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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear friends and music lovers,

Welcome to the opening concert of the 2022/23 Recital Series! We are delighted to be bringing to Hong Kong an exciting array of solo artists this fall. Sadly, as the pandemic is not 100% behind us, all the artists who were supposed to be coming cancelled their China tours. But it is much easier to find new artists who are willing to quarantine for a week or less!

We are thrilled to welcome back one of the greatest performers of classical music in the world today, Mahan Esfahani. For those of you who attended his electrifying performance in the complete Brandenburg Concertos in January 2020, you will know that you are in for a special treat this evening. We are very happy to be collaborating with a new partner, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Shaw Auditorium Unit, who will also be presenting Mahan in a lecture on Tuesday, September 27th and a different recital programme on Wednesday, September 28th as part of their Cosmopolis Festival.

We have a busy fall ahead of us with two more fantastic recitals: a rising star guitarist from Brazil, Plinio Fernandes on Sunday October 30th and gold-medal winning Canadian pianist Tony Siqi Yun on Thursday November 24th. We also have a family concert on Sunday afternoon November 6th with percussion ensemble Rhythmaker, the newest group to join our Chamber Music in Schools programme.

All of these concerts would be impossible without the financial support of the Hong Kong government's Art Development Matching Grants Scheme, whereby every donation we receive is matched 150% by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau.

We are very grateful to all our patrons for their generous support. If you enjoyed tonight's performance and want to support our work bringing international artists and rising stars to Hong Kong, please do consider becoming a Friend of Premiere Performances – you can find more details on page 18-19 in this programme or on our website.

Enjoy the music!

Andrea D Fessler

Executive Director and Founder Premiere Performances of Hong Kong

艾斯凡哈尼 MAHAN ESFAHANI



2009年在倫敦首演後,艾斯凡哈 尼自此在國際樂壇上聲名鵲起。 他是當代首屈一指的古鍵琴家, 蹤跡幾乎遍及古典音樂演奏所有 領域 — 由廣受好評的演出到正規 曲目的錄音,乃至與當今舉足輕重 的作曲家合作,獲四大洲各大交響 樂專爭相邀請合作演奏協奏曲。 他是英國廣播公司(BBC)新世代藝 術家(2008-2010)之中首位亦是 唯一一位古鍵琴家,2009年 波爾列堤 — 布依東尼基金藝術家 大獎以及2022年威格莫爾勳章 得主;2014、2015、2017年獲提 名《留聲機》雜誌年度藝術家,並 於2013與2019年入圍角逐英國皇 家愛樂協會獎之年度演奏家。

艾斯凡哈尼以獨奏家身分與多位 頂尖指揮家合作,計有西格斯

Since making his London debut in 2009, Mahan Esfahani has established himself as the first harpsichordist in a generation whose work spans virtually all the areas of classical musicmaking from critically-acclaimed performances and recordings of the standard repertoire to working with the leading composers of the day to pioneering concerto appearances with major symphony orchestras on four continents. He was the first and only harpsichordist to be a BBC New Generation Artist (2008-2010), a Borletti-Buitoni prize winner (2009), receiver of the Wigmore Medal (2022), a nominee for Gramophone's Artist of the Year (2014, 2015, 2017), and on the shortlist as Instrumentalist of the Year for the Royal Philharmonic Society Awards (2013, 2019).

As a concerto soloist, his partners at the podium have included leading conductors such as Leif Segerstam, François Xavier-Roth, Ilan Volkov, 他為Hyperion和德意志唱片公司灌 錄了多張大碟,包括由前者發行之 一系列巴赫全集。這些唱片獲英語 和外語媒體一致好評,更贏得多項 殊榮,如《留聲機》大獎、兩個 《BBC 音樂雜誌》大獎、法國金音 Riccardo Minasi, Ludovic Morlot, Alexander Liebreich, Martyn Brabbins, Thomas Dausgaard, Antoni Wit, Thierry Fischer, Jiří Bělohlávek, and Andris Poga with major symphony and chamber orchestras and contemporary music ensembles. He also varies his solo engagements with meaningful chamber music partnerships alongside artists such as Antje Weithaas (violin), Nicholas Daniel (oboe), Michala Petri (recorder), Adam Walker (flute), and Hille Perl (viola da gamba).

Esfahani's work with new and modern music is particularly acclaimed, with high-profile solo and concertante commissions from George Lewis, Bent Sørensen, Poul Ruders, Anahita Abbasi, Laurence Osborne, Gary Carpenter, Miroslav Srnka, Elena Kats-Chernin, Daniel Kidane, Michael Berkeley, and other contemporary voices in forming the backbone of his repertoire. His commitment to explore the contemporary voice for the harpsichord is reflected in his 2020 Hyperion release 'Musique?' – a compilation of electronic and acoustic works including the modern revival of Luc Ferrari's 1974 Programme commun for harpsichord and tape.

His richly-varied discography for Hyperion and Deutsch Grammophon – including an ongoing series of the complete works of Bach for the former – has been acclaimed in the English- and foreign-language press and has garnered one Gramophone award, two BBC Music Magazine Awards, a Diapason d'Or and 'Choc de Classica' in France, and an ICMA as well as numerous Editor's Choices in a variety of publications including a

叉大獎、法國古典音樂世界大獎、 國際古典音樂大獎,亦備受多份刊物如《電訊報》和《紐約時報》編 輯的推介。

艾斯凡哈尼經常為BBC電台第三台和第四台擔任評論,主持多個節目如Record Review、Building a Library、Sunday Feature,並與人氣數學家及主持人杜·桑托伊於現場節目中亮相。

艾斯凡哈尼1984年出生於伊朗德 黑蘭。他在美國長大,曾在史丹 福大學修讀音樂學與歷史,曾擔任 練唱指導,於波士頓跟隨瓦卓恩學 藝,其後轉赴布拉格完成學業,師 隨捷克著名古鍵琴家盧西齊柯娃。 他曾經旅居米蘭、牛津和倫敦等地 多年,目前定居布拉格。 spot in the Telegraph's compilation of essential classical music and the New York Times List of Top Recordings.

He can be frequently heard as a commentator on BBC Radio 3 and Radio 4 and as a host for such programs as Record Review, Building a Library, and Sunday Feature, as well as in live programmes with the popular mathematician and presenter Marcus du Sautoy.

Born in Tehran in 1984, Esfahani grew up in the United States and studied musicology and history at Stanford University and worked as a repetiteur and studied in Boston with Peter Watchorn before completing his studies in Prague with the celebrated Czech harpsichordist Zuzana Růžičková. Following several years spent in Milan, Oxford, and London, he now makes his home in Prague.



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Events Sep 25 - Nov 10

- Sep 25 Hong Kong Philharmonic: A Chamber Orchestra Concert
- Sep 27 The Modern Harpsichord: Talk by Mahan Esfahani
- Sep 28 The Art of the Harpsichord: Mahan Esfahani in Concert
- Oct 4 Composers' Roundtable (Online)
- Oct 5 JUNK!VR: Virtual Reality Music Performance Workshop
- Oct 6 Synesthesia: An Electroacoustic Music and Multimedia Concert
- Oct 10 Balinese Gamelan Workshop with I Wayan Sudirana (Online)
- Oct 12 Music of Bali: Gamelan Yuganada (Online)
- Oct 18 Everlasting Cantonese Music: Treasure from A Century Ago Concert
- Nov 9 A Celebration of Italian and French Masterpieces for Violin and Piano -
 - With Gian Paolo Peloso and Rachel Cheung
- Nov 10 Meet the Artist: String Instrument Workshop with Gian Paolo Peloso









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巴赫與《賦格的藝術》

根據尚存文獻記載,不難引人推 測,巴赫晚年時恰如我們今日會 稱之為絕望的人。由於那些瑣 碎的權力鬥爭不由他控制,亦 遠超了他應付外交事情的耐性, 因此即使出任樂長初期時,心心 念念要做出「規範嚴謹的教會 音樂」,最終還是難以如願。 不論面對聖多馬大教堂裡冷漠的 神職人員,還是在萊比錫市議會 與嚴厲的官員打交道時,巴赫 突顯的自我價值和藝術要求總 是被視為好鬥難纏。那時候他之 於德累斯頓選侯同樣極不討好, 使他往往與當地權貴和同僚格格 不入。家裡的問題也令他大受 困擾;1739年他反叛的兒子 約翰·戈特弗里德·伯恩哈德離 世,原因不明,更使正值事業低 潮的他深受打擊。

On J.S. Bach and the "Art of Fugue"

It would not be a great stretch of the surviving documentary evidence to suggest that in the last several years of his life, J.S. Bach was what we would now call a broken man. Due to rather petty politics out of his control and beyond his patience for diplomacy, most of his hopes for what he had, at the outset of his cantorate described as "a wellregulated church music," were left unrealised. In his dealings with the unsympathetic officials of the Thomasschule and the equally dour Leipzig town council, Bach's sense of self-worth and artistic demands were invariably perceived as combative. Likewise, his appeals in that period to the external authority of the electoral court in Dresden were so extraordinarily ham-fisted that they often alienated him from local authorities and colleagues. Various domestic worries, most notably the mysterious circumstances of the death of his rebellious son Johann Gottfried Bernhard in 1739, only compounded the weight of the composer's professional disappointments.

Not surprisingly, in his mid-50s, Bach began to turn his attention away from his usual duties as a musician-for-hire toward various independent projects centred on his legacy as a musical thinker. Having composed and compiled the necessary cantata cycles for his directorship of the main Leipzig churches, he seems to have composed very little for the church in this period, and instead took a renewed interest specifically in music theory, copying out of a number of important treatises on counterpoint and harmony, as well as early sources of keyboard and vocal music by Frescobaldi and Palestrina. Nor was he indifferent

盤與聲樂作品。他對當時盛行的音樂也並非漠不關心,不但認識也演奏過彼高利斯和卡爾達拉的作品,還對兒子們創作的「優雅風格」給予相當積極的回應,這在《十二平均律鍵盤曲集》(1744)的第二冊裡尤其明顯。

儘管有證據顯示,巴赫在他職業 生涯裡相對較晚的階段有把目光 投向其他工作,但這位作曲家 最後的三套大型作品,的確 極不符合18世紀藝術贊助人的 嚴苛期望。題獻給腓特烈大帝的 《音樂的獻禮》(1747),似乎沒 有掩飾地越過了諂媚與羞辱之間 的界線;要是題獻對象稍費思 量,解讀到箇中的對抗意涵, 肯定會讓作曲家身陷險境。至 於《B小調彌撒曲》(1748-49), 由於歌詞出自彌撒經文,其中部 分正是路德教派禮儀不允許的, 因此巴赫生前從未聽過這套作品 的完整演出(但也許本來就沒打算 完整演出)。《賦格的藝術》是 最後也是最神秘的作品,尤其於 巴赫去世後才發表,更顯得撲朔 迷離。煞有介事的標題、分級 清晰的樂章 一 這套作品根本就是 巴赫的遺囑與證言。由此看來, 《賦格的藝術》集對位法之大 成,實在是合適不過;巴赫畢生 醉心鑽研賦格曲,將其當作一種 辯證手段,用以反思聲音作為主 要表現媒介的崇高本質。

to modern trends in music; in the same period, he not only acquired and performed works by Pergolesi and Caldara but also responded quite positively to the *galant* style of his sons, most notably in the second book of the Well-Tempered Clavier (1744).

While there is some evidence of Bach setting his sights on jobs elsewhere even at this relatively late stage in his career, the composer's last three major works were rather poor fits indeed to the rigid expectations of 18th century arts patronage. The Musical Offering (1747), dedicated to Frederick the Great, straddles a line between flattery and insult so barely concealed that surely it would have landed its composer in hot water had its dedicatee bothered to decode its basically confrontational message. The Mass in B-Minor (1748-49), due to its very nature as a setting of the entire text of the mass — that is to say, portions of it not permissible in the Lutheran liturgy — was never performed in its entirety in Bach's own lifetime (nor, perhaps, was it meant to be). The final one of these works, the Art of Fugue, is the most mysterious of them all, particularly with regards to complexities arising from it having been published posthumously. By virtue of its rather portentous title and the clearly graded nature of the progress of its movements, this work is as close as Bach came to composing a final will and testament. That the Art of Fugue should have been based on the quintessential genre of contrapuntal art is more than fitting in light of Bach's lifelong fixation with fugue as the medium for his dialectical reflections on the sublime nature of sound as a primarily expressive medium.

《賦格的藝術》由十四首賦格曲 (説來巧合,若果A=1,B=2,那麼 B+A+C+H=14)和四首卡農組成。 寫作緣起,其實是巴赫為了重振對 於18世紀中葉大多數音樂家來說 早已落伍的一種樂曲形式。在巴洛 克盛期神乎其技的演奏家眼中, 賦格曲大體上是一種戲劇形式, 迥異的旋律元素藉此給賦予了莊嚴 的意味,最後形成大量的和聲,和 充滿色彩的張力。而這份來自重量 跟裝飾音之間的張力,界定了韓 德爾神曲裡偉大的合唱賦格曲。然 而對巴赫來説,賦格曲的各種寫作 技法,尤其是那些諸如可轉位對位 法的高深寫法,本身就是音樂的意 義所在。因此,巴赫將賦格曲的表 現手法,理解為一種源自音符關係 的內在意涵,而不是音樂以外的 考量,例如詞藻華麗卻含糊其辭的 文本,或貧乏的動機語彙。這種世 界觀固然難以令一個寂寂無名的作 曲家得到時人更多青睞,但這對他 來說也似乎無關緊要。

1751年由巴赫的兒子C.P.E和J.C.F.監督的《賦格的藝術》雕版,所流傳的曲式建構或多或少是直截了當的。一如那個時期許多教化的典籍,作品裡的樂章也是如前段所提,劃分了不同級別,因此每個承接的樂段在某程度上會比先前的更複雜。

In the fourteen fugues (incidentally, whereby A=1, B=2, etc., B+A+C+H=14) and four canons that make up the work, Bach was essentially throwing a lifeline to a form that by the mid-18th century had become, to most musicians, obsolete. In the hands of even the geniuses of the High Baroque, fugue was an essentially dramatic form whereby a sense of gravitas and seriousness was given to disparate melodic elements, ultimately culminating in large masses of harmony; hence the colourful tension between weightiness and ornament that defines the great choral fugues of the Handelian oratorio. To Bach, however, the various techniques of fugue-writing, particularly esoteric ones such as invertible counterpoint, were themselves the basis of musical "meaning." Thus, fugal expression was understood by Bach as deriving from the immanent meaning of the relations between notes as opposed to extra-musical considerations such as text, or a limited motivic vocabulary with vague rhetorical connotations. This world view was hardly going to get a composer with a fairly obscure reputation in his own time more attention, but that seems in any case to have mattered little to him.

At least in the form transmitted by the posthumous engraving of 1751 supervised by C.P.E. and J.C.F. Bach, the architecture of the *Art* of Fugue is more or less straightforward. As with many didactic tomes of the period, the movements are, as previously mentioned, graded; thus, each successive section is more complex in some way than the previous.



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《賦格的藝術》頭四首都是「簡 單」賦格曲,根據一個主題寫 成;賦格三和賦格四裡主題以轉 位出現。隨後三首是疊奏賦格 曲:主題用於與自身對位,由此 織體內的不同聲部相繼緊接模 仿。以賦格五為例,主題以規律 或轉位形式出現,其後在最後幾 小節互相疊置。賦格六(法國風 格,即引用法式序曲的附點節奏) 裡主題用上四種形式:規律、轉 位、「減值法」(音符時值減半)規 律和「減值法」轉位。賦格七將 這一組合推至高峰,主題化身六 種不同形式:規律、轉位、減值 規律、減值轉位,還有「增值法」 (音符時值加倍)規律和轉位。採用 多種不同方式操縱主題原型後, 巴赫將注意力挪開;在接下來的兩 首賦格曲,他將主題原型搭配新的 主題,寫成雙重賦格曲。賦格九以 十二度對位建構而成,主題原型亦 以下五度出現,奏著十六分音符的 新主題則不時上五度響起。賦格十 以十度對位寫成,兩個主題各自以 三度和六度兼奏。接下來是兩首三 重賦格曲(然而,不知原因為何, 按照C.P.E巴赫的編號,其一為第 八首賦格曲),各自的主題原型皆 有節奏變化,附以經過音修飾; 第二主題則是基於稱為「巴赫」 的一對半音下行動機寫成(在德語 裡,與「B-A-C-H」四個字母 對應的樂音是「降B - A - C - 還 原B」),爾後在樂曲裡舉足輕重。 賦格十二和十三配以鏡像對位: 所有聲部裡每個音符都上下顛 倒了。最後是C.P.E巴赫錯誤以 《三主題賦格曲》為題的未完成賦 格曲:不論是原曲手稿還是1751

The first four fugues are "simple" fugues in that they are based on a single theme which, in fugues 3 and 4, is inverted. The next three fugues are in "stretto," meaning that the theme is used in counterpoint with itself and thus imitated in close succession between the separate voices of the fugal texture. In fugue 5, for instance, the theme is used in both regular and inverted form, which are then superimposed in the final bars. In fugue 6 (in stilo Francese, a reference to the dotted rhythms of a French overture), four forms of the theme are used: regular, inverted, regular "in diminution" (with note values halved), and inverted in diminution. Fugue 7 is the culmination of this set, using six (!) different forms of the theme: regular, inverted, regular and inverted both in diminution, then both forms "in augmentation" (with note values doubled). Having manipulated the original theme in various ways, in the next two fugues, Bach turns his attention to combining it with new themes in double fugue. Fugue 9 is constructed with counterpoint at the 12th, with the original theme also appearing a fifth lower, and the new theme in semiquavers also at times sounding a fifth higher. The counterpoint of fugue 10, on the other hand, is at the 10th, with each of the two themes being doubled in thirds and sixths. The next two movements are triple fugues (though, for reasons that are unclear, one of them is the 8th fugue in C.P.E. Bach's numbering). In each of these triple fugues, the original theme is rhythmically modified and decorated with passing tones, and the second theme is based on the pair of descending semitones known as the BACH motif (in German notation: B-flat -A - C - B-natural), which plays a prominent role later in the work. Fugues 12 and 13 are paired with their exact mirror counterparts, which means that every note is turned upside-down in all voices. Finally, we have what C.P.E. Bach erroneously titled

年雕版,在幾乎可以肯定樂曲將重 拾主題原型之前便戛然而止(儘管 兩份樂譜的完結位置不同)。即便 如此,主題原型與三個主題的對位 兼容性也絕非純粹巧合。關於這套 未竟之作,至今眾説紛紜 — 到底 此曲會否完成了,只是部分已經散 佚;還是正如C.P.E巴赫於樂曲最 後一小節所述:「賦格曲未及完 成…作曲家便撒手塵寰」(更有可 能的是,巴赫於1750年初經過一 次青光眼手術失敗後,便因完全失 明而無法寫作)。此外,學者亦一 直為手稿與1751年雕版之間許多 不一致之處所困擾,這包括後者才 有收錄的兩首《雙鍵盤賦格曲》 以及最後那首與整套曲集風馬牛不 相及的聖詠曲。而這些作品之所以 出現在1751年雕版裡,相信是為 了撫慰因購得不完整賦格曲而感到 失望的買家。

巴赫在《賦格的藝術》裡運用數 字神秘學的小把戲加上匠心獨運 的創作技藝,在在掩飾了結構鋪 排技巧,使人不易察覺作品之主 要目的 一 開拓賦格曲無限的表 現可能性。他以多種方式將此 實現。首先,與《十二平均律鍵 盤曲集》裡稜角分明的主題素材 相比,《賦格的藝術》的音樂語 言甚有古典韻味;為了達到表現 的效果,巴赫沒有像往常一樣藉 由調性解構的手法,反而透過以 協和音程(三度、五度、六度)寫 成的優雅自然旋律。再者,相較 於他直至1740年代幾乎所有創 作,《賦格的藝術》並沒有冒險 涉足特別難以駕馭的和聲。事實 上,作品裡好些賦格曲和卡農僅 the "Fuga à 3 soggetti," an unfinished fugue which trails off in both the autograph MS and the 1751 engraving (albeit at different points) before the almost certain reintroduction of the original theme, whose contrapuntal compatibility with the three themes is surely no mere coincidence. Much ink has been spilled as to whether there is a missing fragment of the completed fugue or, as C.P.E. Bach stated at the last bar of the truncated work, "while working on this fugue... the composer died" (more likely, he was unable to write after going completely blind to a botched operation for glaucoma in early 1750). This and a number of other inconsistencies between the engraving and autograph have long dogged scholars, including the presence of two fugues "à 2 clav[iers]" which almost surely, along with the final chorale completely irrelevant to the greater collection, were included in the 1751 printing as a form of consolation to buyers disappointed by having paid for an incomplete fugue.

Bach's numerological tricks and feats compositional mathematics somewhat obscure the main purpose of the Art of Fugue, which is to unlock the infinite expressive possibilities of fugue to the extent that the engineering underpinning it is largely dissimulated. Bach achieves this in a number of ways. First, particularly when seen alongside the angular thematic material of the Well-Tempered Clavier, the language of the Art of Fugue is quite classical in flavour, achieving expressive effect not through Bach's usual methods of tonal deconstruction but rather through graceful, natural melodies based on rather consonant intervals (thirds, fifths, sixths). Furthermore, in contrast to virtually all of his music up to the 1740s, the Art of Fugue does not venture into particularly wayward harmonies; in fact, a good many of the fugues and canons stay within a fairly narrow set of keys

用上相對有限的調來寫成,一般 在主調D以及一些相鄰調性的主 音、屬音、下屬音和減七度之間 徘徊。儘管如此,人們大概能夠 領悟,作曲家是怎樣鍊成阿多諾 最初定義的音樂「晚期風格」: 當藝術家對所用媒介掌握爐火純 青,讓他放棄與他所屬的社會秩 序溝湧,他的晚期作品構成一種 放逐。然而,有異於貝多芬最後 那些四重奏作品,巴赫作為作曲 家的最後陳述絕不討厭。他請我 們觀賞由他精心設計的、當中與 生俱來的美,但即使我們是演奏 者抑或聆賞者,終究還是給深深 著迷, 彷彿被吸進他所處的流放 地。不論作品的神秘元素為何, 巴赫的音樂之所以不受歲月影 響,在於他擁有無窮無盡的能耐 去發掘蘊藏在我們所謂的內在生 活裡,那些妙不可言的美。

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more or less hovering around the tonic, dominant, subdominant, and diminished seventh of the "home" key of D and a few of its neighbouring tonalities. Nonetheless, one gets the sense of a composer honing in on the elements of what Adorno first defined as musical "late style": when an artist in full command of his medium abandons communication with the established order in the form of exile from outer life. Unlike Beethoven's last guartets, however, Bach's final statement as a composer is hardly rebarbative. The composer asks us to see and to delight in the innate beauty in his machine, but ultimately, we (players and listeners alike, that is) are the ones being drawn in — as opposed to him coming out to meet us — at risk of compromising his inner vision. Whatever the arcane elements of such a work, the timelessness of Johann Sebastian Bach's music ultimately depends on his seemingly inexhaustible ability to tap into the ineffable molecules of what we call inner life.

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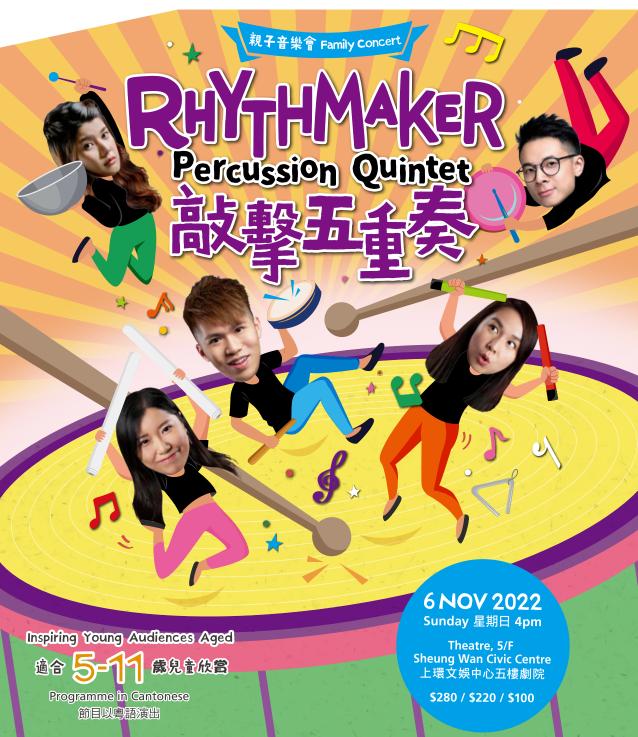
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