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Cantonese opera stars to celebrate opening of Ko Shan Theatre New Wing with "A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty"

To mark the launch of the newly built Ko Shan Theatre New Wing, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present the new Cantonese opera "A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty" and some traditional Cantonese operas in October and November. Various acclaimed Cantonese opera stars will participate in the new opera, which was written by Yuen Siu-fai. The performances will be held at the Auditorium of the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. Details are as follows:

October 31 (Friday), 7pm

"Prime Minister of the Six States", the opening ceremony and "A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Yau Sing-po, Chan Wing-ye, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong, Jim Ho-fung, Kwok Chun-sing and Miu Dan-ching

November 1 (Saturday), 7.30pm

"A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Yau Sing-po, Chan Wing-ye, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong and Miu Dan-ching

November 2 (Sunday), 7.30pm

"The Butterfly Lovers"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong, Chan Ka-ming and Jim Ho-fung

November 3 (Monday), 7.30pm

"The Story of the Lute"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong, Chan Ka-ming, Kwok Chun-sing and Miu Dan-ching

November 4 (Tuesday), 7.30pm

"A Warring Couple"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong, Chan Ka-ming and Miu Dan-ching

November 5 (Wednesday), 7.30pm

"A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty"

Cast: Yuen Siu-fai, Wan Fei-yin, Yau Sing-po, Chan Wing-ye, Leung Wai-hong, Lui Hung-kwong and Miu Dan-ching

As suggested by the title, "A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty" is set during the Ming Dynasty. Fei Zhen'e, a palace maid who serves in the imperial palace before the fall of the regime, is always asking Emperor Chongzhen's eunuch, Wang Cheng'en, about the political situation beyond the palace walls. Wang is curious about her intentions, and is impressed when he learns of her high aspirations. He tells the Emperor about her, who is intrigued and assigns her to be Princess Changping's lady-in-waiting. When the successful rebel leader, Li Chuang, enters the capital, Fei disguises herself as Princess Changping and allows herself to be abducted by Li. Li then offers her as wife to his general Luo Hu, who led the foray into the capital. Fei feigns acceptance and kills Luo Hu on their nuptial night to take revenge for her emperor and her country.

"A Heroic Woman of the Ming Dynasty" is the opening programme of the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. The lyrics and dialogue will be supplemented with Chinese and English surtitles. Tickets priced at \$120, \$240 and \$380 are now available at URB TIX. Half-price tickets are available for senior citizens aged 60 or above, people with disabilities and their minders, full-time students and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) recipients (limited tickets for full-time students and CSSA recipients are available on a first-come, first-served basis).

A post-performance talk (conducted in Cantonese by Yuen Siu-fai) will be held at 2.30pm on November 8 (Saturday) at the Function Room, 4/F, Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. Admission is free with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7325 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/chinese_opera/program_629.html.

Ticketing enquiries can be made on 3761 6661 and telephone credit card bookings on 2111 5999. Tickets can also be booked online at www.urbtix.hk.

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