## <u>Music and puppet theatre production</u> <u>"Butterfly, Better Fly" tells story</u> <u>with Chinese music and paintings</u>

Drama group Pure Box will perform the music and puppet theatre production "Butterfly, Better Fly" (conducted in Cantonese) this August. The show presents a story of courage told through a combination of live guzheng music, physical movement, puppetry and multimedia.

Specially designed for children aged 3 to 6, the production features a picturesque realm of Chinese paintings and interactive toys in order to stimulate early learners' interest in the arts. It tells the story of a physically challenged girl who lives a simple life indoors with her beloved guzheng. One day she meets a newborn caterpillar that brings her tremendous joy. Later the caterpillar turns into a butterfly and flies away to the garden outside. It returns with other butterflies and invites the girl to step out of her comfort zone to enjoy the world outside.

"Butterfly, Better Fly" is produced and directed by Pure Box's artistic director Pisa Lee, who is also the maker of puppets for the programme. The performers and puppeteers include assistant producer Hollis Ngai, Chan Hoini, Cheng Pui-ka, Ada Wong and Cyrus Lee. The multimedia projection is designed by animator Step Cheung (Step C).

The production is one of the programmes presented in the International Arts Carnival 2021. Details of the programme are as follows:

Times and dates: 7.30pm on August 6 and 13, and 2.30pm and 4.30pm on August 7, 8, 14 and 15 Venue: Tsuen Wan Town Hall Cultural Activities Hall Price: \$220

Tickets are now available at URBTIX (<u>www.urbtix.hk</u>). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit <u>www.hkiac.gov.hk/2021/en/butterfly.html</u>.

The International Arts Carnival, organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is running from July 9 to August 15.