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International Arts Carnival 2008 – New Generation Series

Once On This Island

Musical in Cantonese

Mystical folk tales from the Caribbean

For the first time, the award-winning Broadway musical ***Once On This Island*** is translated and performed in Cantonese for Hong Kong audiences. The original Broadway show has received eight Tony Award nominations and won the Laurence Olivier Award for Best Musical. This enchanting musical fable features a compelling narrative and Caribbean flavored score.

Programmed as part of the New Generation Series of the International Arts Carnival 2008, ***Once On This Island*** is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and produced by the Hong Kong 3 Arts Musical Institute (3AMI), with Mohamed Drissi as artistic director and choreographer, and Alex Taylor from UK as director.

Awash with Caribbean rhythm and tropical abundance, ***Once On This Island*** tells the story of Ti Moune, a poor peasant girl who falls in love with Daniel, a rich city boy whose life she saves after a car crash. The four gods who rule the lives of the inhabitants send Ti Moune on the fateful journey that tests the strength of her love.

Told in a unique presentational story-telling style, this enchanting musical features movement-driven staging, rousing upbeat numbers as well as poignant ballads reflective of its Caribbean roots.

The Cantonese version of ***Once On This Island*** (小島情尋夢) will be performed by some of the finest musical theatre performers of Hong Kong, including the award-winning actress Bonnie Lam (林小寶) as Erzulie, Gigi Cheng (鄭至芝) as Mama Euralie, Annie Wong (黃安妮) as Ti Moune and Will Lo (盧卓安) as Daniel Beauxhomme.

The show will be staged at 7:30pm, August 8 to 9, 2008 (Friday to Saturday) and 3pm, August 9 to 10, 2008 (Saturday to Sunday) at the Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre. Tickets priced at \$180, \$140 and \$100 are now available at all URBIX outlets.



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Hong Kong 3 Arts Musical Institute was founded to provide musical theatre training to all musical theatre lovers by nurturing talents and fostering development. It aspires to cultivate young talent and impart professionalism and discipline to musical theatre performers by providing education, training, exposure, advice and information in an environment conducive to networking, research, development, exchange and growth.

Creative Team and Cast

Artistic Director / Choreographer	Mohamed Drissi
Director	Alex Taylor
Musical Director	Nobel Gabasan
Vocal Coach	Eli Fung
Music	Stephen Flaherty
Book / Lyrics	Lynn Ahrens
Book Translation	Jack Shu
Cantonese Lyrics	Chris Shum
Main Cast	Bonnie Lam (林小寶) Gigi Cheng (鄭至芝) Annie Wong (黃安妮) Will Lo (盧卓安) Margaret Cheung (張敏儀) Samuel Yau (邱萬城) Seth Chan (陳健迅) Andy Yau (游靖邦) Jenus Ho (何敏儀)

Performance Details

Date / Time	8-9.8.2008 (Fri – Sat) 7:30pm 9-10.8.2008 (Sat – Sun) 3pm
Venue	Sheung Wan Civic Centre Theatre
Ticket Price	\$180 \$140 \$100 Tickets available at URBTIX outlets
Program Enquiries	2370 1044 (LCSD) ; 2291 6357 / musical@hk3ami.com (3AMI)
Reservation/ Booking	2734 9009 (tel. reservation); 2111 5999 (credit card); www.urbtix.hk (internet)

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