

<Xu Jiu Jing> Blasts

Written in 1980, Xu Jiu Jing was presented onstage for the first time in Hubei province, China, in 1981 by the big three artists— director Yu Xiao-yu, playwright Xi Zhi-gan, and music arranger Li Lian-bi and won the national best play award in China. Its satiric and bitter story plot, treacherous and fraudulent story flow, tit for tat dialogues between characters, swiftly changed scenes, and plus main actor Zhu Shi-hui had drawn a wealth of bursts of applause and has been presented onstage for over hundreds of times by different groups in different genres of dramas.

The Leading Male Actor in Xu Jiu Jing

Afterwards, Xu Jiu Jing was presented in Taiwan for the first time in 1992. The leading male actor of Fuxing Jingju Troupe, Ye Fu-run, who is a famous Old male actor in contemporary Jingju, played Xu Jiu-jing with his own unique witty and comical tone and won great admiration from the audiences for three straight sessions at National Theater and Concert Hall.

Ye's Old Male Style Acting Out Xu's Clown

Ye Fu-run acted out Xu Jiu-jing's clown characters with his major, an Old male leading actor in Jingju. He successfully depicted Xu's physically deficient but mentally comforting life and unfolded Xu's spiritual characters while Zhu Shi-hui in China delved more into the external characters of Xu Jiu-jing.

Xu Jiu-jing's Back

After 17 years' restraining himself back to his Old male leading acting, Ye's comeback and pushed his limits to take the lead again and to play cross-field in Xu Jiu-jing at Armed Forces Cultural Center for 2 days on Oct 28 and 29 this year. Related information is at <http://chot.tcpa.edu.tw/onweb.jsp?webno=333333332>.



2010 Xiqu Workshop in Taipei County



Xiqu Workshop in Taipei County this year provides its citizens with 2 series of activities of traditional Xiqu; one is 2 days of family workshop of traditional Xiqu at National Taiwan College of Performing Arts, and another is Xiqu touring during which various traditional performances take place at 10 elementary schools in the county. Family workshop started from August 5. Related information is at cuz.tcpa.edu.tw.

Holding the workshop, the director general of Cultural Affairs Bureau of Taipei County Government, Ching Min-liang claimed that Xiqu Workshop provides the opportunity for family members to experience Xiqu acting and cultural traditions, thus bringing up more potential talents in traditional arts and encouraging more populace to appreciate and cherish our art treasure. From 2008, each year Xiqu touring has presented three main operas, including Hakka Opera, Ge Zi Xi, and Jing Ju, and has drawn much attention from parents and children. Puppet Show is also added in the touring this year, providing more choices in appreciation in traditional operas.

