

Sichuan Huge Puppet Troupe to perform "The Fabulous Giant Puppet Show" in December

The Sichuan Huge Puppet Troupe will perform "The Fabulous Giant Puppet Show" in December. The performances are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department as part of its "Cheers!" Series and are suitable for audiences aged 3 and above.

The giant rod puppets of Sichuan Province originated in folk art and have a history of more than 300 years. The puppetry is one of the rarest theatrical genres in the world and was included in the first batch of the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2006.

The programme brings together the best in mythology, history and folklore, and features amazing stunts involving fast changes of faces, cloth changing and tea drinking and flicking of long sleeves by life-size puppets. The highly entertaining show with dance and live Chinese music offers an eye-opening opportunity to explore the rich array of traditional Chinese arts.

The Sichuan Huge Puppet Troupe boasts a superb team of puppet design artists, performers and dramatists, and has a wide-ranging repertoire including "Jade Lotus", "Legend of White Snake", "Three Battles with the White Bone Demon", "Floral Umbrella Dance", "Quick Change of Face" and "Long Ribbon Dance". The troupe has toured the US, the UK, Spain, Chile, the Philippines and Malaysia in recent years, and performed in the "2022 See You in Beijing" segment of the closing ceremony for the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games 2018.

Details of the performances are as follows:

December 28 (Saturday), 7.30pm
Auditorium, Tai Po Civic Centre
December 29 (Sunday), 3pm
Auditorium, Yuen Long Theatre
Tickets: \$140, \$200 and \$260

"Puppet Master Workshop" (in Putonghua with simple Cantonese interpretation and recommended for people aged 6 and above)
December 28 (Saturday), 3pm
Auditorium, Tai Po Civic Centre
Tickets: \$80

The performances contain singing in the Sichuan dialect, with Chinese and English surtitles. Tickets 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 7323 or visit

www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/multi_arts/programs_894.html.

A post-performance talk (in Putonghua) will be held on December 29 (Sunday). Members of the audience are welcome to stay behind for the session.