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Ode to the Silk Road

Dance Poetry of the Distant West

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Unmasking the silky veil of the Western Lands



With billowing yellow sand beneath your feet and spectacular sea of clouds overhead, you glimpsed into the picturesque horizon of the Silk Road and caught sight of traditional dances. Joining force with prominent artists, Ding Wei, Tian Lu and Pasha, the **Hong Kong Dance Company** weaves in silky threads of inspiration from the diverse cultures and distinctive landscape in the Western Regions. For the sake of presenting an incredible performance to the audience, it not only brings together a number of prizewinning dance pieces, but also provides dancers the opportunity to learn and absorb the professional dance skills in Beijing.

In the comfort of the seat, seeing dancers in unique costumes and exotic rhythm, the audience is guaranteed a magic carpet ride for a breathtaking journey to the West. The award-winning dance collections will be presented from **22nd to 24th February 2019** at **Kwai Tsing Theatre Auditorium**.

| Performance Information | |
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| Venue | Kwai Tsing Theatre Auditorium |
| Date/Time | 22 – 24.2.2019 (Fri – Sun) 7:45 pm 23 – 24.2.2019 (Sat – Sun) 3:00 pm |
| Price | \$320, \$220, \$120 |
| Duration | Approx 1 hour 30 minutes with an intermission |
| Ticketing | Tickets available now at URBTIX URBTIX Internet Ticketing: www.urbtix.hk Telephone Credit Card Booking: 2111 5999 Ticketing Enquiries: 3761 6661 |
| Age Range | Suitable for aged 6 or above |
| Programme Enquiries | 3103 1806 / www.hkdance.com |
| Discount (Limited quota) | 50% off Full-time students, people with disabilities and the minder, senior citizens aged 60 or above and CSSA recipients |
| | 20% off Prestige Member of “Friends of Hong Kong Dance Company” |
| | 10% off Classic Member of “Friends of Hong Kong Dance Company” |
| | Please refer to URBTIX for other discount offers |

Ode to the Silk Road Pre-performance Activities: Ethnic Dance Workshop & Demonstration from the Silk Road (Limited quota)

| | 1st Session | 2nd Session |
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| Category | Uyghur Dance | Tajik Dance |
| Date | 16.1.2019 (Wed) | 23.1.2019 (Wed) |
| Time | 7:30pm - 9:30pm | |
| Venue | Studio 1, Hong Kong Dance Company (8/F, Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building, 345 Queen’s Road Central) | |
| Teacher | Pasha, the ethnic dance master | |
| Fee | \$250/ Session | |
| Online Application | www.art-mate.net | |
| Enquiry | 3103 1809 | |

Ode to the Silk Road - Dance Poetry of the Distant West Exhibition

18 – 28.1.2019 (Fri – Mon) 9:00am – 11:00pm

Foyer Exhibition Areas, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

Production Team

Director/Choreographer: Yang Yuntao

Artistic Coordinator /Associate Choreographer: Xie Yin

Choreographer: Ding Wei, Tian Lu, Pasha Umer, Jin Miaomiao, Se Ga, Su Zihong

Set /Costume Designer: Bacchus Lee

Assistant to Set/Costume Designer: Jacqueline Ip

Lighting Designer: Billy Tang

Sound Designer: Taishun Tse

Live Musician: Jason Leung

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, the Hong Kong Dance Company (HKDC) 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. As one of the nine flagship performing arts companies in Hong Kong, its mission is to promote Chinese dance with contemporary artistic visions and Hong Kong character. Since its inception, HKDC has staged over 100 productions, many of which were highly popular with critical acclaim. Recent productions include *The Legend of Mulan*, *Red Poppies*, *Spring Ritual-Eulogy*, *The Butterfly Lovers*, *Storm Clouds*, *L'Amour Immortel*, *Dream of the Past: Ancient Chinese Court Dances*, *Reveries of the Red Chamber*, *Chinese Hero: A Lone Exile*, *Vipassana*, *Lady White of West Lake*, *Tale of Three Cities*, *Waiting Heart* and *Liu Sanjie*.

As a cultural ambassador of Hong Kong, HKDC constantly brings the city's unique artistic style to the world by touring to different cities across the globe, engaging local audiences and encouraging cultural exchange. In recent years, it has brought its award-winning productions to the Lincoln Center in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Sony Centre in Toronto, the Concourse Theatre in Sydney and the Southbank Centre in London, among others.

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