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## **2023 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival**

### **Ten Canadian Performance Groups Celebrate Across the Field of Singing and Dancing**

This year's Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival has invited a total of ten Canadian performance groups, covering both contemporary and classical performances, singing, and dances that integrate the characteristics of different countries.

In terms of performance, the Taiwanese Canadian Ensemble, led by Taiwanese cellist Judy Lou and eight young musicians, will play classical and Taiwanese ballads in the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The Vancouver Orchid Ensemble will perform together with the "Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra" at the Annex Theatre. The concert will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on June 30. The Orchid Ensemble was founded by Lan Tung, an erhu player from Taiwan. The unique combination of musical instruments and the special singing of Lan Tung's fusion of Eastern and Western styles are bound to bring a refreshing experience to the audience.

Another concert will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on July 8 at the Vancouver Playhouse -- the Taiwanese conductor of the Vancouver Pops Orchestra & Choir, Director Tom Kuo, will lead his musicians to play famous music from Disney movie series, bringing a happy and dreamy music feast to the audience.

Singing performance is also one of the key items of the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival. This year, a number of distinctive groups and Aboriginal music representatives will continue to be invited to perform for the audience in the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery.

The "West Coast Chicago" is composed of a group of musicians who have a common admiration for the legendary American rock band "Chicago". It is committed to recreating the sound, energy, and intensity of each classic work, deeply attracting people of all ages.

"XL The Band", which has been nominated for the Western Canadian Music Awards, includes the Vancouver hip-hop group "Swollen Members" that has won the Juno Awards. The band has decades of live performance experience. Their songs and music videos have been played more than 3 million times in streaming media, and they have been invited to perform in many famous music festivals.



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Tawahum Bige, from the Indigenous tribe, is a Łutselk'e Dene, Plains Cree poet and hip-hop artist. He has performed in more than 50 venues in Victoria and Toronto, mixing poetry and hip-hop. His single "Connect2Spirit" once ranked first in the Aboriginal music list.

In addition to performances and singing, three major dance groups will also bring dynamic performances to the audience in the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Originating from Los Angeles, USA, "Mozaico Flamenco" developed into a famous dance academy in Vancouver in 2002. Cyrena Huang, the artistic director, is a Taiwanese musician. She is a classical cellist with more than 10 years of experience in flamenco dance and rhythm training. She has worked with The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and performs in different international music festivals and dance festivals.

"Brazilian Swag", composed of young girls who love Brazilian dance and Latin dance, integrates Brazilian cultural elements and enthusiasm into the dance steps, including Brazilian war dance Capoeira. Brazilian Swag has participated in many performances at the TCCF and is deeply loved by the audience.

Korean pop music has been popular all over the world in recent years, attracting young people to participate. This year, two dance groups related to Korean Wave and Street Dance will be invited. Among them, "Da Space Fitness Studio" will perform "Korean Wave String", including songs from popular girl groups Blackpink and NewJeans. They will also perform the simple and easy-to-learn aerobic dance Zumba, so that the audience can follow.

"Moving Forward Dance Company" is a team of young people who perform young people's favourite hip-hop performances. The young members hope to conquer the hearts of local friends with enthusiastic and energetic performances.

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