

Unmasking marriage with Bach's cantatas

In marriage, ME becomes WE. This seemingly simple shift in pronouns can however bring unprecedented changes and challenges in one's life. SingFest, a charitable organisation, unveils a brand new choral theatre production, Bach in Black Box – *The Thunder Bay*, this July to unmask the intriguing meaning of marriage.

Combining vocal and choral music, movement and theatrical elements, the production reinterprets two classic Bach's cantatas, *Ich habe genug*, BWV 82 and *Weichet nur, betrübte Schatten*, BWV 202, from a contemporary angle.

Patrick Chiu, Artistic Concept and Co-Director of the production, points out that both selected cantatas highlight the relationship between people. The most special element about the show, he shares, is the merge of the two cantatas. "I haven't tried this before, nor have I seen such a production, so I wanted to take on this stimulating challenge."

The Thunder Bay focuses on two couples –

one is a newlywed husband, played by Sammy Chien and the bride, played by Kenix Tsang; and the other is the bride's father, played by Caleb Woo and the bride's mother, played by Law Tsz-ying. Each represents different stages of the relationship along with their challenges and reflections.

Cherry Leung, Choreographer and Co-Director, explains that the choreography pays more attention to the movements that best represent the characters and the relationships between them. "As well as the story, the music is definitely worth noting. With the new arrangement, the show depicts not only the marital relationship but also the 'marriage' of songs from two different eras and two different musical genres," she adds. "I hope everyone will enjoy this one-hour journey with us!"

In 2021, SingFest presents the "Choral Black Box" project, with a series of choral theatre productions combining vocal music, choral music, movement and theatrical elements.



Bach in Black Box - The Thunder Bay

Date: July 3, Saturday, at 3 pm and 8 pm; July 4, Sunday, at 3 pm
Venue: Black Box Theatre, Kwai Tsing Theatre
Ticket: \$200 (Free seating)

Buy Now:



More detail:

