

# World's first underwater ensemble to present Asia premiere of "AquaSonic" in Hong Kong (with photos)

The world's first underwater ensemble Between Music from Denmark will present the Asia premiere of its sound-soaked concert "AquaSonic" in Hong Kong in October.

The show is a novel integration of the arts and science that resulted from the concerted efforts of physicists, vocalists, audio engineers, neuroscientists, deep-sea divers and musical instrument makers, offering audience members an extraordinary underwater concert experience.

Performers submerged in glass water tanks will play music and sing entirely underwater, with changing breathing and panting becoming part of the composition.

Having spent over 10 years on research and experiments, the innovative group has built up a collection of specialised instruments including carbon-fibre violins, an underwater crystallophone, a hurdy-gurdy rotacorda and more which are custom-made for subaqueous music-making. They have also perfected a distinctive vocal technique for submerged singing, producing original soundscapes that are both eerily melodious and powerfully resonant.

"AquaSonic" is one of the highlights of the New Vision Arts Festival (NVAF). It will be held at 8pm on October 26 and 27 and at 3pm on October 28 at the Sha Tin Town Hall Auditorium. Tickets priced at \$160, \$240, \$320 and \$420 are now available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the biennial NVAF, celebrating its ninth edition this year, will be held from October 19 to November 18. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2370 1044 or visit [www.newvisionfestival.gov.hk](http://www.newvisionfestival.gov.hk).

