

Promising cellist Thomas Hung to perform in June

The rising local young cellist Thomas Hung will give a recital in June.

Hung will collaborate with pianist Colleen Lee to perform Schumann's "Adagio and Allegro, Op. 70", Mendelssohn's "Cello Sonata in D, Op. 58, No. 2" and Franck's "Sonata in A for Cello and Piano"; Hung will also perform Dall'Abaco's "Capricci Nos. 1, 2 & 11".

Born in 1999, Hung currently studies in The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) and serves as a member of the cello faculty at the Academy. He has taken part in masterclasses with Yo-Yo Ma and Wang Jian, amongst many other renowned cellists.

At age 13, Hung won the second prize in the 7th International Karl Davidov Cello Competition. He was also a finalist in the 7th National Youth Cello Competition (18 and above) in 2018 as the youngest participant. Hung was granted a full scholarship by the Asian Cultural Council in 2019 to attend the Aspen Music Festival and School as a fellow.

As a young performer, Hung's recital concerts had taken him to the Shanghai Spring International Music Festival, and he took part in the cross-strait cultural exchanges in Taipei and Hong Kong. As a member of the HKAPA, Hung participated in the "Orchestra of the Future" under the baton of Gustavo Dudamel, with performances for the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony in 2017.

Hung was awarded the Secretary for Home Affairs' Commendation Scheme in recognition of his musical achievements in 2012.

"Cello Recital by Thomas Hung" is one of the programmes in the "Our Music Talents" Series presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. It will be staged at 8pm on June 18 (Friday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$150 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and various discount schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1104.html. Other programmes in the "Our Music Talents" Series include "Clarinet Recital by Linus Fung" (May 6) and "Piano Recital by Tsang Hin-yat" (July 7).