

Online programme "Circus for Cheerful Christmas" to light up festive season

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has launched the free online programme "Circus for Cheerful Christmas" by Hong Kong Circus to light up the festive season for people of all ages.

The story takes place in a village in Finland. It is said that the Star of Bethlehem on the Christmas tree points the way for people who have gone astray. One day, a naughty reindeer accidentally breaks it, leaving the whole village in darkness. The antlers of the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh have also lost their magic power! So, they look into a crystal ball for clues to resolve the situation, and it tells them they need to go to the highest part of the snow-capped mountains to absorb the northern lights in order to bring light back to the village.

This engaging five-episode series features circus entertainment such as fire stunts, acrobatics, dance, hula hoop acts and aerial action. The series will take people into the fascinating world in reindeer country, and the episodes will be launched from today (December 24) onwards till January next year. Details are as follows:

- Episode 1 The Star of Bethlehem
- Episode 2 The Magic Crystal Ball
- Episode 3 Escape From the Black Hole
- Episode 4 The Dazzling Northern Lights
- Episode 5 Red Ribbon and Starry Lights

Founded in 2012, Hong Kong Circus is a performing arts group that strives to create unique performances by harmonising contemporary circus arts with multimedia elements. The group proactively promotes contemporary circus arts by infusing local characteristics and humanistic stories that audiences can resonate with. Furthermore, Hong Kong Circus also organises educational workshops and training schemes. Its major works include Ngong Ping 360's "Hong Kong Movie-in-Dance" in 2014, the 2018 Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme's "KIBO's Journey of Rebirth" and the 2019 Community Cultural Ambassador Scheme's "Grad in My Dream".

To view the online programme "Circus for Cheerful Christmas", please visit the LCSD's Edutainment Channel at www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/edutainment-channel.html. For programme enquiries or more information, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_1074.html