

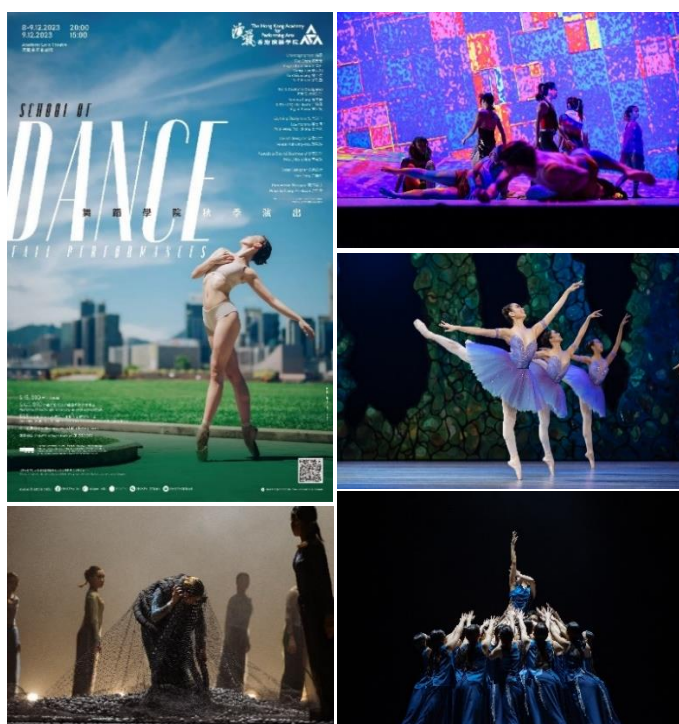
SCHOOL OF DANCE HIGHLIGHTS



The School of Dance will host the next event under **Dean's Special Artist Series**

on 29th January 2024. The topic is *Cultivating the Well-being of Dancers: Training for Physical and Mental Health* by **Tim Podesta** focusing on Young Dancers Wellness training.

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The School of Dance had meticulously prepared three original dance pieces exclusively choreographed for **School of Dance Fall Performances**. These captivating works included *Le Jardin Animé* by Eve Chan, *Synthetic* by Huynh Dam Van, and *The Land of...* by Yan Xiaoqiang and Yu Pik-yim, and showcased seventy-two talented dance students. Furthermore, adding an extra layer of artistry to the event, we were privileged to have obtained the kind permission of the City Contemporary Dance Company to restage an excerpt from Sang Jijia's latest production, *Stream of Dust*, to be performed by thirty-three graduating students.

Congratulations to all the students, colleagues, guests choreographers & artists and all those who have been involved and supported *School of Dance Fall Performances* for another successful dance production with 3 public performances this past month. We turned all the impossible into possible once again. Bravo to all!!!! Thank you for all the positive and congratulatory messages we received from guests, parents and the audience. It's very encouraging to the Academy and School of Dance. This year we also had the honour to invite the Chairman of the China Dancer Association, Deans and professors from many prestigious dance institutions in Mainland China to join the closing performance at Lyric Theatre on 9th December 2023.

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On 10th Dec 2023, all BFA Year 2 & 3 students performed 5 choreographies by School of Dance faculties Yu Pik-yim, Nguyen Ngoc Anh, Eve Chan and Li Yong-jing at Kwai Tsing Theatre for the Leisure & Cultural Services

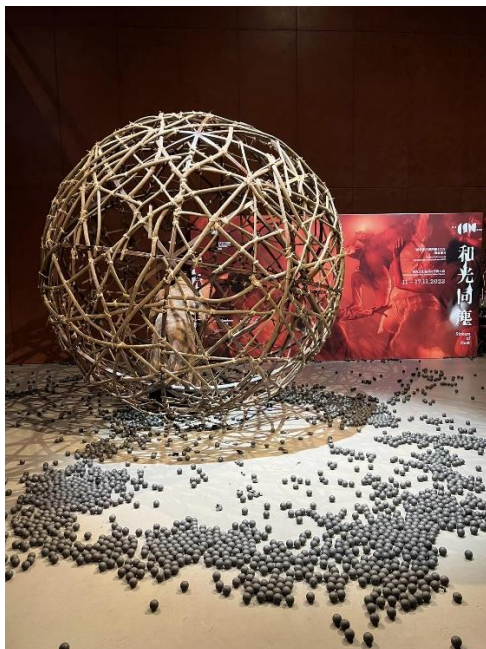
Department's **Performing Arts Carnival 2023**.

The performances at Kwai Tsing Theatre concluded the 5 touring performances to five performance venues in the New Territories.

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On 13th November 2023, a group of thirteen Chinese Dance year 3 students were invited to perform at the "National Exhibition of Culture and Arts Vocational Schools' International Exchange and Collaboration Achievements" (2023 年全國文化藝術職業院校對外交流與合作成果交流展示活動) in Shen Zhen. Their remarkable performance showcased the exceptional skills and artistry of these students. Additionally, we are delighted to announce that our Senior Lecturer of Chinese Dance, Yu Pik-yim, recent dance piece "*Unleashed*" was awarded "Outstanding Work" recognition by the 2023 National Cultural Vocational Colleges.



From 14th to 17th November 2023, thirty-three graduating dance students took the stage at West Kowloon Cultural District's Freespace the Box, delivering seven awe-inspiring performances of renowned choreographer Sang Jijia's latest work, **Stream of**

Dust. The final performance on Friday, November 17th, marked the opening of the "City Contemporary Dance Festival 2023 HOTPOT East Asia Dance Platform", where our young artists captivated the attention of international dance festival curators and artistic directors. Their exceptional talent also earned them an invitation to a post-performance networking event, providing a unique opportunity for connection and prospects.

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The Taipei Performing Arts Centre in collaboration with Centre National de la Danse in Paris hosted the 3rd edition of the

Camping Asia event from 20th November to 1st December 2023 in Taipei. Eight MFA major in Choreography students had the incredible opportunity to learn from a diverse lineup of international contemporary dance artists including Melati Suryodarmo from Indonesia, Watan Tusi, Lin Wen-chung, Liu Yi-chun and Peng Shihya from Taiwan, Joel Bray from Australia, Simon Mayer from Austria, Calixto Neto from Brazil and France, Manuel Pelmus from Norway and Romania, Ntando Cele from South Africa and Switzerland, Wanjiru Kamuyu representing Kenyan American talent, and Dalila Belaza sharing her Algerian-French heritage through workshops, forum and performances. The event provided a transformative experience for the students, allowing them to broaden their knowledge, refine their skills, and gain invaluable insights from these esteemed dance artists.



Between 10th to 12th November 2023, the School of Dance showcased our exceptional talents in the mesmerizing production of

RAIN at the New Vision Arts Festival.

This collaborative effort between The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and the New Vision Arts Festival brought together two gifted dancers from the School of Dance who were selected earlier in June to join a prestigious Japanese company for the production. Under the choreography of acclaimed Japanese choreographer Ryu Suzuki, Yutong Zhang (MFA Year 2) and Ray Cheung (Class of 2023 graduate) represented the School of Dance with immense pride. We extend our gratitude to the LCSD (Leisure and Cultural Services Department) for their unwavering support in providing international performance opportunities for young, locally trained artists in Hong Kong.

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