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20th Hong Kong Dance Awards - Shortlist Announced

2 March 2018 - Hong Kong Dance Alliance (HKDA) is pleased to announce that 44 outstanding nominees have been shortlisted for the **20th Hong Kong Dance Awards** (please see full list attached). Award recipients will be announced during the **20th Hong Kong Dance Awards Presentation & Gala Performance**, to be held on **20 April 2018 (Friday), 8pm at Kwai Tsing Theatre Auditorium**.

The shortlist was determined by a ballot of expert panelists after reviewing all the nominations received this year in 13 award categories. A final ballot will be conducted in March, when the panels of dance professionals will be joined by all members of the HKDA Executive Committee to decide the Awards.

A new award for **Emerging Choreographer** will be introduced to recognize up and coming choreographic talent.

In addition to the awards for outstanding achievement in specific categories, the **Distinguished Achievement Award** for exceptional, long-term contribution to dance will be presented and the recipient announced shortly. Previous recipients of this award include Lau Siu-ming, Jean Wong, Willy Tsao, Helen Lai, Yuri Ng, Mui Cheuk-yin, Aaron Kwok and Jackie Chan.

Since 1999, the **Hong Kong Dance Awards** have celebrated outstanding achievement in the Hong Kong dance field and recognized artists and organizations for their contribution to the development of dance in Hong Kong.

For this special ceremony marking 20 years of the Awards, HKDA welcomes the renowned dancer and choreographer David Liu as the Artistic Director for this year's **Gala**. Generously sponsored by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the **Gala** gives dance lovers a unique opportunity to enjoy performances by a wide range of leading local dance artists in one sparkling evening which showcases the diversity and excellence of dance in Hong Kong. Among groups performing will be the Hong Kong Ballet, Hong Kong Dance Company, City Contemporary Dance Company and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

Tickets for the **20th Hong Kong Dance Awards** will be available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk) from 20 March onwards.

For more information about the **Awards**, please visit: www.hkdanceall.org.

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20th Hong Kong Dance Awards Shortlist

(in alphabetical order)

Emerging Choreographer

- Lai Tak-wai
- Joseph Lee
- KT Yau

Outstanding Choreography

- Lai Tak-wai for *So Low* from **'Dance On' Series** (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
- Leila McMillan for *Three Fingers At Arm's Length* from **School of Dance Fall Performances** (The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts)
- Bruce Wong for *Why Not Kill Us All...* (City Contemporary Dance Company)
- KT Yau for *Unmixed* from **'New Force in Motion' Series** (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Outstanding Large Venue Production

- City Contemporary Dance Company for *Post-Perception/Transcendence*
- Hong Kong Ballet for *Le Corsaire*
- Hong Kong Dance Company for *Lady White of West Lake*

Outstanding Medium Venue Production

- City Contemporary Dance Company for *Why Not Kill Us All...*
- Hong Kong Arts Festival for *Will you still love me tomorrow? Hong Kong Remix* from **The Hong Kong Jockey Club Contemporary Dance Series**
- Unlock Dancing Plaza, Le French May Arts Festival for *Simon Says* by Unlock Dancing Plaza and Le Phare, CCN du Havre Normandie

Outstanding Small Venue Production

- ArtisTree, Daniel Yeung for *ContempoLion*
- Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Lai Tak-wai for '**Dance On' Series: So Low** by Lai Tak-wai
- Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Rex Cheng, KT Yau for '**New Force in Motion' Series: Solitary** by Rex Cheng and *Unmixed* by KT Yau

Outstanding Performance by a Male Dancer

- Lai Tak-wai in *So Low* from '**Dance On' Series** (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
- Li Han as Xu Xian in *Lady White of West Lake* (Hong Kong Dance Company)
- Wong Tan-ki in *IT'S NOT MY BODY chapter 2* from **Estival Feats** (E-Side Dance Company)
- Xia Jun as Lankendem in *Le Corsaire* (Hong Kong Ballet)

Outstanding Performance by a Female Dancer

- Chen Zhi-yao as Gulnare in *Le Corsaire* (Hong Kong Ballet)
- Dong Rui-xue as Clara in *The Nutcracker* (Hong Kong Ballet)
- Hua Chi-yu as Lady White in *Lady White of West Lake* (Hong Kong Dance Company)
- Tang Ya as Lady White in *Lady White of West Lake* (Hong Kong Dance Company)
- Ye Fei-fei as Medora in *Le Corsaire* (Hong Kong Ballet)

Outstanding Ensemble Performance

- City Contemporary Dance Company for *Why Not Kill Us All...*
- Hong Kong Ballet for *Coppélia*
- Hong Kong Ballet for *Le Corsaire*

Outstanding Lighting and/ or Visual Design

- Sue Healey for Concept and Filmmaking, Maurice Lai for Cinematography in *ON VIEW: HONG KONG* (West Kowloon Cultural District)
- Hoi Chiu for Sand Art and Live Performance in *The Little Prince* (City Contemporary Dance Company)
- Leonardo Scarone for Visual Design in *Le Corsaire* (Hong Kong Ballet)



Outstanding Set and/or Costume Design

- Lee Chi-wai for Set Design in *So Low* from '**Dance On' Series** (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
- Hugo Millán for Set and Costume Design in *Le Corsaire* (Hong Kong Ballet)
- Tsang Man-tung for Set and Costume Design in *Vipassana* (Hong Kong Dance Company)

Outstanding Music Composition and/or Sound Design

- Law Wing-fai for Music Composition in *Wuji Soundscapes* from **Vipassana** (Hong Kong Dance Company)
- Leung Po-wing for Sound Design in *Why Not Kill Us All...* (City Contemporary Dance Company)
- Mike Orange for Music Arrangement and Composition in *Carmen* from **Carmen and More** (Hong Kong Ballet)

Outstanding Dance Education, Youth Dance, Community Dance, or Environmental Dance

- Asian People's Theatre Festival Society for *The Third Tower of Babel: A Butoh Interpretation of Sham Shui Po*
- Hong Kong Ballet for **Ballet Classics for Children: Cinderella**
- Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups for *Love in the Moment* Dance Theatre
- Passoverdance for *Grey Area* from **2016/17 General Education in Arts Programme Tertiary Students (Dance) Finale cum Exhibition**

Outstanding Services to Dance

- City Contemporary Dance Company for **Jumping Frames International Dance Video Festival 2017: Dance Film Dance Goes On**
- City Contemporary Dance Company for **City Contemporary Dance Festival**
- Hong Kong Arts Festival for **The Hong Kong Jockey Club Contemporary Dance Series**

About Hong Kong Dance Alliance

Acting as a primary voice and support group for dance in Hong Kong and Hong Kong dance worldwide, Hong Kong Dance Alliance strives to promote, recognition, development, and mutual understanding of all forms of dance. The Alliance is the official Hong Kong organization of World Dance Alliance and a grantee of Hong Kong Arts Development Council Three Year Grant.