

Multimedia puppet and music theatre production "Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy" to be staged in August (with photos)

La Companyia del Príncep Totilau from Spain will present the multimedia puppet and music theatre production "Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy" for family enjoyment in August.

Blending classical music with human actors and appealing puppets, intriguing lighting and large-scale video images, rippling movement and dance, the programme presents a mysterious and exhilarating realm of discovery.

French 19th century composer Claude Debussy is renowned for his atmospheric impressionist works. In the programme, audiences can enjoy a live piano performance of Debussy pieces, including favourites "Clair de Lune" and "Deux Arabesques No. 1".

The story revolves around Monsieur Croche, who is dreaming during an afternoon nap. As his pillow slowly rises, he and his wife float towards a mesmerising enchanted island. Accompanied by a playful, blue-haired, horned fairy, they meet magical giant-eyed elves and a huge insect that swallows musical notes, and have a tussle with a mermaid amid the tossing sea, as their inspirational journey draws them into the joyous world of creativity.

"Monsieur Croche: The Dreams of Composer Claude Debussy" is one of the programmes of the summer festival International Arts Carnival (IAC). Details are as follows:

Dates and time: August 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday), 8pm

Venue: Hong Kong City Hall Theatre

Prices: \$140, \$220 and \$280

Date and times: August 3 (Saturday), 5pm and 8pm

Venue: Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre Theatre

Prices: \$140, \$220 and \$280

Date and time: August 4 (Sunday), 5pm

Venue: North District Town Hall Auditorium

Prices: \$140 and \$240

Tickets are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.hkiac.gov.hk/2019/en/debussy.html.

The IAC, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will run from July 5 to August 18.

