

## TNUA musicians win acclaim at International Choral Kathaumixw

The TNUA Orchestra and a choir from the Department of Music won acclaim as artists in residence in the 13th biannual International Choral Kathaumixw in Canada this summer.

The group, totaling more than 110 members, left Taiwan in late June for the five-day international festival starting on July 1. The TNUA group was featured in four days of the programs, including the opening and closing of the festival. The TNUA group's performances, ranging from Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 to Hollywood music, such as Star War themes, won strong applause from the audiences.

Mr. Jim Donnelly, chairman of the festival, described this year as the best ever in the history of the festival. The organizer also extended an invitation to TNUA to the next festival in 2010.

Prof. Liu Hwei-Jin, Dean of the School of Music, noted that it was the second time that the Department of Music had been invited to the International Choral Kathaumixw as artists in residence. She said the Department felt honored, and this attested to the international recognition of the achievements by the Department's teachers and students. She said the University Excellence Program connects TNUA's teaching programs to the international scene, allowing students to cultivate their potentials through creative work and performances. This trip also allowed students to have a fresh look at different cultures

and musical interpretations, Prof. Liu remarked. It broadened the students' views and increased TNUA's international visibility, she added.

Prof. Shien-Ta Su, Chairman of the Department of Music, said it is necessary to let students start playing a role in the international music events and academic exchange. Students must be encouraged to witness and involve in such major international events, he added. It was a fruitful experience for the students, who had a chance to work with three internationally renowned conductors and many other musicians at the Powell River festival. They were able to meet students from other parts of the world, and performed at venues as diverse as a sports stadium, a medium-size concert hall, and a big church.

The TNUA delegation was able to take part in the festival thanks to sponsorships and assistance from the Ministry of Education's University Excellence Program, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Tzong Jwo Jang Educational Foundation, the ROC government's representative office in Vancouver, and many others.

In related news, the Department of Traditional Music also dispatched a delegation of 44 members to Bali for a five-day visit, during which they performed traditional Taiwanese music at the Bali Arts Festival.



## Center for Art and Technology's iBoard wins award

TNUA's Center for Art and Technology has seen its iBoard – an interactive digital bulletin board – win the first prize in the digital life innovations category at the 2008 Insight Festival organized by National Taiwan University. Prof. Xiaoniu Su-Chu Hsu, director of the center, explained that the iBoard looks like a poster when seen from a distance. But when one comes close to within a meter from it, the iBoard starts playing the audio-visual contents of the poster.



## Arts & Activity Complex to open in October

The Arts & Activity Complex, home to Taiwan's only university campus movie theatre, will formally open in October, during which it will play host to the inaugural film festival featuring works from film academies in Taiwan, China, and Hong Kong.

The four-story Arts & Activity Complex is located on the left near the TNUA front gate. Apart from the 200-seat movie theatre, it also houses two audio-visual classrooms, each with 80 seats.

The movie theatre makes TNUA the only university in Taiwan to offer a complete array of facilities for the arts.

## "I Have a Dream": Kuandu Biennale 2008 opens with Asian artists' solo exhibitions

"I Have a Dream" – this is the theme of the Kuandu Biennale 2008, which has opened with solo exhibitions by 10 Asian artists at the Kuandu Museum of Fine Arts.

The 10 artists are Isa Ho and Shi Jin-Hua from Taiwan; Fang Li-jun from China; Jun Nguyen-Hatsushiba from Vietnam; Jung Jeondoo from Korea; Pyuupiru from Japan; Handiwirman Saputra from Indonesia; Porntaweesak Rimsakul from Thailand; Shilpa Gupta from India; and Donna Ong from Singapore. The artists were selected by a

committee from a list of recommendations. Then curators and critics from these artists' countries were asked to help arrange their exhibitions. Such a process was meant to build up a stronger platform for direct exchange.

A forum, held the next day following the opening of the exhibitions, featured discussions by these curators and critics with experts and scholars from Taiwan. The solo exhibitions will run till November 30, 2008.

## Summer dance workshop attracts local and foreign students



The School of Dance arranged a two-week workshop on choreography and dance skills in August, attracting almost 100 students, including 11 from Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

Ms. Kristina Berger and Mr. Joseph Levinson, both from the United States, were invited to hone the workshop participants' modern dance and ballet skills respectively, while Mr. Matej Kejžar from Slovakia taught the art of choreography.

### Performance and exhibition schedule Sept. 12-Oct. 11

#### Music TEL 02-2893-8245

Sept. 22 13:10 pm **Jeffrey Powers' French Horn Concert**  
TNUA Concert Hall  
French horn: Jeffrey Powers; piano: Vincent De Vries  
Admission free

#### Fine Arts TEL 02-2893-8786

Oct. 6-10 **Make-up Show**  
Joint exhibition of Tsai Yi-hua, Pan Shih Hao, Tung Chia-chen, and Lu Shih-han  
North-South Gallery  
Admission free

Oct. 6-10 **Seek and Find: Huang Ching Ting Solo Exhibition**  
Ink Painting Gallery  
Admission free

#### Theatre TEL 02-2893-8772, 02-2893-8823

Oct. 10 19:30 pm **Denuded**  
Miki. Peleg-Rothstein  
The Theatre Hall  
Ticket: NT\$500

Oct. 11 14:30 am  
Oct. 12 14:30 am



#### Graduate Institute of Arts and Technology TEL: 02-2894-3143 02-2896-1000 ext 2102

Sept. 15-19 **Centrifugal Force: Huo Sung Ting's Digital Image Solo Exhibition**  
2nd floor, Department of Fine arts Admission free

#### KdMoFA TEL: 02-2896-1000 ext 2444

Sept. 26- Nov. 30 **I Have a Dream: Kuandu Biennale 2008**  
Solo exhibitions by 10 Asian artists

Oct. 04- Mar. 31 **Between Philosophy and Poetry -**  
Sculpture Exhibition for the 80th Anniversary of Lee Tsai-chien  
TNUA campus; KdMoFA outdoor sculpture area