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20th Hong Kong Dance Awards – Anna CY Chan to Receive Distinguished Achievement Award

9 April 2018, Hong Kong – Hong Kong Dance Alliance (HKDA) is pleased to announce that Anna CY Chan is the recipient of Distinguished Achievement Award for her indefatigable work in dance education, promotion of Hong Kong dance, and innovations in ways to create, present, and sustain dance.

The award will be presented at the **20th Hong Kong Dance Awards Presentation and Gala Performance** on 20 April 2018 (Friday), 8pm at Kwai Tsing Theatre Auditorium.

Anna CY Chan – Recipient of Distinguished Achievement Award

Chan, West Kowloon Cultural District Authority Head of Dance and 2016 City Contemporary Dance Laureate, started her dance journey as a student at the Jean M. Wong School of Ballet, where she later served as Vice Principal. Professionally trained in Australia and UK and with Master's degrees in Dance and Education Studies from Universities of Surrey and Sheffield, respectively, Chan was Hong Kong Dance Alliance researcher and authored the 2004 Hong Kong Dance Award winning book *Intelligent Moves: Dance Education* advocating dance education as means for students to achieve full learning potential. As Alliance Chairperson she led it through major developments including achieving HKADC year grant status. She was the inaugural Head of Performing Arts Education Centre at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts creating successful community engagement projects and bringing thousands of school children to the Academy to learn about and participate in performing arts, and attend special performances by Academy students in all performing arts disciplines. Since she has been with WKCDA she has changed the way the dance community and audiences experience the art form, raising the bar in terms of skills, expectations, scope, and engagement. She is a dynamo who in a relatively brief career has already made a significant impact on dance in Hong Kong and represents all that is good in Hong Kong dance and its promise for a bright future.

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20th Hong Kong Dance Awards Presentation and Gala Performance

Date and Time: 20 April 2018 (Friday) 8pm

Venue: Auditorium, Kwai Tsing Theatre

Tickets: \$170, \$120 (Available at URBTIX from 20 March onwards)

Established in 1999 by Hong Kong Dance Alliance, the Hong Kong Dance Awards recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to the art form by Hong Kong artists and organizations, and is the major event of the thriving Hong Kong dance industry.

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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 Hong Kong Dance Alliance is the official Hong Kong organization of the World Dance Alliance and is a grantee of Hong Kong Arts Development Council Three Year Grant.