

“Our Music Talents Series: Cong Quartet” concert to be staged in June

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will present the "Our Music Talents Series: Cong Quartet" concert in June. The Hong Kong young chamber group Cong Quartet will showcase their artistry and passion for music by performing several string compositions for music lovers.

Quartet members Francis Chik (violin), Chow Yip-wai (violin), Caleb Wong (viola) and Cheng Yan-ho (cello) will perform Mozart's "String Quartet in C, K. 465, 'Dissonance'", Mendelssohn's "String Quartet in A minor, Op. 13", and the Hong Kong premiere of local composer Adrian Wong's "Cracked".

Cong Quartet was formed at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music in the United States in 2015. The name of the quartet, "Cong", is a combination of the quartet founding members' last names that allude to Hong "Kong", where members come from.

Being active around Asia and Europe, Cong Quartet has given outstanding performances in several international music competitions, winning the First Prize at the 2019 Salzburg-Mozart International Chamber Music Competition in Tokyo, Japan, and the Second Prize at the 2021 Kreutzer International Music Competition (Chamber Music Category) in Belgium. The group is currently a quartet at the Netherlands String Quartet Academy, as well as the Artist in Residence of the Department of Music of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

"Our Music Talents Series: Cong Quartet" concert will be staged at 8pm on June 26 (Sunday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$160 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. Package discounts will be available for the "City Hall Virtuosi Series" and "Our Music Talents Series" held from May to August. For discount schemes and programme enquiries, please call 2268 7321 or visit

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1316.html.

Other highlights of the "Our Music Talents Series" include the "Vocal Recital by Michael C T Lam" to be held on June 15 (Wednesday) and the "Piano Recital by Wong Sze-yuen" to be staged on August 10 (Wednesday). For details please visit

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/groups_1317.html.

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