STORIES OF LOVE

Theate, Dagee, and Music Special Event

A Performance Created by HKMU Students





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Message from the President, Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Professor Paul Lam, SBS, JP President Hong Kong Metropolitan University

Stories of Love: A Journey of Discovery and Self-Discovery

Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU) has three major goals for our students: to provide top quality education for them, to make sure that they have an excellent chance of developing meaningful careers upon graduation, and to encourage them to be valued members of society. Achieving these goals, however, does not mean that life at HKMU has to be only "dry", "boring" and work-focused.

This evening, I can safely say that we have added a new dimension to student life at HKMU. We would like to offer them an opportunity to come together as a group, to enjoy an evening of artistic creativity, to perform as a team – all of them, regardless of their background and programme of study. It is this spirit of togetherness that I appreciate and salute in "Stories of Love".

This evening is more than a simple variety performance; it is an adventure of discovery and self-discovery for these students. It is more than a mere selection of dramatic texts, choreography and musical scores. This performance is an occasion for them to make a statement about their pride in belonging to HKMU. It is not by chance that the motto of their stories is "Me and U". "Me and U" means dialogue, mutual understanding, respect and, of course, openness of the mind and of the heart without which nothing meaningful can be built.

I say to these students, as I will say to the many more who will be part of this new HKMU tradition in the future: congratulations! You have proved to everyone and, especially, to yourselves that love always prevails. Let us all be inspired by your beautiful message.

Message from the Dean, A&SS

Professor Charles Kwong Dean School of Arts and Social Sciences Hong Kong Metropolitan University



You are now on stage! My heartiest congratulations, my dear students!

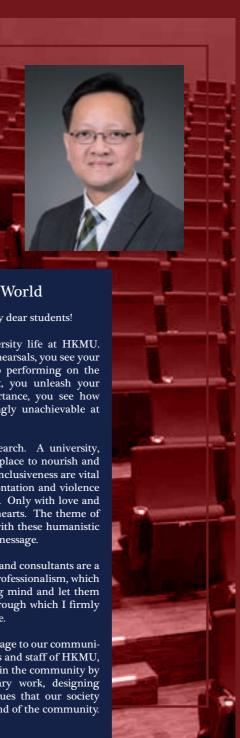
Tonight carries a significant meaning in your university life at HKMU. After several months of exhausting preparation and rehearsals, you see your own breakthrough, from overcoming stage fright to performing on the stage with confidence. In preparing for this event, you unleash your potential and discover your talent. Of equal importance, you see how working together can accomplish something seemingly unachievable at first sight.

University education is more than teaching and research. A university, particularly a School of Arts and Social Sciences, is a place to nourish and spread humanistic values in which love, diversity and inclusiveness are vital elements. We are living in a turbulent world. Confrontation and violence will only generate more hatred and misunderstanding. Only with love and inclusiveness, we will cure our wounds and heal our hearts. The theme of our show "Stories of Love" is to shower our students with these humanistic values and let them be the ambassadors to spread the message.

The tremendous efforts made by our faculty members and consultants are a true reflection of their love for the students and their professionalism, which I genuinely admire. Your love will nourish the young mind and let them spread love and inclusiveness to all people around, through which I firmly believe a better world won't be a dream at a far distance.

Last but not least, this show conveys an important message to our community – this University does not just belong to the students and staff of HKMU, but a university between Me&U. We engage ourselves in the community by participating widely in social services and voluntary work, designing programmes and conducting research to address issues that our society concerns. HKMU is a university for the community, and of the community.

My warmest congratulations and thanks again!





Message from the Chairperson of the Organising Committee

Professor Octavian Saiu Professor Chairperson of Organising Committee of "Stories of Love" School of Arts and Social Sciences Hong Kong Metropolitan University

It Takes a City to Raise a Student Stories of Love, Stories of Hope

An old saying from the oldest continent reminds us that it takes a village to raise a child. These days, in our ever-changing globalised world, its only possible equivalent could be that it takes a city to raise a student. Indeed, few things are more crucial to any student of any university, of any academic tradition, than the dynamics between the campus and the city to which it belongs. For a place like Hong Kong, this principle simply could not be overstated.

Therefore, this festive moment in time can be regarded as an advent of grace, a promise of a new beginning. We celebrate not only love, but also hope. We cherish the beauty of the human spirit reflected in the universe of the arts, through stories that capture something essential about each of us in eternal words, images and sounds. To discover them is for these wonderful students to find the joy of being together as proud HKMU emissaries and as inhabitants of this extraordinary city.

Their gift of love, expressed through Shakespeare or traditional Chinese drama, through modern musical tunes or contemporary dance, is as pure as their souls. It goes above and beyond the stories they are telling us this evening. It touches upon the core values of what it means to be at that glorious stage of life when greatness is genuinely possible with enough courage, energy and passion. It also conveys their renewed affection for this university and for this city, where their hearts will always be. So, let us join with them and sing their new anthem, a song whose message is at once simple, tender and truthful: "It's me, it's her, it's him, it's you! And we are all HKMU!"

Event Rundown

Romeo and Juliet: The Balcony Scene Remix

Dancing for Love

The Flirting Scholar: An Adaption

The Music of Love

The HKMU Student Anthem



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HKMU Student Anthem

We Are All HKMU

Lyrics by Octavian Saiu Music by Joanalene Mallari and Hanz David Kong

Credits

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