

Wonderful Programs of 2018 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival

2018 Taiwanese Canadian Cultural Festival (TCCF) features the concert of “Melodic Ballads of Taiwan” by Taiwu Ancient Ballads Troupe from Pingtung, Taiwan and the opening presentations by Billy Chang, Artistic Director of TCCF and other local groups on July 14 and 15.

The Canadian band “Sounds Global Ensemble” will present the various looks of Vancouver. Its members are from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, including Moshe Denburg on guitar, Jonathan Bernard on percussion, Lan Tung on erhu, and Ngọc Bích Hoàng on danbau. They are also singers, creating an unusual mix of ethnic vocal styles. The Sounds Global Ensemble is formed to represent the Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra (VICO) at festivals and events when it’s not feasible to have the full orchestra on stage. The musicians of the Sounds Global are also members of the orchestra. They represent the different cultural backgrounds where VICO musicians have come from.

Taiwanese International Folk Dance Club and the Surrey Earth Dance Club will perform the folk dances. They will bring different styles of folk dances from around the world, such as Taiwan Amis, Korean Doraji Taryeong, Tokyo Bon, Hawaii Hukilau, and folk dances from Greek sailors, Israel, Albania, and Poland.

“Clan Vancouver Dancers” will perform the Scottish Country Dance, an elegant and brisk social dance. It has been around for centuries and prevailed in the 1700s in weddings, banquets or a parties. Its music is brisk, the dance steps are fun, and changing formations are great for social function and entertainment.

The “Brazilian Swag” is formed by a group of young girls who love Brazilian dance and Latin dance. Most of them become ZUMBA instructors. They want to introduce Brazilian dance, rhythm and culture to the community and blend important elements and enthusiasm in Brazilian history and culture into the dance. Dance is the most natural and effective way for multicultural integration. Other stage shows include dance, Zumba, international standard dance, Cheng Style Tai Chi Chuan, etc.

In addition to on-stage performances, there are many static exhibitions, including paintings by the Western Canada Taiwan Artists Society, Taiwan Photography Gallery, environmental paper-crafting and fabric art, special potted plants, children’s paper art and face painting and hand-made bouquets and Teddy bear by mentally challenged children. There are also clinic consultations services provided by Traditional Chinese physicians, chiropractic specialist, BC registered psychological counselor. Of course, Taiwanese foods, education, tourism, and shops are must-sees.

This will be the best exchange for Taiwanese lifestyle, art and culture. For further information please visit the official TCCF website at www.tccfestival.ca or call TCCS at (604) 267-0901