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A children's theatre company relives old literary classics



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Word Family

Literary

- literary (adj) 文學的
- I like reading the **literary** magazine.
- literature (n) 文學作品
- He is studying Russian **literature**.
- literate (adj) 能讀寫的
- Only 30 percent of women in this country are **literate**.

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Child's play

Everyone enjoys a good story. Youth performers channel this sentiment by bringing traditional fairytales and bespoke narratives to the stage in this modern live theatre event

THE FAUST FESTIVAL 2013 is an opportunity for young actors to perform and share their acting passions and talents with the people of Hong Kong.

The festival has over 60 performances to choose from, performed by children aged from four to 18. A wide selection of performances will be staged, from faithful storytelling of classic children's stories to innovative new shows for adults and family groups alike.



Festival

The Faust Festival
 Date: until June 16 Venue: Hong Kong Arts Centre
 Price: \$80 Website: www.faustworld.com/productions/festival.html
 Enquiries: 2547 9114 / Festival@FaustWorld.com

Staging Children's Classics

BUZZ! Buzz! Mosquitos are a nuisance but why do they buzz in our ears? *Why Mosquitoes Buzz* attempts to answer this very question. Meanwhile, young actors will retell Jonathan Swift's satirical novel *Gulliver's Travels*, and find out what it would be like if you suddenly became a giant. For older family audiences, the festival will be presenting *The Chrysalids*. Set many years from now in a post-nuclear holocaust society, a group of young people discover they have an unusual gift of communication.

There are many more classic tales retold in The Faust Festival such as *Peter and the Wolf*, *The Wonderful Hair*, *Dr Seuss' The Lorax*, *Madame Skoodle's Poodle*, and *The Pretentious*.

Innovative New Tales

ALONG with the stage adaptations of classic stories, the festival is also showcasing several new tales, many of which have been written especially for the occasion.

Modern Teenage Fables takes a look at traditional fairytales with fresh eyes, re-imagining them in a typical secondary school.

Hollywood Shakespeare investigates what would happen if William Shakespeare was alive and writing right now.

This year's festival also sees the return of the private detective Kip Marlowe as he investigates some strange goings-on in the colourful and often absurd world of a travelling circus in *Kip Marlowe and the Stolen Circus*.

Other new stories include *Fairytale Mash*, *A Day at the Circus*, *A Film Noir Fairytale*, *The King of Contradictions* and *The Misadventures of the Mask*.



Junior Standard is giving away 2 pairs of tickets for *The Pretentious* (May 31, 8pm) and *The Chrysalids* (June 12, 9pm), courtesy of The Faust Festival 2013.

For a chance to win, click [here](#) to join the Junior Standard Facebook page and answer a question there!

Drama

Russian tragicomedy

THE CHERRY ORCHARD is a theatrical performance that weaves sorrow with humour, taking the audience on a historical journey back to the 1800s.

Set in 19th century Russia, a woman from an aristocratic family and owner of a cherry orchard travels afar for her lover. Debt collectors wait at the door when she returns home. Left without choice, she sells her orchard and leaves the estate as the axes fall on the cherry trees.

The original play was written by Anton Chekhov, who intended the play to be a comedy, yet the director Constantin Stanislavski took away the farcical elements and interpreted it as a tragedy. The Hong Kong Repertory Theatre will combine both the comic and tragic elements.



The Cherry Orchard (櫻桃園)
 Date: until May 26 Time: 2.45pm, 7.45pm
 Venue: Hong Kong Repertory Theatre
 Price: \$140-\$280 (with limited student tickets)
 Website: www.hkrep.com

Workshop

Solve the mystery

CSI: THE EXPERIENCE - MACAU is an interactive exhibit where visitors try their hand at solving mysteries. It gives visitors the opportunity to play the role of a crime scene investigator from the US hit TV series. Visitors will familiarise themselves with scientific principles and genuine investigative techniques as they try to solve one of three crime scene scenarios. Visitors will formulate a hypothesis, validate their finds based on scientific evidence and try to crack the case.

Participants will learn to take notes, and make observations on fingerprints, blood samples, clothing fibres, DNA samples, bullets and other forensic evidence. Visitors will have a chance to test for evidence in two highly interactive lab areas and autopsy rooms. In the end, visitors can submit their conclusions and learn whether or not they solved the crime.



CSI: The Experience - Macau
 Dates: until June 15 Time: 11am-8pm daily
 Venue: Caspian Ballroom, Sheraton Macao Hotel, Cotai Central, Macau
 Price: \$120-\$288 Website: www.CotaiTicketing.com

Concert

Animated fantasy

COME and be charmed by the magic of Fantasia! *Disney's Fantasia: Live in Concert* is a live performance of Disney's classic songs by the Hong Kong Sinfonietta. This concert will feature selections from Disney's original animated films *Fantasia* and *Fantasia 2000*, including repertoire from Dukas' *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, Stravinsky's *The Firebird Suite*, Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker Suite*, excerpts from Beethoven's *Fifth and Sixth Symphonies* and more, all performed and screened simultaneously for the first time in Hong Kong at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall.

This magical concert will be conducted by experienced conductor Ken Lam.



Disney's Fantasia Live in Concert
 Dates: June 7 to 9 Time: 3pm, 7.30pm
 Venue: HK City Hall Concert Hall Price: \$90-\$190
 Enquiries: 2836 3336 / info@hksinfonietta.org
 Website: www.HKSL.org

Workshop

Birds' eye view

ENJOY the panoramic view of Hong Kong at 393 metres high while learning how to act in a drama. Sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck is presenting *Happy Family in the Sky* with various professional performing arts groups. The workshop will showcase the stories and spirit of Hong Kong through activities that aim to unleash the potential of children in arts and creativity.

In the Sky-high 360-Degree Site Specific Performance, Chung Ying Theatre Company will present an interactive drama workshop.

For the Sky-high Explorer Passport game, children will be introduced to the history and culture of Hong Kong through a simple quiz.



Happy Family in the Sky
 Date: until June 30 Time: 10am-8.30pm
 Venue: Sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck, 100/F, International Commerce Centre, Kowloon
 Price: free admission (weekends and public holidays)
 Website: www.sky100.com.hk

Vocabulary

nuisance (n) 麻煩事
 satirical (adj) 諷刺的

holocaust (n) 大屠殺
 simultaneously (adv) 同時地

panoramic (adj) 全景的
 farcical (adj) 滑稽的

hypothesis (n) 假設
 autopsy (n) 驗屍