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2023 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival

Three Outstanding Groups from Taichung Share Their Art to Carry Forward the Local Culture

This year, the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival will invite three outstanding groups from Taichung to perform, including aboriginal music and dance, yangqin performance and hand puppetry. The goal is to bring local culture to the international stage and contribute to the promotion of traditional art.

Aboriginal people are an important part of Taiwan's culture. The "Atayal Taiwan First Nation M-yu Dancers" is a group that focuses on showing the music and dance of the Atayal people and the Indigenous peoples, utilizing traditional ballad chanting as its main characteristic. The group has been invited to perform on international stages in New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Japan as well as at domestic large-scale festivals. They hope to carry forward Taiwan Aboriginal's music, dance, and drama culture, as well as Taichung's local culture.

Established in 2002, the "Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra" has roots in Taichung and represents Taiwan's strength and ability to command an internal stage. The group explores adaption of traditional Taiwanese music materials and contributes to the promotion and dissemination of Taiwan's music art and Yangqin ensemble.

Founded in 2008, the "Jin Yu Yuan Puppet Troupe" promotes the culture of traditional hand puppetry. Chao Jin Tong, the head of the troupe, crafted a hand puppetry studio for a TV program, and combined studio technology with a two-story stage that allows his performances to break through the traditional performance framework of hand puppetry. He has toured his innovative show to hospitals, childcare centres, senior homes, schools, military camps, year-end parties, and even internationally.

"Atayal Taiwan First Nation M-yu Dancers", "Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra" and "Jin Yu Yuan Puppet Troupe" will be performing from June 30 to July 2. All the performances will be held at the North Plaza of the Vancouver Art Gallery. As well, the "Taiwan Yangqin Orchestra" and "Atayal Taiwan First Nation M-yu Dancers" will hold additional indoor performances at the Annex Theatre.

For more information or inquiries, please visit the Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival website <https://tccfestival.ca/> or follow the TCCF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TCCFestival/>

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