

Regional Music of China Series to stage "Virtuosic Tone, Lingerin Rhyme" in September

As the finale of the "Regional Music of China Series", the concert, "Virtuosic Tone, Lingerin Rhyme", will take place in September.

This concert, connecting and showcasing different regional cultures across the Mainland, highlights traditional styles and genres of Chinese music, guided by the sheng instrument. Apart from extant works, rearranged folk tunes from the "Anthology of Chinese Instrumental Music" (a published collection of Chinese folk and ethnic instrumental music compositions from different regions in the Mainland) will be performed. The audience's experience will be enhanced by the specially designed presentation of sheng playing and melodious tunes from different parts of China on stage.

Local renowned sheng virtuoso and artistic director Loo Sze-wang will take to the stage with young musicians, including Yue Kin-long (sheng), Pang Hong-tai (sheng), Kung Wai-kin (dizi/xiao), Gao Sijia (pipa), Cass Lam (sanxian), Chan Sze-tung (yueqin/ruan), Yeung Ching-ho (guzheng), Yung Po-man (huqin), Wong Tsz-kei (huqin), Bryan Lai (yangqin) and Chak Yuet-man (percussion). The programme will include "Grand Introduction", "Melody of Hanjiang", "Delights before the Palace", "Sky of Apricot Blossoms", "Listening to the Chimes on the Sword Mansion", "Deep Night", "Autumn Moon over a Placid Lake, Stepping High" and more. Their musicality in an ensemble format will bring out the essence of this sheng performance with folk tunes.

"Regional Music of China Series: Virtuosic Tone, Lingerin Rhyme" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The performance will be staged at 8pm on September 3 (Friday) at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$240 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_1125.html.