

2025 MAY Kaohsiung Arts and Cultural EVENTS CALENDAR

KSAF 2025

# 弄臣

Italian Pronunciation, Chinese Subtitles  
Verdi's Opera

In this gamble-like wheel of fortune — who will be the final winner?

6.20.22 Fri. 19:30 Sun. 14:30 WEIWUYING OPERA HOUSE

## RIGOLETTO

Organizers: Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Philharmonic Cultural & Arts Foundation, Sponsor: 聯邦銀行

KSO 高雄市交響樂團 Kaohsiung Symphony Orchestra

# Opera Rigoletto

A Farcical Tragedy of Its Time — A Symphony of Virtue and Vice, Love and Hatred, and the Pursuit of Vengeance!

Since 2015, the Kaohsiung Spring Arts Festival has been dedicated to producing flagship operas that represent the city. Each self-produced opera has garnered critical acclaim. This year, under the baton of conductor Wu Yao-Yu and performed by the Kaohsiung Symphony Orchestra, the festival proudly presents its eighth original production: Giuseppe Verdi's *Rigoletto*.

*Rigoletto* is a groundbreaking opera in the history of the genre, notable for featuring a physically disabled character as its protagonist. It also marks Verdi's first major success following his rise to fame. The narrative centers on Rigoletto, a court jester whose profession involves mocking the nobility. Despite his cynical exterior, he harbors deep desires for love and family. As fate unfolds, his daughter Gilda falls in love with the Duke of Mantua, leading to an irreversible emotional tragedy.

The opera is renowned for its intense drama and captivating music. Among its most famous arias is the Duke's "La donna è mobile," a light-hearted yet ironic melody that reflects his fickle nature. Gilda's aria "Caro nome" expresses her innocent longing for love. The quartet "Bella figlia dell'amore" masterfully intertwines multiple emotional layers, solidifying its place as a timeless piece in operatic history.

This production features Italian director Gianni Santucci at the helm, and boasts a large cast, including Garrie Davislim, Lai Chueh-Yu, Julian Lo, Weng Jo-Pei, Cheng Hai-Yun, Chao Fang-Hao, Chen Chi-An, Chang Yin-Chi, Wang Yu-Hsin, and members of the Planetesimal Vocal Art Studio.

Through *Rigoletto*, Verdi delves into the complexities and vulnerabilities of human nature, achieving new heights in musical structure and emotional depth. Both the storyline and the music are sure to captivate audiences, leaving a lasting impression. This masterpiece is an unmissable experience for opera enthusiasts.

Pianist / **Keigo Mukawa**  
Third Prize Winner of the Queen Elisabeth Competition  
Winner of the Idemitsu Music Award

# 北國晴光

5.24 Sat. 19:30 Weiwuying Concert Hall

Conductor / **Wu Yao-Yu**

Setlist: Josef Suk: Tale of a Winter's Evening, Op.9  
Alexander von ZEMLINSKY: Die Seejungfrau (The Mermaid)  
Edvard Grieg: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op.16

Tickets: NTS 300 500 700 900 1200 1500 2000 Tickets via OPENTIX

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西班牙天使偶劇團 ANGELES DE TRAPO PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY

# 倫巴的梦想家園

Embark on a magical puppet show journey that explores life, freedom, and hope.

5.24 Sat. 10:30  
5.25 Sun. 14:30  
2025

Kaohsiung Experimental Theatre at Pier-2 Art Center B9 Warehouse

Duration: 60 minutes

Organizers: Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Philharmonic Cultural & Arts Foundation, Tickets: NTS 499 Tickets via OPENTIX Sponsor: 黃金盾

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春藝小劇場

05/10 Sat. 14:30, 19:30  
05/11 Sun. 14:30

Kaohsiung Experimental Theatre at Pier-2 Art Center B9 Warehouse

LINK FOR TICKETS

# The Way BACK

回家 手語故事

**The Best Family Show**  
Touring ★ South Korea ★ United Kingdom ★ France ★ Taipei ★ Nantou ★ Hualien ★ Taitung ★ Taichung and many other cities.  
★ Featured at the 2023 Taipei Children's Arts Festival—Tickets Sold Out Quick  
★ Selected by The Guardian as one of the Top 5 Children's Shows  
★ International Children's Film Association—Invited performance in Marseille, France

A right hand gets lost on the battlefield. Its feet, body, and head mysteriously disappear! The hand embarks on a journey to find its missing parts and return home. Through various challenges, how does the right hand overcome its fears and discover where it truly belongs?

Organizers: Kaohsiung City Government, Kaohsiung Philharmonic Cultural & Arts Foundation

2025 New Production  
An epic work of gratefulness, righteousness, and vendettas  
A new masterpiece in the martial arts universe

# 錦衣

REVENGER

Queen of Taiwan Bangzi Opera  
Hisiao Yang-Ling as Chu Li

Pinxue of Taiwan Bangzi Opera  
Liu Jian-Hua as Luo Cheng

5.24 Sat. 14:30  
5.25 Sun. 14:30  
Weiwuying Playhouse

Tickets via OPENTIX

Sword Shadows, Blade Glimmers, A Glorious Revenge  
Breathtaking Fight Scenes, the Ultimate Thrill of Martial Arts Showdowns

10 years ago, Luo Cheng witnessed the brutal murder of his entire family. His vengeance burns like a raging fire. After keeping a low profile for a decade, he infiltrates the Embroidered Uniform Guard to seek the truth behind his family's death. In the martial arts world, Luo Cheng must not only defend against his enemies' siege, but also guard his own heart from being consumed by hatred. Along his journey, he meets Chu Li, who also has a complicated past. Their lives are intertwined by fate and vendettas. As the line between justice and destruction blurs, how will Luo Cheng find his true self through love and hate?

Blending tradition with innovation, the performance showcases the unique elegance of Taiwan Bangzi Opera and the spirits of martial arts heroes, drawing audiences into a world where fantasy and reality intertwine. A feast for both the senses and the soul, it will show you the extraordinary charm of Taiwan Bangzi Opera.

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KCO 高雄市國樂團 Kaohsiung Chinese Orchestra

Music Director **Kuo Che-Chen**

# 花漾·琴事

THE BLOOMING STORY

05.08 Thu. 19:30 Weiwuying Recital Hall Kaohsiung Chinese Orchestra Concert

SETLIST—  
Liang Yun-Jiang: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Suite  
Yang Chun-Lin: Guan Shanyue  
Shi Feng: Flower · Yang  
Yang Jie-Ru: Under the Bald Cypress  
Ren Zhong: Simacus-Night Sky · Gigantic Trees  
Zhu Yun-Song: Paper Kite by the River  
Li Ying: Stacked  
He Li-Ren: Xuemei Yin  
Su Wen-Qing: Kavalan Fantasia  
Ren Zhong: Rowing Jasmine-the Xiao Liu Melody

LINK FOR TICKETS

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Performance unit **KSO 高雄市交響樂團** Chamber Music Unit

# 小樂集

CHAMBER CONCERT

05.29 Thu. 19:30 Weiwuying Recital Hall

Breaking through the boundaries of music, with various forms of ensemble combinations and vibrant finger techniques, showcasing harmony in breathtaking moments.

SETLIST  
• Brass Quintet Anthony Plog: Mosaics  
• Woodwind Quintet Malcolm Arnold: Three Shanties, Op. 4  
George Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue (arr. Joachim Linckelmann)  
• Strings Gustav Holst: St. Paul's Suite, Op. 29  
Edvard Grieg: Holberg Suite, Op.40

Tickets: NTS 300, 500, 700 Tickets via OPENTIX Tel: 07-7436633

SIAOYAO VILLA

Siaoyao Villa, built in 1940, was once a private villa of Japanese nobility. Blending Japanese and Western architectural styles and elements, the villa boasts not only a rich cultural history but also a unique architectural style and spacious outdoor gardens.

On the second floor of Siaoyao Villa lies a study and a drafting room, where the walls are decorated with a blue-and-white checkered pattern known as "Ichimatsu." This kind of pattern symbolizes eternity, prosperity, growth etc. It has been widely used in crafts, textiles, and interior decoration since ancient times. Now, Siaoyao Villa is introducing a series of exclusive merchandise inspired by this culturally rich and visually striking pattern! We invite you to bring home a piece of good fortune.

Ichimatsu Magnet Bottle Opener  
Ichimatsu Coaster  
Siaoyao Villa Handkerchief  
Siaoyao Villa Furoshiki

5.9-5.18 Japanese Antique Fabric "kofu" in Everyday Items Exhibition

Japanese antique fabric "kofu" features artistry and dyeing techniques. Fabrics dyed using techniques such as Yuzen dyeing, indigo dyeing, and Oshima-tsumugi are handcrafted into everyday items. Some luxurious and some simple, these items help with the reuse and preservation of kofu. We welcome you to come and enjoy these delicate items, and perhaps bring home a few for use and collection.

6.21 Sat. 10:00-11:30 Seasonal Wagashi DIY

Director of the Niaoding Royal Tea House, Ciou Siou-Ying, will demonstrate the making of June summer wagashi. Participants will get hands-on experience with the artisan's process, challenging both their aesthetic sense and craftsmanship, and enjoy a delicious cup of Japanese tea.

Fee: NTS500

Visit the Niaoding Royal Tea House's Facebook page for more information and registration details.

Address: No. 15, Ln. 55, Liuhe 1st Rd., Kaohsiung City (entrance is at Jintian Rd.) Tel.: 07-2351216  
Opening hours: Tue. to Fri., 11:00-17:00; Sat., Sun., and national holidays, 11:00-18:00; closed on Mon.

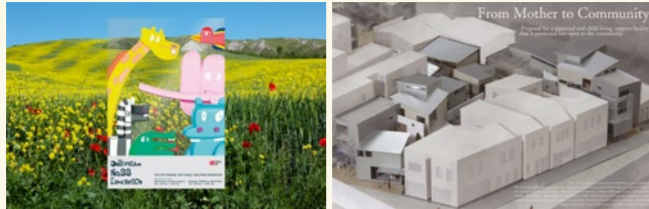
**The Pier-2 Art Center**  No. 1, Dayong Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City  07-5214899, 07-5214881  pier2.org

## A Hundred Visions Beyond 10 Perspectives International Exhibition of Next-Gen Designers 5.1-9.7

**Dayong Warehouse C5**

Perspectives from Top Designers: The Future of Emerging Talent

This exhibition features ten top design experts who selected forward-thinking and innovative works from recent award-winning designers in local and international competitions. The goal is to discover the value of future design through dialogue, combining professional designers' broad vision with new designers' groundbreaking creativity.



## have a \_\_\_ dream 2024.12.20-2025.5.18

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

The exhibition centers around the theme of dreams, featuring nine Taiwanese cross-media artists: 57, SAITEMISS, A ee mi, KINGJUN, Carol Meat, Bio\_ogist, comic artist Ding Po-yen, GGDOG, and the music label Spirit Records. The showcased works span various media, including illustration, handcrafted sculptures, comics, and music, each presenting a unique dream world through their creative expressions.



### “Exhibition Exclusive” WINK PHOTO Photo Booth

Capture your visit with exclusive photo frames designed by participating artists—create lasting memories of the exhibition!

Location: Dayi Warehouse C7: A.C.G.N. Warehouse, Dayong Warehouse C5 service desk

## A Perfect Love Confession: Kao Yung-Han Solo Exhibition 5.24-5.28

**Dayi Warehouse C8-1: Young Art Space**

**Artist: Kao Yung-Han**

Based on personal confession experiences, this project combines a virtual tool, “LoveGPT,” with a physical handbook to help users plan confessions. This project questions the idea of a “perfect confession” and encourages the audience to reflect on emotions and relationships through interaction.



**Kaohsiung Cultural Center**  No.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.)

## 5.4 Sun. 14:30 **Jihshian Hall** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “4ever Kaohsiung” Women Doctors Charity Dance Showcase

► Organizer and Performance unit: Doctress Love to Dance  
► Tickets: NT\$500, 700, 900, 1100 (Please refer to the KKTIX Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 07-3119137

“Doctress Love to Dance” is collaborating with the Formosa Cancer Foundation to raise funds for a project supporting cancer-affected families returning to the workforce. Seventeen groups of female physicians from across Taiwan will showcase a variety of dance styles, including sexy K-pop, enchanting Indian dance, captivating belly dance, elegant folk dance, and graceful contemporary dance.



## 5.9 Fri. 19:30 **Jihshian Hall** Tainan National University of the Arts Department of Music - Star of Tomorrow: Chamber Music Night

► Organizer: Tainan National University of the Arts  
► Performance unit: Tainan National University of the Arts Department of Music  
► Tickets: NT\$300 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 06-6932012

Every student musician in the Department of Music has been through intense training and is carefully selected for the “Star of Tomorrow” auditions. They not only sharpen their skills through mutual practice but also showcase the results of their hard work in performances and competitions.



## 5.15 Thu. 19:30 **Jhihde Hall** 2025 Siwan Wind Orchestra Summer Concert

► Organizer: Kaohsiung Citizens Band ►Tel: 0929-553366  
► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Citizens Band, Siwan Wind Orchestra, NSYSU Wind Orchestra  
► Tickets: NT\$200, 500, 1000 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)

This concert features special guests Dr. Michael Golemo and Dr. Mei-Hsuan Huang from Iowa State University, USA. They will collaborate with the Siwan Wind Orchestra and the Kaohsiung Citizens Band. With the professors' exquisite interpretations of musical pieces, the performance promises to deliver a high-caliber musical experience for music enthusiasts.



## 5.16 Fri. 19:30 **Jhihde Hall** 2025 SihWei Elementary School Orchestra Concert

► Organizer: Kaohsiung SihWei Elementary School  
► Performance unit: SihWei Elementary School Orchestra  
► Tickets: NT\$100 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System) ►Tel: 0909-691917

The SihWei Elementary School Orchestra comprises students from the second to sixth grades and has consistently achieved excellent results in national music competitions. The annual SihWei Children's Concert provides an opportunity for parents, teachers, and music enthusiasts to gather and enjoy the performances together, sharing in the joy of the children's growth and musical accomplishments!



## 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.



### Coastline Sightseeing Train “Hamasen Express”

One of the park's most popular experiences is riding the coastline sightseeing train, the “Hamasen Express,” which bridges the past and present of Hamasen. Operating on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays, the train passes by sites like the Old Takao Station Platform, the park's pedestrian bridge, the North Signal Tower, and the Kaohsiung Harbor Inspection Subsection, taking passengers on a journey through the century-long history of the Hamasen Railway. Whether you are a railway enthusiast or a visitor to Kaohsiung, we invite you to come and relive the excitement of trains running through Hamasen once again!



### Locomotive Introduction

Steam Locomotive CT259

Year of Manufacture: 1938

Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Japan

In 1935, Japan began producing the Class C55 steam locomotives. That same year, to coincide with the “40th Anniversary of Japanese Rule in Taiwan Commemorative Exposition,” the Government of Taiwan imported this model. Locomotive C559 arrived in Taiwan in 1938. The Class C55 featured a streamlined and modern design, characteristic of express passenger locomotives. After the Taiwan Railway assumed control, the C55 class was reclassified as the CT250 class, with C559 renumbered as CT259.



As steam locomotives were gradually retired, some CT250 units were stationed at the Kaohsiung Port Roundhouse before decommissioning. CT259 was eventually relocated to the Hamasen Railway Cultural Park in 2010. Starting in 2024, it has been featured as the lead engine for the “SL Hamasen Express” steam-limited edition of the Coastal Line Tourist Train. With the assistance of a shunting locomotive, CT259 moves along the tracks, inviting everyone to witness its enduring charm!

## 5.18 Sun. 15:00 **Jihshian Hall** 2025 Melodies of Taiwan

► Organizer and Performance unit: Taiwan Melody Chorus  
► Tickets: NT\$300, 400, 500 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 0930-803968

Maestro Huang Chung-Te incorporates operatic elements and a repertoire from various countries to convey the themes of “singing for freedom and praising love.” The choir's harmonious vocals, along with the dedicated performances of six opera singers, passionately interpret the preciousness of love and the value of freedom, delivering heartfelt blessings and warmth for Mother's Day.



## 5.18 Sun. 15:30 **Jhihde Hall** Chia-Ming Hsu Conducting Concert: Departure

► Organizer: City Percussion Ensemble  
► Performance unit: Chia-Ming Hsu  
► Tickets: NT\$200, 300, 500 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 07-2365910

Through this concert, Chia-Ming Hsu will showcase his musical interpretation, stylistic mastery, and stage performance skills developed during his conducting studies. He integrates his personal growth and cultural background into the compositions, presenting a diverse musical perspective unique to himself.



## 5.21 Wed. 19:00 **Jhihde Hall** Kaohsiung Youth Symphony Orchestra Senior High School League / Kaohsiung Hsin Hsing Senior High School Music Class 2025 Annual Concert

► Organizer: Kaohsiung Youth Symphony Orchestra  
► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Youth Symphony Orchestra Senior High School League, Kaohsiung Hsin Hsing Senior High School Music Class  
► Tickets: NT\$200 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 07-2724369

This concert features conductor Wang Jhan, leading the Kaohsiung Youth Symphony Orchestra Senior High School League, along with saxophone soloist Li You-Chen, cello soloist Huang Chu-En, and flute soloist Yan Kai-Yin. On an early summer night, we invite music lovers to join the Kaohsiung Youth Symphony Orchestra and sway to the rhythm of the music!







## 5.24 Sat. 15:00 **Jhihde Hall** Echoes of a Distant Love

► Organizer: Sound of Kaohsiung Wind Ensemble  
► Performance unit: NKUST WindBand  
► Tickets: NT\$150 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 0983-202223

Love – it might begin by brushing past each other, or perhaps with a fated encounter. This concert weaves a story of love that transcends time and distance through touching melodies. Every melody is like a letter for a faraway lover; every note echoes the deepest call from the heart.



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





## 5.20-11.30 The Activist on the Buffalo: Jian Ji and the Centennial of the Fongshan Peasants Union

Location: 203 Multi-Functional Room

In the 1920s, Jian Ji and a group of young activists committed themselves to protecting Taiwan's rural communities and supporting poor tenant farmers, starting one of the earliest peasant movements in Taiwan. Driven by a strong sense of justice and unwavering spirit, Jian Ji led these youths through rural communities to promote social movement. He earned deep respect from farmers but faced suppression and defamation by the authorities. This exhibition highlights the efforts of Jian Ji and his peers to fight for people's rights and how they built the foundation for Taiwan's free and democratic society.







## Hamasen Museum of Taiwan Railway

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

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!



## Farewell 886, Cultural Park of Taiwan Military Veteran Village

 No.2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12-1, Mingde New Residential Quarter, Zuoying Dist., Kaohsiung City  mingdevillage.khm.org.tw  07-5812886  Tue. to Fri., 11:00-17:00; Sat., Sun., and national holidays, 10:00-18:00 (Closed on Tue.)

As part of the “Farewell, 886 – Cultural Park of Taiwan Military Veteran Village,” the “Admiral's Residence” combines retro nostalgia with contemporary unboxing trends. This exhibit showcases the daily life of a family of four, featuring their personal belongings and leisure activities. Visitors are encouraged to take “unboxing photos” with the displayed items, creating an experience that transports them back to the 50s and 60s military veteran village. After the war, military families from across China settled in Taiwan, originating from various provinces across China. The cultural park highlights the diversity and heritage of Taiwan's military veteran villages.



## 5.25 Sun. 13:30 **Jihshian Hall** Yuri String Orchestra “Mon Debut 43”

► Organizer and Performance unit: Yuri String Orchestra  
► Tickets: NT\$50 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 07-5372008

The annual recital has been held every spring for the past 23 years. Performers of all ages come together to present both solo and ensemble performances. They showcase their progress, learn from one another, and foster cultural and musical exchange. We welcome everyone to come and join us.






## 5.30 Fri. 15:00 **Jhihde Hall** Kaohsiung Municipal Dong-Guang Elementary School Wind Band 2025 Annual Concert “Let's Go Party”

► Organizer and Performance unit: DG Wind Band  
► Tickets: NT\$200 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)  
► Tel: 07-3839350

Thanks to the teachers' strict guidance and the parents' passionate support, the Dong-Guang Wind Band has achieved outstanding results every year at the wind ensemble competition in the elementary school B division of Kaohsiung City North District. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the DG Wind Band. We sincerely invite you to come and witness the results of these lovely children's hard work with us.



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

## 5.3 Sat. 19:30 Dance ~ Stay True

► Performance unit: Kaohsiung Dance Teacher Association  
► Tickets: NT\$300, 400, 600, 800, 1000 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

Dance is the purest form of physical language that we use to express our deepest passions and dreams. Whether a beginner or an experienced dancer, one never forgets their starting point on this journey. Born from dance, brought together by dance, we exist because of dance, and our hearts are unbound.







## 5.4 Sun. 14:30 2025 Happy Bear Spring String Concert

► Performance unit: Jenyu Art Ensemble  
► Tickets: NT\$100 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

Led by Director Lian Jen-Yu, this outstanding team has long been dedicated to promoting music education, striving to provide more opportunities for music lovers, and share the world's beautiful melodies. This time, they have brought together music lovers of all ages—including children and adults—to perform at the Dadong Arts Center, showcasing the touching sounds of string music.



**Kaohsiung Film Archive**  No.10, Hesi Rd., Yancheng Dist., Kaohsiung City  07-5512111  kfa.kcg.gov.tw  Tue. to Sun., 13:30-21:30 (Closed on Mon.)

## Double Classics: Danny BOYLE

Text by **Chen Yi-Ting**

In “Double Classics: May 2025,” Kaohsiung Film Archive is showing two of Danny Boyle's classic films, “Trainspotting (4K Restoration)” and “The Beach,” inviting audiences to revisit two pivotal moments in his early career. “Trainspotting,” Danny Boyle's magnum opus, has just premiered its 4K restored version at Cannes last year. “The Beach,” on the other hand, is rarely shown on the big screen, making this screening a particularly special opportunity to see it. Just like Danny Boyle's films, which are always sharp and intense, in a world spinning out of control, youngsters are constantly pushed to make one choice after another, faced with millions of possibilities—willingly or unwillingly. Yet, beneath the seemingly ever-forwarding steps lies a never-ending quest: can we ever truly find where we belong? Where are we being brought to?

### The Beach

◎ Danny BOYLE

Backpacker Richard learns from a mysterious man about a paradise-like beach hidden on an island in Thailand. He decides to invite his fellow hotel guests to visit the island together. When they arrive at the hidden beach, they find a group of outsiders who have settled there. The leader, Sal, agrees to let them stay, on the condition that they do not expose the community to the outside world and never leave the island. Richard finds that his movements are strictly restricted and gradually discovers that the seemingly happy and carefree life comes at a price.



### Trainspotting (4K Restoration)

◎ Danny BOYLE

In a small town in Edinburgh, three young men live an aimless life. They indulge in drugs and alcohol, committing thefts and crimes habitually. They reject all societal norms of the world, abandon work, refuse to labor, and see heroin as the only thing that gives their lives meaning. However, when one of them, Renton, tries to quit drugs but relapses, he realizes that while drugs can lead him to heaven, they also bring him to hell. The brotherhood that the three once shared begins to crumble and spiral out of control.



## 5.9 Fri. 19:30 • 5.10 Sat. 15:30, 19:30, 5.11 Sun. 15:30 Act Life 9: Salary Thief

► Performance unit: Funny No Problem  
► Tickets: NT\$600, 800, 1200 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

The Act Life series is a performance rooted in Japanese comedic style, incorporating both manzai and short skits. The series is primarily written, directed, and performed by Tung Pual, Kent Lin, A-Liang, and Josh Lin. Founded in 2019, this group has attracted over 300,000 audience across Taiwan.



## 5.17 Sat. 14:30 Tempestuous

► Performance unit: Focus Dance Company  
► Tickets: NT\$400, 600, 1000 (Please refer to the OPENTIX Ticketing System)

This event is led by Art Director Chiang Chiu-O, Executive Director Lin Chia-Feng, and Technical Director Wu Wen-An, along with 24 members from the Department of Dance of National Taipei University of the Arts. They will present a rich and diverse program, including two masterworks and eight new pieces, touring across northern, central, and southern Taiwan.



## 5.18 Sun. 15:00 Pleased with the Music

► Performance unit: KMUString Club  
► Tickets: NT\$200

As notes flow and strings gently quiver, the music rises like a soaring dragon, reaching toward a broader world. This summer, the KMUString Club proudly presents its most passionate annual performance, Pleased with the Music, inviting you to embark on a delightful summer journey through music.

## 5.24 Sat. 10:30, 14:30 Whoo Gu Po

► Performance unit: AMcreative  
► Tickets: NT\$500, 700, 900, 1200, 1500, 1800 (Please refer to the TIXFUN Ticketing System)

This Whoo Gu Po is not scary at all! By blending pop music into a children's program, transforming it into a live musical, complemented by a colorful stage and interesting fairy tale characters, the show accompanies children in facing their fears and discovering courage. Every song in this magical musical forest is a blessing dedicated to the children of Taiwan.



## 5.30 Fri. 15:30 “The Magical Adventure of the Little Star” Charity Performance

► Performance unit: Genesis Social Welfare Foundation Kaohsiung Branch, Apple Theater  
► Tickets: NT\$600 (Please refer to the ERA Ticketing System)

In order to support long-term care services for people in a vegetative state and help build a care facility for underprivileged people in a vegetative state in Hualien, the Genesis Social Welfare Foundation and Apple Theater present a family-friendly charity musical. The story tells a tale of courage and centers around the theme of “ESG,” promoting the importance of ecological preservation.

