

Multimedia puppet theatre production "Nufonia Must Fall" to open in January

Kid Koala, a renowned Canadian DJ, music producer and graphic novelist, will perform the multimedia theatre production "Nufonia Must Fall" in January and February. The production includes puppetry, concert performance and cinema and is suitable for audiences aged 3 and above.

The heart-warming sci-fi love story of "Nufonia Must Fall" follows the marshmallow-like Robot R, who is on the verge of obsolescence. He falls in love with a female robotics expert and wants to create a song for her.

Premiered in 2014, Kid Koala's "Nufonia Must Fall" has toured widely, earning overwhelming audience responses in countries including the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Chile, Australia, the United Arab Emirates and China.

Kid Koala, accompanied by the Afiara Quartet, will perform his original score on piano and turntable. With 40 puppets, 20 miniature sets and cameras, the production recreates each scene from Kid Koala's graphic novel of the same title with puppets on the stage. Under the direction of Oscar-nominated production designer K K Barrett, the performance is cinematically lit, filmed and projected on-screen. The combination of cinema, theatre and a concert aims to offer a brand-new experience for audiences.

Kid Koala has released four solo albums and two graphic novels and has also contributed to the scores for various films. His appreciation for Charlie Chaplin movies inspired him to create the nearly non-verbal "Nufonia Must Fall" movie for the stage from his original graphic novel.

Details of the performances are as follows:

January 31 (Friday), 8pm
February 1 (Saturday), 3pm
Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall
Tickets: \$150 to \$360

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Nufonia Must Fall" is one of the attractions of the "Cheers!" Series. The programme contains some English with Chinese subtitles. Tickets are now available at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk). Children must be accompanied by a parent or an adult, and one ticket per person is required regardless of age (including for very young children). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/f_entertainment/programs_900.html.

