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Hi-Ing Music Hall, Kaohsiung Music Center

The Best Mother's Day Gift! A Timeless Musical Feast Returns to Move Kaohsiung Once Again!

**Kaohsiung—The Cradle of the Island's Cabaret Shows,
the Pride of the Concert Economy**

Kaohsiung is not only a significant harbor in southern Taiwan but also the birthplace of Taiwan's cabaret culture. Major musical events have transformed the city into a must-visit destination for music lovers. By hosting a diverse array of music and cultural events, Kaohsiung is emerging as one of Asia's most vibrant musical cities. At the heart of this musical energy is the Kaohsiung Music Center, a hub for all types of musical performances. Equipped with modern, professional venues and facilities, the center brings together classical and innovative elements, fusing pop with traditional culture to preserve and continuously enrich Taiwan's musical heritage. This year, the Kaohsiung Music Center will once again connect generations through music, filling the harbor city's night sky with the beloved melodies of Taiwan's golden classics.

2025, the "Sapphire Cabaret" is Back!

The evolution of Taiwan's pop music captures the collective memories of generation after generation. From the 1950s through the 1980s, cabaret shows and iconic hits defined the golden era of Taiwan's entertainment industry, becoming a dazzling cultural emblem of the time. As evening lights illuminated the streets, songs and dances filled the air, making cabaret shows the most beloved form of entertainment. Today, the Kaohsiung Music Center is bringing these memories back to life. On May 10th and 11th, 2025, the Kaohsiung Music Center will transport audiences through time, rekindling the magic of Taiwan's golden classics that have accompanied generations.

The Golden Songs of Taiwan—Melodies We Once Sang Together

From the Taiwanese songs of the 1960s and 1970s to the iconic Mandarin pop hits of the 1980s and 1990s, these timeless golden songs hold a special place in Taiwan's collective memory. With the flourishing of cabaret culture, numerous classic works emerged, along with many legendary singers who shaped an entire era. These familiar melodies and heartfelt lyrics are treasured witnesses to our youthful years.

This year's "Sapphire Cabaret" will celebrate these unforgettable classics, bringing together star performers from the golden era of cabaret to deliver a truly iconic show. More than just a concert, this event will be a feast of memories, emotions, and culture.

This Mother's Day, invite the elders in your family to Kaohsiung and give them the best gift of music that takes them back in time!

Listening to Songs in Military Villages: Kaohsiung City Golden Melodies Return

From a musical perspective, this event will bring to life the era's memories rooted in military villages at Huangpu Wonderland. It will feature professional lectures, markets, and open houses by resident artists. The fusion of pop music and military village culture will ignite powerful cross-cultural energy, shaping a truly distinctive music festival.

◆ Fengshan Huangpu Wonderland West Lawn

Admission free

Folk Song Classics Return 4/13 Sun. 15:00-19:00

Between the 1970s and 1990s, as military village culture became integrated into Taiwanese society, the emotions carried in songs were no longer confined to their origins. This era marked the golden age of Mandarin pop music. "Folk Song Classics Return" seeks to bring these songs into military villages, intertwining popular music with the stories of these communities and returning them to the spaces where they belong.



15:00-15:30
Roger Wang



16:00-16:30
Steve Chow



17:00-17:30
Sophia Fang Ji-Wei



18:00-18:30
Wawa King



Doji Market
4/13 Sun. 14:00-19:00
◆ W. 3rd/ 4th Ln., Huangpu Wonderland

Echoes of Military Village Memories 4/19 Sat. 15:00-19:00

The musical heritage of Taiwan's military villages is unique, evolving from the first-generation veterans' longing for home to the second-generation's love for rock music, and later blending local influences with village nostalgia in the third generation. Let's relive those moments through classic nostalgic songs, as musicians take us back to the golden era of record players.



15:00-15:30
Bison Country



16:00-16:30
ZiXuan & Slow Train



17:00-18:00
Bobby Chen & New Formosa Band

New Generation of Voices: Grand Party 4/20 Sun. 15:00-19:00

Today, military village culture is showcased in diverse forms, sharing past memories through a deeper connection to local emotions. Let's come together for a grand celebration at Huangpu Wonderland, bringing new vitality to the village with the voices of a new generation.



15:00-15:30
The Old Mog
Detective Agency



17:30-18:00
88balaz



16:00-17:00
My Language Practice
Book: DJ Mister Skin



18:30-19:00
Ma Nien-Hsien

CONDUCTOR LIN YI-HUI X KCO 高雄市國樂團 X LITTLE WAVES CREATION
Director/Screenwriter | Yang Jin-Wen Organizers | Bureau of Cultural Affairs, Kaohsiung City Government;
Kaohsiung Philharmonic Cultural & Arts Foundation

4.19 sat 20 sun
15:30 DADONG ARTS CENTER

SETLIST
Kuan Nai-Chung: **Pray for Rain**
Yen Ming-Hsiu: **Have Tea** (Excerpt)
Cho Chi-Jou: **Tiger Aunt**
Chung Chia-Lin: **Moo-Sin-A**
Deng Yu-Hsien (Composer),
Lee Che-Yi (Arranger): **Verses on Flowers**
Kuan Nai-Chung: **Charm of Formosa III, Cloudy Day**
Feng Hui-Ju: **Countryside**



KSAF 2025
妖怪影繪劇
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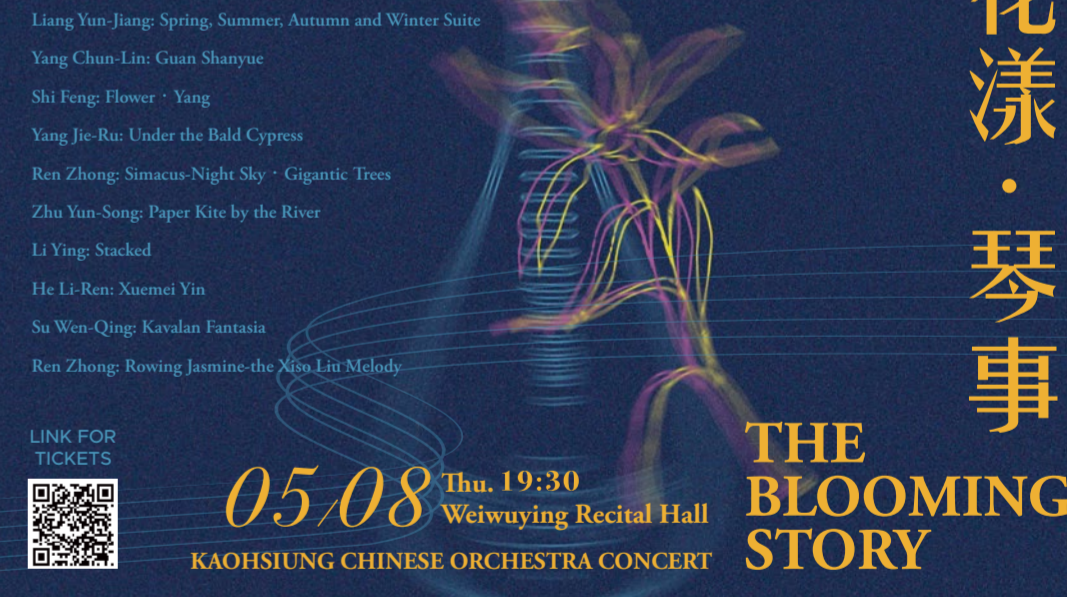
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4.26 Sat. - 27 Sun.
10:30 & 14:30
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KSAF 2025
重生幻想



Performance unit KSO 高雄市交響樂團 Kaohsiung Symphony Orchestra
4/27 Sun. 14:30 Weiwuying Concert Hall
SETLIST
Bedřich Smetana: Overture from "Bartered Bride"
Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto in D major, Op.35
Hector Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 14
Tickets: NTS 300, 500, 700, 900, 1200, 1500, 2000
Organizers: 財團法人高雄市愛樂文化藝術基金會
Sponsor: 中鋼集團

KSAF 2025 KCO 高雄市國樂團
Music Director — Kuo Che-Chen
花漾·琴事



05.08 Thu. 19:30
Weiwuying Recital Hall
KAOHSIUNG CHINESE ORCHESTRA CONCERT
LINK FOR TICKETS
The Way BACK
回家
手語故事版
An inclusive family show
A boy with a heart full of dreams
How can he find his way home through all the brokenness?
Kaohsiung Experimental Theatre at Pier-2 Art Center B9 Warehouse
5/10 Sat. 14:30, 19:30
5/11 Sun. 14:30
Tickets: NT\$600
Touring Taipei, Nantou, Hualien, Taitung, Taichung, as well as cities in the UK and France
The 2025 KSAF Experimental Theatre Series
A delicate family puppet show you can't miss!

The Pier-2 Art Center ①No. 1, Dayong Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City
📞07-5214899, 07-5214881 📍 pier2.org

Contemporary Cave of Curiosity: Snake 2024.11.22-2025.04.13

Dayong Warehouse C5

In myths and religious beliefs of both Eastern and Western traditions, the reverence for snakes is a common theme among various cultures. Many creators have drawn inspiration from this, adding snake elements into their works. This exhibition centers around the image of the snake, guiding visitors into a fantastical underground cave.

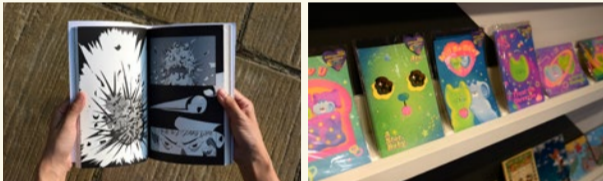
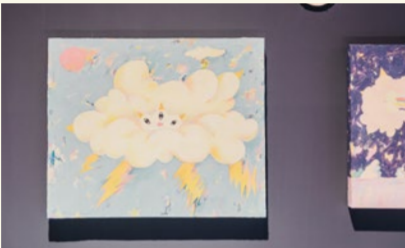
Artist June June Wei uses paper sculptures to depict the Ouroboros, a symbol of infinite cycles and rebirth. These sculptures encourage viewers to reflect on the deep connection between humanity and nature and foster self-awareness. Designer Pin Hsi-Kuan creates illustrations showcasing the diversity of snake patterns, integrating them with mirrored installations in the exhibition space to produce a kaleidoscope-like visual spectacle.



have a ___dream 2024.12.20-2025.5.18

Dayi Warehouse C7: A.C.G.N. Warehouse

This exhibition centers on the theme of dreams, featuring nine Taiwanese artists who use different types of art to share their creative worlds. In the "brave dreams" section, artists 57 Wu Chi and SAITEMISS show works that include drawings, sculptures, and hand-drawn art, showing their skill in using many art styles.



Kaohsiung Cultural Center ①No.67, Wufu 1st Rd., Lingya Dist., Kaohsiung City 📞07-2225136 📍 khcc.kcg.gov.tw
Galleries Opening hours: Tue. to Thu. and Sun.10:30-17:30; Fri. and Sat.10:30-20:00 (Closed on Mon.)

4.12 Sat. 14:30 Jihhde Hall Princess Snivels

► Organizer and Performance unit: Mind Present Chamber Orchestra
► Tickets: NT\$600, 800, 1000, 1200 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)
► Tel: 03-9566011

Music performances, adaptations of popular picture books, upgraded stage design, and interactive acting come together to create a reimagined musical. Moving beyond the concept of a "musical made solely for children," it incorporates perspectives from both parents and children, fostering mutual understanding and self-expression. Through music, children not only listen but also learn to manage their emotions.



4.14 Mon. 19:30 Jihhde Hall RAJATON: Finnish A Cappella Night

► Organizer: Taiwan Soka Association ► Performance unit: Rajaton
► Tickets: NT\$900, 1200, 1500, 1800, 2000(For inquiries, please contact the organizer at 02-28881777 ext. 220 or soka.fdn.tk@gmail.com.)
► Tel: 02-28881777

Rajaton, the legendary a cappella group from Finland, has captivated audiences worldwide with their boundless musical style. This extraordinary ensemble of six vocalists seamlessly blends classical, folk, pop, and rock, pushing the limits of the human voice. Join us and experience the breathtaking harmonies and limitless beauty of Rajaton!



4.15 Tue. 19:30 Jihshin Hall The Sound of Folk Song: A Concert of Classic Old Songs

► Organizer: Song Yu-Ping ► Performance unit: Song Yu-Ping, He Yan-De, Chang Jing-Jing, Huang Li-Jing, Chiu Zi-Han
► Tickets: NT\$300 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)
► Tel: 0928-656786

I am Song Yu-Ping, a folk singer who has been preserving and performing classic and folk songs for thirty years. In addition to my guitar, I weave together the bright clarity of the flute, the deep murmurs of the cello, the delicate elegance of the violin, and the rich resonance of the piano. My goal is to bring folk and classic songs back to the stage, seamlessly blending vocals with chamber music to recreate their timeless beauty.



4.18 Fri. 19:30 • 4.19(Sat.)10:30, 14:30 Jihhde Hall Gekidan Hikosen Peter Pan

► Organizer: Warawa Arts Company LTD. ► Performance unit: Gekidan Hikosen
► Tickets: NT\$400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200, 1500
(Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)

In Neverland, there is a boy named Peter Pan who can fly and never grows up. He is a hero in children's hearts and the trusted leader of the Lost Boys on the island. In search of new adventures, he and the fairy set off into another world...



2025 Youth Innovative Design Festival

5.1-5.4
Dayong Warehouses and Penglai Warehouses

The Youth Innovative Design Festival starts on May 1st! It provides a dedicated platform for emerging designers to showcase their creations, supporting the new generation in unleashing their creativity. In addition to student exhibitions and competitions, the festival includes international-themed exhibitions, youth forums, design markets, and job-matching events. We welcome you to join the Youth Innovative Design Festival and explore the limitless possibilities of "NEXT"!



Hamasen Railway Cultural Park

Hamasen Railway Cultural Park is a popular destination on weekends and holidays, where visitors can enjoy sightseeing, relaxing, and taking photos. One of the park's highlights is its collection of vintage trains, sourced from across Taiwan and meticulously restored. More than 30 retired trains, once used for transporting passengers and goods or serving specific industrial purposes, are showcased in the park, recreating the bustling railway operations that once characterized the Hamasen Railway.



Hamasen Kids Party 4.3 Thu. - 4.4 Fri. 14:00-18:00

During the Children's Day holiday, Hamasen Railway Cultural Park will host a lively party suitable for both children and adults! Specially planned activities include games, interactive dance sessions, bubble parties, clown performances, mime shows, and more. We invite families to join hands and enjoy a delightful outing together!



4.20 Sun. 14:30 Jihshin Hall Kaohsiung Guitar Chamber Orchestra's 30th Anniversary Concert

► Organizer: Chuang Chia-Liang Guitar Chamber Orchestra
► Performance unit: Chuang Chia-Liang Guitar Chamber Orchestra, Kaohsiung Guitar Chamber Orchestra
► Tickets: NT\$300, 400, 600 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)
► Tel: 0931-812572

The Kaohsiung Guitar Chamber Orchestra was founded 30 years ago. Over the years, members have come and gone, experiencing periods of growth and decline, with ups and downs along the way. Yet, driven by their passion for classical guitar, they continue moving forward, striving toward their 40th and 50th anniversaries. They hope for everyone's continued support and encouragement.



4.25 Fri. 19:30 Jihhde Hall Tseng Hui-Chen's Master Conducting Recital

► Organizer: Department of Music, National Kaohsiung Normal University
► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Citizens Band
► Tickets: NT\$100 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)
► Tel: 0929-553366

This concert presents the study and practical achievements in the art of conducting, featuring a repertoire that includes opera overtures, arias, and instrumental works. The performances showcase the drama and diversity of operatic art, adding depth and brilliance to the concert.



4.27 Sun. 15:30 Jihhde Hall Lin Chi-Yin's Master Conducting Recital

► Organizer: Department of Music, National Kaohsiung Normal University
► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Citizens Band
► Tickets: NT\$100 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)
► Tel: 0929-553366

By blending classical and modern compositions, this concert showcases the conductor's mastery of emotional expression and musical interpretation. More than just an academic milestone, it is a journey into musical aesthetics, aiming to convey the deep emotions and stories embedded within the music.



5.1 Thu. 19:00 Jihshin Hall East Meets West: A Dialogue and Harmony of Folk Music

► Organizer and Performance unit: Hsin-Chu Recorder Orchestra
► Tickets: NT\$500, 800, 1200 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

On the evening of May 1, Labor Day, join us for an unforgettable night! This time, we are honored to collaborate with recorder virtuoso Erik Bosgraaf, recipient of the prestigious Nederlandse Muziekprijs, to bring you a spectacular musical feast. Let the enchanting melodies serve as a beautiful coda to your hard work and dedication.

Kaohsiung Museum of History ①No. 272, Zhongzheng 4th Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City 📍 khm.org.tw
📞07-5312560 🕒 Tue. to Sun., 09:00-17:00 (Closed on Mon.)

The Adventures of Gao Siao-Syong

Location: Exhibition Room 105

On a sunny day, Gao Siao-Syong and Gao Siao-Meei go on a school field trip to the Kaohsiung Museum of History by the Love River. While looking for the restroom, the two siblings accidentally open a magical door and meet Gao Shih-Bo, who is quite a talker. Under Gao Shih-Bo's magic spell, the two siblings travel through time and space, embarking on a century-long adventure.



The museum provides an interactive space designed for children aged 5 and above and their parents to enjoy together. Through themes such as the "Time and Space Corridor," "Ethnic Stories," "Kingdom of the Mountains," "World of the Ocean," and "City Maze," knowledge of Kaohsiung's history and culture is transformed into diverse exhibits and interactive experiences, allowing children to learn about Kaohsiung while having fun!

Hamasen Museum of Taiwan Railway

①Penglai Warehouses B7 & B8, The Pier-2 Art Center (No. 99, Penglai Rd., Gushan Dist., Kaohsiung City)
📞07-521-8900 🕒 Mon. to Sun., 10:00-18:00 (Closed on Tue.)

Have you ever taken a ride on the mini Taroko Express train?

Located in the Penglai Warehouse complex of the Pier-2 Art Center, the Hamasen Pier-2 Line is the only regularly operating five-inch gauge railway in Taiwan. In addition to the popular Kaohsiung Light Rail-themed train, the newly introduced mini Taroko Express train has also become a favorite among visitors of all ages. Each ride takes approximately six to eight minutes as the train circles around the Penglai Warehouse. Get your ticket and hop aboard!



Takao Railway Museum

①No. 32, Gushan 1st Rd., Gushan Dist., Kaohsiung City 📞07-5216209 📍 trm.tw
🕒 Tue. to Sun. and national holidays, 10:00-18:00 (Closed on Mon.)

Two steam locomotives, CT259 and DT609, are permanently displayed in front of the Takao Railway Museum. Both are iconic steam locomotives from Taiwan's Japanese Colonial Period.

CT259, modeled after Japan's C55-class steam locomotive, was introduced in 1935 to coincide with the Taiwan Exposition, making it the most advanced steam locomotive of its time. It was specifically designed for hauling express trains. Meanwhile, DT609, based on Japan's 9600-class locomotive, was a renowned model from the Taisho era (1920) and was primarily used for hauling freight trains. Since the electrification of the Taiwan Railway Western Trunk Line in 1979, steam locomotives have gradually been phased out. Today, CT259 and DT609 are displayed on the tracks, allowing visitors to admire them up close.



Dadong Arts Center ①No. 161, Guangyuan Rd., Fengshan Dist., Kaohsiung City
📞07-7430011 📍 dadongcenter.kcg.gov.tw

4.5 Sat. 14:30 • 4.6 Sun. 14:30 "Where is Spring?" The Taiwanese Parent-Child Musical

► Performance unit: Forest Creation Tribe
► Tickets: NT\$500, 700, 900 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

"Where is Spring?" is a heartfelt Taiwanese nursery rhyme. Songwriter Huang Ching-Ya collaborates with Forest Creation Tribe in this musical, adapting ten beloved Taiwanese nursery rhymes to tell a touching story about the contrasts between urban and rural life, and the bond between elders and children. The production weaves in Taiwanese idioms, helping children become more familiar with the language while bridging generational memories.



4.12 Sat. 13:00, 18:00 2025 NANA Party – Taiwan Fan Meeting with Na PD

► Performance unit: Mogu, Egg is coming
► Tickets: NT\$3288, 3688, 3888
(Please refer to the Ticket Plus Ticketing System)

Producer Na Yeong-Seok, known as the "God of Variety Shows," is returning to Taiwan to meet fans of his programs. You may not be familiar with Na PD, but his team is behind shows like "Food, Vibe, Dae Myeung, and Taiwan" and "Earth Arcade." If you enjoy these programs, don't miss the chance to hear Na PD himself share behind-the-scenes stories.



4.13 Sun. 11:00, 16:00 2025 Juvenile Percussion Ensemble Annual Concert "Youth-ing"

► Performance unit: Ju Percussion Group Foundation
► Tickets: NT\$400 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

Every strike of the drum is a step toward our dreams; every melody carries the echoes of heartfelt memories. On the stage of youth, we unleash our passion and create a rhythm that is uniquely ours! We are the Juvenile Percussion Ensemble. Come join us for "Youth-ing"!



4.19 Sat. 15:30 • 4.20 Sun. 15:30 "Auntie Tigress, Are You There?" KCO Family Concert

► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Chinese Orchestra
► Tickets: NT\$300, 400, 600, 800 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

A hoarse-voiced "Auntie" suddenly appears at the doorstep of the sisters' cottage... As darkness falls, the eerie creaking in the dead of night grows even more unsettling. Step by step, the cunning tiger spirit closes in. Will wisdom and courage be enough to help the sisters escape its clutches?



Kaohsiung Film Archive ①No.10, Hesi Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City 📞07-5512121 📍 kfa.kcg.gov.tw
🕒 Tue. to Sun., 13:30-21:30 (Closed on Mon.)

Double Classics: Leslie CHEUNG

Text by Li Chia-Hsuan

In April, the Kaohsiung Film Archive will present a "Double Classics" series featuring Director Patrick Tam's *Nomad* (4K Restored Director's Cut) and Director Wong Kar-Wai's *Ashes of Time: Redux*. These films showcase Leslie Cheung's exceptional performances from different periods, allowing audiences to revisit Hong Kong of the past century. Both directors, representing the Hong Kong New Wave and its successors, explore themes of visual rebellion, non-traditional narratives, and fragmented emotions, infused with a strong sense of self-awareness. This aligns seamlessly with Leslie Cheung's unique on-screen charisma, reflecting the evolution of his career and life, and highlighting the enduring nature of his film characters.

Ashes of Time Redux

📍 WONG Kar-Wai

After losing his lover, Ou-Yang Feng retreats to the desert, making a living as a professional assassin. He becomes entangled in a web of love and hate with characters such as Huang Yao-Shi, Yan Mu-Rong, the Blind Swordsman, Hong Qi, and Tao-Hua. In this conflict, there are no victors—only those who drink the "as if drunk or entranced" wine, leading once-close companions to become strangers. Inspired by Louis Cha Jing-Yong's martial arts novel *Legends of the Condor Heroes*, this story brings together a star-studded cast to portray the grandeur and desolation experienced by heroes in the martial world.



Nomad (4K Restoration Director's Cut)

📍 Patrick TAM

Pong, a young man who slobbs around all day, meets Kathy, who has just returned from studying in Japan. They fall in love immediately. Meanwhile, the wealthy Louis encounters Tomato at a video store, and they hit it off right away. Unbeknownst to them, the danger is approaching as these four individuals become entangled in romantic relationships. Hong Kong New Wave director Patrick Tam, along with emerging actors Leslie Cheung, Kent Tong Chun Yip, Patricia Ha, and Cecilia Yip Tung, boldly break moral taboos in this film, daringly portraying the restless youth of the 1980s amidst a backdrop of liberated desires.



4.26 Sat. 10:30, 14:30 • 4.27 Sun. 10:30, 14:30 2025 KSAF KAGEBOUSHI Theatre: GeGeGe no Kitaro

► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Philharmonic Cultural & Arts Foundation, KAGEBOUSHI Theatre
► Tickets: NT\$500, 700, 900, 1200
(Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

The show features live performances of traditional Japanese instruments. The story follows Kitaro and his yokai companions on a magical adventure to rescue Yuto, who has fallen under the spell of evil yokai. Blending shadow puppetry techniques with Japanese shadow theater, this vibrant and dynamic production comes to life in a mesmerizing visual spectacle.



4.30 Wed. 19:00 2025 Sanhao Minquan Starry Night Concert

► Performance unit: Kaohsiung City Cianjhen District Minquan Elementary School
► Tickets: NT\$200 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)

Our school's recorder ensemble, choir, Little Ant Percussion Ensemble, wind band, and community parents' choir have carefully prepared a delightful musical feast. Families are warmly invited to enjoy this special performance together.



Gangshan Cultural Center ①No. 43, Gangshan S. Rd., Gangshan Dist., Kaohsiung City
📞07-6262620 📍 gangshan-center.kcg.gov.tw

4.13 Sun. 14:30 Cartoon Adventure: Family Concert

► Performance unit: GinLaBa Brass Quintet
► Tickets: NT\$300, 400, 600, 800, 1000, 1200 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)
► Tel: 0928-889831

Taiwan's most exciting brass interactive family concert is on tour! Join Sweet Sister for an engaging experience filled with singing, dancing, and fun games. Take part in a thrilling Bingo game—pick numbers, complete a BINGO line, and win fantastic prizes! The concert also features an introduction to various brass instruments and playing techniques, offering an educational and entertaining experience for parents and children alike.

