

[“The Once and Future” incorporates film, live music and laser display to bring new entertaining experience to audiences \(with photos\)](#)

The New Vision Arts Festival (NVAF) will present the programme "The Once and Future" that combines film screening, vocal performance, laser display and live music in mid-October at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre to bring a new film-viewing experience to audiences.

"The Once and Future" is a work of speculative fiction by award-winning Singaporean filmmaker Yeo Siew-hua. Yeo shot the film entirely in Argentina during the pandemic. The film is a thoughtful probe into humanity, the future of the earth and the voyages humans have yet to make. Breathing life into the film is an arresting, original musical score by composer Eugene Birman, to be performed live by ZeMu! Ensemble Berlin, the latest group stemming from the Berliner Philharmoniker, and with emerging Indian vocal soloist Anandi Bhattacharya personifying as artificial intelligence.

Commissioned by the NVAF and Singapore International Festival of Arts with support from Hong Kong Baptist University Faculty of Arts' Niche Research Area, "The Once and Future" is also one of the programmes of the Asia+ Festival.

"The Once and Future", to be performed in English with Chinese and English subtitles on the film, will be staged on October 21 (Saturday) at 3pm and 8pm, and on October 22 (Sunday) at 3pm at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall. A meet-the-artist session will be held after the evening performance on October 21. The programme contains nudity and adult content. Audience below 18 will not be admitted.

Tickets priced at \$200 and \$420 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288, or use the mobile ticketing app "URBTIX". Various discount schemes, including the newly introduced weekend package booking discount, are being offered. For programme and concessionary enquiries, please call 2370 1044 or visit www.nvaf.gov.hk.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the NVAF will be held from October 20 to November 19 to showcase an array of interdisciplinary programmes by overseas and local performing groups and artists.

