in September

Hong Kong media artist GayBird will present "Keep Breathing at Zero" in September, bringing a new stage experience to audiences by integrating arts and innovative technology to depict the presence of life with music and stage performances.

Continuing from the original production "Breathing at Zero", presented by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, GayBird uses media art, sound installations, electronic music and moving images to transform the stage into a percussion instrument, which is then connected through dialogue between humans and a robotic arm. This original work explores the relationship between humans and machines in the new technological era.

GayBird is a composer, arranger, music director and producer with two master's degrees. He has many years of experience in multidisciplinary artistic creation. His music is combined with visuals, electromechanical interactive programming, craftsmanship and installation art to offer a comprehensive musical experience to the audience. In recent years, many of his media and sound installation works have been exhibited in France, Athens, Hong Kong and Taipei.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department is now carrying out preparation work for the opening of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre. By presenting "Keep Breathing at Zero", the department hopes the novel stage experience will help promote the development of arts and technology at the community level, thereby fostering interest in and understanding of the arts and technology among members of the public, and help broaden the audience base for the performing arts.

"Keep Breathing at Zero" will be performed at 8pm on September 10 and 11 (Friday and Saturday) and at 3pm on September 12 (Sunday) at the Auditorium of the Kwai Tsing Theatre. Tickets priced at \$150, \$220 and \$320 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2694 2597 or visit ticket.urbtix.hk/internet/en_US/eventDetail/42252.