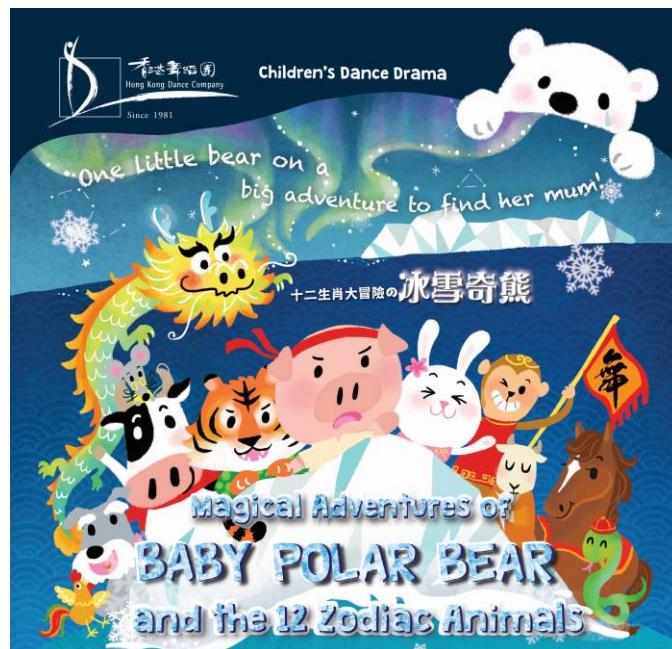


Press Release

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Children's Dance Drama *Magical Adventures of Baby Polar Bear and the 12 Zodiac Animals* Little Bear. Big Adventure.

The North Pole is threatened by global warming because of decades of pollution, even polar bears have lost their homes! The twelve Zodiac animals, each endowed with unique talent, are sent to the North Pole on a rescue mission. An avalanche separates mummy polar bear from her cub. Danger! Now it's time for the twelve little heroes to use their special talents to help the cub reunite with her mother.

The children's dance drama *Magical Adventures of Baby Polar Bear and the 12 Zodiac Animals* will be staged at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre from **21 to 23 August 2015**. Professional dancers of the Hong Kong Dance Company as well as young dancers from the Children's and Youth Troupes invite you to join them on this magical tour on ice.

The little animals' journey takes them face to face with adversity as well as fantastical Northern Lights and magical meteoric showers. And their team spirit overcomes all obstacles... Through dance, music and hilarious drama, twelve cute animals and the bears take you on a ride in this heartfelt tale about love, courage and environment protection. Children will learn about good sportsmanship and team spirit, as well as Chinese folklore. More importantly, the story will help raise their awareness about climate change and environmental protection.



[Trailer](#)

[Website](#)



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Programme Info

Date & Time	21-22 August (Fri-Sat) 7:45pm 22-23 August (Sat-Sun) 3:00pm
Venue	Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre
Ticket	\$240 \$200 \$160 \$100 Ticket available at URBTIX 50% off – Full-time students, people with disabilities and the minder, senior citizens aged 60 or above and CSSA recipients
Booking	www.urbtix.hk / 2111 5999
Programme Enquiries	3103 1806 / hkdance@hkdance.com
Website	www.hkdance.com

Production Team

Concept	Xie Yin
Choreographers / Artistic Coordinators	Xie Yin, Cai Fei
Choreographers / Instructors	Instructors of the Children's and Youth Troupes
Guest Actor / Theatre Instructor	Anthony Ho
Playwright	Eric Tang
Musical Director / Composer	Ben Cheung
Set Designer	Angelica Fung
Costume Designer	Bacchus Lee
Lighting Designer	Alice Kwong
Video Designer	Jason Wong
Performers	Hong Kong Dance Company professional dancers + Hong Kong Dance Company Children's and Youth Troupes

Programme Summary

One little bear on a big adventure to find her mum! Professional dancers of the Hong Kong Dance Company as well as young dancers from the Children's and Youth Troupes invite you to join them on this magical tour on ice. Through dance, music and hilarious drama, twelve cute animals and the bears take you on a ride in this heartfelt tale about love, courage and environment protection.

21-23.8.2015 (Fri-Sun) Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre

\$240 \$200 \$160 \$100 Tickets available now at URBTIX | www.urbtix.hk

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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.

History

Established in 1981 with the aim of promoting Chinese dance, the 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. Since its inception, the Hong Kong Dance Company has staged over 100 productions, many of which were highly popular with critical acclaim. Recent productions include *Qingming Riverside*; *The Smiling, Proud Wanderer*; *Snow Fox*; *Eagle Companions*; *Two Swallows – Ode to Wu Guanzhong*; *Spring Ritual • Eulogy*; *Plateau Bluebells*; *Feng Shui*; Pop Classics: *Joseph Koo's Dance Melodies 2013*; *The Legend of Mulan*; *The Butterfly Lovers* and *Storm Clouds*.

The Company has toured internationally as well as around Mainland China as a way to encourage cultural exchange. The Company was invited to perform at the “Meet in Beijing 2008” Arts Festival to celebrate the Beijing Olympics, and took part in the opening ceremony of the East Asian Games in 2009. In 2010, the Company participated in “The Ninth China Art Festival” in Guangzhou and the World Expo in Shanghai. In January 2013, the Hong Kong Dance Company presented *Qingming Riverside* at The Sony Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto and The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. *Spring Ritual • Eulogy* was presented at the National Centre for the Performing Arts in Beijing in September 2013, and the Novel Hall for Performing Arts in Taipei in December 2013 as part of Hong Kong Week 2013. *The Legend of Mulan* was presented at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York in March 2015.

Hong Kong Dance Company Children's and Youth Troupes

The Children's and Youth Troupes were established in 2006 and 2009 respectively to promote Chinese dance of Hong Kong character, and provide comprehensive professional dance and arts training to children and young people. Hong Kong Dance Company (HKDC) has developed a unique innovative educational model, “Training—Performance—Appreciation”, which both allows students to acquire high-quality dance training and focus on their personal artistic development. Through a series of dance workshops and participation in overseas cultural artistic exchanges, students gain comprehensive dance and artistic experience. Such activities enhance artistic cultural exchange as well as establishing meaningful liaisons. Our instructors are highly qualified dance professionals who are dedicated to dance education and to passing an important aspect of Chinese cultural heritage on to the next generation of dancers. Looking towards the future, HKDC will continue to offer children and young people a happy, creative and fulfilling dance environment.

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