

Press release

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International Arts Carnival 2023
Dance Drama for Families “The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys”
Don’t lose your way!



[4 July 2023 – Hong Kong] This summer, **Hong Kong Dance Company** will present the first sports-themed, large-scale dance drama for families *The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys* at Sha Tin Town Hall from 18 to 20 August. The story is inspired by the perseverance, enthusiasm and drive demonstrated by the **renowned Hong Kong cyclist Lee Wai-sze* (Sarah)** in sports. Taking the form of dance, the story of the indomitable struggle behind every athlete’s pursuit of the gold medal is outlined, and it inspires children to bravely pursue their dreams.



The story revolves around the protagonists Sai-yat and Tsz-kwan. They have been a fan of sports and cycling ever since they were kids. One of them is unusually talented, while the other is diligent and humble. Together they stride towards the goal of becoming the best in the world and initiate a wonderful competition involving bicycles and dreams.

About the Programme

A group of professional dancers from **Hong Kong Dance Company** and close to 300 members of **the Children's & Youth Troupes of the Company** will exhaust their best to put up a good performance! With a diversity of interesting **original dances** and inspirational **original songs**, along with the set, lighting, costumes and videos created by a professional production team, the performance illustrates how athletes shine in various sports venues, striving hard on the runway, field, stage, and in the swimming pool. Do you still remember what it was like to have your first dream? *The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys* is set to create pulsating moments with you and reignite your long lost passion.

Famous Hong Kong cyclist—Lee Wai-sze* (Sarah) become the No. 1 Supporter

The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys is greatly supported by Hong Kong Sports Institute, and names the famous Hong Kong cyclist Lee Wai-sze* (Sarah), as ambassador for the dance drama. Sarah made a surprise appearance earlier by **meeting up with the young dancers of the Children's Troupe of the Company** and watched their dance rehearsals including "**Badminton Dance**", "**Swimming Dance**", "**Table Tennis Dance**" and "**Ski Dance**". Young dancers aged 6 to 12 transformed into elite athletes and showed off their skills. Sarah also shared a joyful chat with the little dancers. Not only did she share her own experience of how she got in touch with cycling when she was young and her journey of becoming an athlete, she also offered them some tips earned from her competitions. If they felt nervous while performing on stage, the best solution was to look at the smiling audience who could make them feel warm and courageous. Before leaving, she gave high fives to all the little dancers, and everyone was full of enthusiasm.

Dance drama for families ***The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys*** of **International Arts Carnival 2023** will be held from 18 to 20 August 2023 (Friday to Sunday) at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall. Don't lose your way. Tickets are now available at all URBTIX outlets.

*Lee Wai-sze will not perform in *The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys*

Performance Information

International Arts Carnival 2023

Dance drama for families *The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys*

18-20.8.2023 (Fri-Sun) 7:45pm

19-20.8.2023 (Sat-Sun) 3:00pm

Auditorium, Sha Tin Town Hall

[Address: 1 Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin, N.T. Hong Kong]

\$360, \$260, \$160, \$100

Tickets Now available at URBTIX | Internet Booking www.urbtix.com

Telephone Booking 3166 1288 | Programme Enquiries 3103 1888 | www.hkdance.com

Discount Scheme

- 50% off for full-time students, senior citizens aged 60 or above, people with disabilities & the minder/ CSSA recipients (Only applicable to \$A-\$C tickets, limited quota)
- Friends of Hong Kong Dance Company up to 20% off
- All the "International Arts Carnival 2023" discount are applicable to this event
- Other details please refer to URBIX website

Programme duration is about 1 hour and 45 minutes with an intermission

Suitable for ages 3 or above | Hong Kong Dance Company reserves the right to change programme details and substitute artists

Programme Plus Events

The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys Programme Exhibition

Date: 17-31.7.2023

Venue: E1, Foyer Exhibition Area, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys Fun Fair

Date: 29.7.2023 (Sat)

Venue: Foyer, G/F, & Exhibition Gallery, 1/F, Sha Tin Town Hall

The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys:
Colouring Contest

The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys:
Sports Fairy Design Contest

Now open for application, learn more : https://bit.ly/KRJ_info

Parent-children group (1 parent + 1 child under 6 years of age)

Children's group (ages 6-10)

Teenager's group (ages 11-17)

Open group (ages 18 or above)

Application Deadline: 5.7.2023 (Wed) | Dated by the postmark

Download Stickers of *The Kids in Rainbow Jerseys*

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Production & Artistic Team

Artistic Director

Yang Yuntao

Concept/Choreographer/Artistic Coordinator

Cai Fei

Artistic Coordinators

Ke Zhiyong, Wu Kam-ming

Deputy Artistic Coordinators

Carmen Yau, He Chaoya

Scriptwriter

Simon Wong

Choreographers

Instructors of HKDC Children's and Youth Troupes



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| Music Director/Composer | Yin Ng |
| Lyricist | Cheung Cho-kiu |
| Costume Designer | * Bacchus Lee |
| | * By kind permission of The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts |
| Set Designer | Angelica Fung |
| Lighting Designer | Kinphen Leung |
| Video Designer | Lowing |
| Sound Designer | Ha Yan-pui |
| Theatre Instructor | Melodee Mak |
| Performers | Hong Kong Dance Company, HKDC Children's and Youth Troupes |

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Hong Kong Dance Company

“Dancing across East and West, Moving to the Tempo of Hong Kong”

Mission Statement

We are nurtured in the cultural tradition of China, combining with the creativity of contemporary art, to impress the world with Chinese dance of Hong Kong character.

Established in 1981, Hong Kong Dance Company (HKDC) is dedicated to promoting Chinese dance with contemporary artistic visions and Hong Kong character, staging over 200 productions to great acclaim. They include L'Amour Immortel, Lady White of West Lake, Nine Songs, A Tale of the Southern Sky and more. The Company has extensive international connections, making cultural rapport by touring to America, Europe, Korea, the Mainland and multiple others around the globe. With its mandate to create original interdisciplinary works, the Company delves into confluence of Chinese dance and Chinese martial arts traditions, creating novel dance and martial arts theatre Convergence and grand dance poem Shan Shui: An Ode to Nature.

Enlisted as one of the major performing arts groups, Hong Kong Dance Company was incorporated in 2001 as a charitable and non-profit-making institution, and is financially supported by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Expand your creative horizons beyond the classroom

Established in 2006 and 2008 respectively, the Children's and Youth Troupes (the Troupes) aim to promote Chinese dance and provide comprehensive professional dance and arts training to children and young people. Its unique, innovative educational model "Training—Performance—Appreciation" enables students to understand their strengths, uncover hidden potential, build self-esteem and elevate their artistic development. We pledge to provide an artistic environment in which our young performers can enjoy the fun, freedom and beauty of creativity.

The Troupes have won the highest honours at the China National Children's Dance Competition and established a reputation for themselves. In addition to performing in a large-scale dance programme every year, the Troupes also take an active role in cultural exchange events, having visited Beijing, Qingdao, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Panyu, Guangzhou, Jinan, the Greater Bay Area, Taiwan, Malaysia and Singapore. The Troupes provide professional dance training to young people aspiring to become professional dancers, paving the way for tertiary education at the HKAPA or other professional institutions.

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