Pulitzer Prize for Music winner Du Yun to present "Angel's Bone" (with photos)

Composer Du Yun, the first Asian woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Music, will team up with librettist Royce Vavrek and international and local musicians and vocalists, to present the Asia premiere of "Angel's Bone" in Hong Kong on November 10 and 11.

"Angel's Bone" melds opera, chamber music, electronic music and cabaret into a searing multi-art performance, exploring the dark effects behind modern-day slavery and human trafficking and probing the twisted psyche of traffickers.

The story tells the plight of two angels who have fallen down to Earth. They are found battered and bruised from their long journey by a middle-class couple who are in the midst of a financial crisis. They set out to nurse the wounded angels back to health, but then lock them in a room, leaving them a claw foot bathtub for a shared bed, and decide to exploit the bodies of the celestial beings for wealth.

Born in Shanghai and now living in New York, Du Yun won the Pulitzer Prize for Music for the production "Angel's Bone" in 2017 and was named a Guggenheim Fellow in 2018. Hailed by the New York Times as a groundbreaking artist, she was also listed by the Washington Post as one of the top 35 female composers. Du Yun works at the intersection of orchestral, opera and chamber music, theatre, cabaret, sound installation, electronics and more.

"Angel's Bone", performed in English with Chinese and English surtitles, is one of the programmes of the New Vision Arts Festival (NVAF). It will be staged at 8pm on November 10 and at 3pm on November 11 at the Kwai Tsing Theatre Auditorium. Tickets priced at \$200, \$320, \$440 and \$560 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the NVAF is celebrating its ninth edition this year and is being held from October 19 to November 18. For programme enquiries and discount schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.newvisionfestival.gov.hk.





