

6/11—8/28

National Taichung Theater

NTT2022  
SUMMER

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FUN TIME





NTT Artists in Residence LIN Meng-huan  
*Tropical Angels*

*Tropical Angels* tells the story of LIN Yi-ping, an aspiring young man who is still searching for his direction is recruited by the Japanese army and sent to the South-East Asian battlefield. He then meets LAI Sha-lin, a comfort woman who is also an outlander. As the two support and care for each other in the face of war and oppression by the Japanese army, their feelings for each other grow over time. A war brings them together on a tropical island. Only survival ensures their stories will be passed on. Under the gaze of the Southern Cross. They persist to sing even in tears to prove that they are still alive.

6/11 Sat. 14:30 ~ 19:30 6/12 Sun. 14:30 Special for Taichung City Taichung First Senior High School Alumni Association

Playhouse 500 / 700 / 900 / 1200 / 1500

※ Approx. 150 minutes with a 20-minute intermission  
※ Performed in Mandarin and Taiwanese with Chinese subtitles  
※ Suggested for ages 7 and above

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Angie WANG×CHEN Li-ying×4 CHAIRS THEATRE×KOKO ENTERTAINMENT  
*Before Outdated*

A monologue and confession made by actor Angie WANG who is about to turn 40, *Before Outdated* honestly blurts out her burnout as a theater professional and frustration in the dating pool. In her first work that is written, directed, and acted all by herself, WANG based the production in her own experience as a single woman and sheds light on the ridiculous, absurd, and pathetic conundrum modern human beings face in their search for romantic consolation in a digital age.

7/8 Fri. 19:30 7/9 Sat. 14:30 7/10 Sun. 14:30

Playhouse 300 / 500 / 800 / 1000

※ Approx. 70 minutes without intermission  
※ Performed in Mandarin without subtitles  
※ Suggested for ages 15 and above

Activa Productions – Off-Broadway Musical  
*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is the second-longest running Off-Broadway musical. It has been reproduced across the globe and translated into more than 18 languages since its successful premiere in 1996. This classical show is endearingly referred to by its fans as *LPC* and revolves around the theme of love and relationship.

Featuring an A-list line-up of lead performers, the show presents to you the original English version. The four performers take on the challenge of performing 20 stories and 50 characters. Each scene is romantic, wild and crazy at the same time. It speaks directly to the men and women in the audience and they will laugh, sing along and forget themselves throughout the whimsical journey.

7/29 Fri. 19:30 7/30 Sat. 14:30 ~ 19:30 7/31 Sun. 14:30

8/3 Wed. ~ 8/5 Fri. 19:30 8/6 Sat. 14:30 ~ 19:30 8/7 Sun. 14:30

Black Box 1000 / 1200

※ Approx. 150 minutes with a 15-minute intermission  
※ Performed in English with Chinese subtitles  
※ Suggested for ages 15 and above

*I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* is presented through special arrangement with Broadway Asia Company, LLC, 257 West 52nd Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10019

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Dacon.come Laugh Live Show  
*Creepy or Happy?*

This summer, Dacon.come is going to poke and pop your deepest fears–abusive lover, controlling parents, horror films, chilling fairytales, spooky stories—as you giggle, chuckle, crack up and roar with laughter. After its premiere in 2019 received rave reviews, *Creepy or Happy?* is going to make a hilarious comeback in 2022 as fans across Taiwan just can't get enough of it. This time, Dacon.come takes the show to a whole new level with a mob of fellow Taiwanese comedians, featuring a variety of comedy forms.

7/30 Sat. 14:30 ~ 19:30 7/31 Sun. 14:30

Playhouse 400 / 600 / 800

※ Approx. 150 minutes with a 20-minute intermission  
※ Suggested for ages 15 and above

NTT Artists in Residence CHOU Man-nung  
*Detective Deduction*

Deviating from conventional forms of theater narratives and sensations, *Detective Deduction* offers an immersive experience which combines kinetic installations, stage machinery, sound and light, projection, objects and live performance. Audience is invited roam between the “rooms” left behind by more than a dozen fictional detectives on the Grand Theater stage while exploring various states of lives lived and joining the dots of the implicit clues.

8/3 Wed. ~ 8/4 Thu. 10:00 ~ 12:30 / 15:00 / 17:30 / 20:00

8/5 Fri. 10:00 / 12:30 / 15:00 8/7 Sun. 20:00

Grand Theater \$600

8/5 Fri. 17:30 / 20:00 8/6 Sat. 10:00 / 12:30 / 15:00 / 17:30 / 20:00

8/7 Sun. 10:00 / 12:30 / 15:00 / 17:30

Grand Theater \$800

※ Approx. 90 minutes without intermission  
※ Suggested for ages 15 and above

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Cloud Gate Theater Family Concert  
*Worries of an Animal Doctor* by Trio Zilia

Whimsical adventure combining music, dance, theater, participatory game experiences, *Worries of an Animal Doctor* is a twist of the famous *The Carnival of the Animals* by the French composer Camille Saint-Saëns. As strings, piano and percussion mimic animal behaviors like the roar of a lion, ponderous stamps of an elephant and clumsy crawl of a tortoise with young dancers from the Cloud Gate Dance Studio, both young and adult audience gets to experience changes of the tempo through the gaits and rhythms of animal movements.

8/6 Sat. 11:00 / 15:00 8/7 Sun. 11:00

Playhouse 400 / 600 / 800

※ Approx. 60 minutes without intermission  
※ Suggested for ages 3 and above



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2022 Summer Fun Time Talk

5/27 Fri. 19:30-21:30

NTT Corner Salon

Hosted by Edwin W. CHEN (Film & Theatre Historian, Playwright, Lyricist, Director)  
David LU (Event Planner & Lecturer)

Summer is the season for great family time and a time for a NTT feast of musicals and family-oriented programs. This talk features two speakers who are going to take our audience on a ride from Taiwan to New York. They will recount how the two original musicals—*Tropical Angels* and *April Rain*—and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, the evergreen Off-Broadway show set a legendary theater record in Taiwan. The audience will also have the opportunity to learn about the conception and behind-the-scene anecdotes of the fairytale inspired musical of *Hänsel und Gretel*, a brand new local production.

※ Registration begins on May 10th (Tue.) on the NTT website.  
※ Auditorium opens 30 minutes prior to scheduled event via QR code issued during registration. One QR code per person.  
※ The NTT reserves the right to permit or deny entry, and amend the terms and conditions of this event.  
※ Lecture in Mandarin.

*Hänsel und Gretel*  
by Humperdinck

*Hänsel und Gretel* is an opera by 19th century Germany composer Engelbert Humperdinck. After the overwhelming success of its premiere, the opera has secured a place in the repertoires of major opera houses for young audience's "first opera experience." This summer, NTT presents a brand-new production of *Hänsel und Gretel* with a modern take. Directed by interdisciplinary artist Ballboss, led by young German-based Taiwanese conductor YANG Su-han and accompanied by a local sinfonietta orchestra, the opera is set in the present day with familiar daily life setting to close the gap between fairytale and modern-day reality. It is a magical adventure of finding one's way back home.

8/12 Fri. 19:30 8/13 Sat. 14:30 Special for China Life Insurance Co., Ltd. 8/14 Sun. 14:30

Playhouse 500 / 700 / 900 / 1200 / 1500

※ Approx. 110 minutes with a 15-minute intermission  
※ Performed in German with Chinese subtitles  
※ Suggested for ages 7 and above

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Antinomy Company  
*Bedtime Story*

Bedtime is the magical hour to start a journey into the dreamland where everything borders on reality and illusion. Our senses are amplified—the shadow in the corner instantly transforms into a monster and the rustle on the ceiling is the whisper of fairies. Directed by Antinomy Company, *Bedtime Story* presents a new format of family dance theater experience by inviting parent-child pairs of different age groups to co-create and take part as performers through a family dance workshop, a great opportunity to bond with your kids / parents and create wonderful memories.

8/20 Sat. 14:30 / 16:30 8/21 Sun. 14:30 / 16:30

Tutu Gallery \$400

※ Approx. 65 minutes without intermission  
※ Open seating on the floor. Audience is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.  
※ Suggested for ages 7 and above

All Music Theatre  
*April Rain*

Coming back to stage with whole new visual design and a cast of brilliant musical actors, *April Rain* depicts how the legendary Taiwanese composer TENG Yu-hsien's talent shaped the culture of Taiwan, how his artistic pursuit was frustrated by the Japanese Imperial rule and the looming threat of war and his romantic relationship with the diva Sun-sun. The musical optimizes the zeitgeist of the golden age of a newly minted modern society by tracing the meteoric life of the prodigy, ready to sweep the audience away with the charm of the "dancing 30s" of Taiwan.

8/20 Sat. 14:30 8/21 Sun. 14:30

Grand Theater 600 / 800 / 1000 / 1200 / 1500 / 1800 / 2000 / 2500

※ Approx. 165 minutes with a 20-minute intermission  
※ Performed in Mandarin, Taiwanese, Hakka and Japanese with Chinese subtitles  
※ Suggested for ages 7 and above

Yang's Ensemble  
*Love Song: Rhyme for you (Revival)*

A collaboration between director YANG Ching-hsiang and talented playwright Birdy FONG, *Love Song: Rhyme for you (Revival)* captures the intoxicating bits and pieces of love with nearly one hundred popular love songs of all time. The story tells a mysterious woman who meets a crestfallen playwright who attempts to commit suicide due to his inability to come up with proper rhymes. The two start to take stock of those clichéd but classic romantic stories, a process that reveals their contradictory longing for an extraordinary relationship and the past they refuse to revisit.

8/27 Sat. 14:30 ~ 19:30 8/28 Sun. 14:30

Grand Theater 500 / 800 / 1200 / 1500 / 1800 / 2200

※ Approx. 110 minutes without intermission  
※ Suggested for ages 15 and above

NTT Member pre-order from 1st May.  
Tickets available from 8th May.

Ticket Package

Purchase four or more tickets for a single program of *Tropical Angels*, *Before Outdated*, *Worries of an Animal Doctor*, *Hänsel und Gretel*, *Love Song: Rhyme for you (Revival)* receive a **25%** discount.

Purchase four or more tickets for a single program of *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* receive a **20%** discount.

Special Offer for Members with NTT Card

Purchase one of each ticket for *Before Outdated*, *Love Song: Rhyme for you (Revival)* and *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, are entitled to three beverage vouchers of Pashih.

Other Discounts

**10%-25%** off for NTT membership holders.

**10%** off for National Theater and Concert Hall, National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts (Weiwuying) and National Symphony Orchestra membership holders.

**10%** off for CTBC Bank, E.SUN Bank, Taishin International Bank, Bank SinoPac and Cathay United Bank credit card holders.

**50%** off for disabled persons plus one companion, and senior citizens 65 or above (ID required at entrance).

**25%** off group ticket price for groups of 20 or more per program. For *Detective Deduction*, **20%** off group ticket price for groups of 10 or more.

※ Only one discount may apply per purchase.  
※ Tickets purchased as a ticket package can not be individually returned or exchanged.  
※ Group ticket discount does not apply to *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* and *Bedtime Story*.