



## **MGM *Hua Yuan* Exhibition Grand Finale** **Features *Paradise Interrupted***

*An unconventional one-act installation opera to celebrate the creativity and diversity of Art Macao*

MGM has been supporting *Art Macao*, the city's mega international art and cultural event, proudly presenting *Hua Yuan* exhibition at MGM COTAI to celebrate the diversity of ink artistry and how modern technology is reinventing one of the most ancient forms of art. Excitement mounts as the Grand Finale of *Hua Yuan - Paradise Interrupted* unfolds to enchant full house of spectators at MGM Theater of MGM COTAI on August 29 and 31. An unconventional one-act installation opera that blends 600-year-old Kun opera with Western opera, *Paradise Interrupted* integrates opera, theater, dance, music, poetry and interactive media into one entity.

**Ms. Pansy Ho, Co-Chairperson & Executive Director of MGM China Holdings Limited** said, "*Paradise Interrupted* is a successful example of cross-disciplinary art, platform and boundaries. As a pioneer in art, MGM builds a breakthrough stage for artists and audience through technological innovation and cultural creativity, cultivating Macau's artistic ambience and leading the city's art and culture to move forward and to the world."

For the first time performing at MGM Theater, an ultra-high resolution LED screen is used in lieu of projection, offering a new interpretation of the captivating story of a woman's quest for love in a surreal garden. Integrating Macau locals into the international show, 7 dancers from the Macau Dancers Association join *Paradise Interrupted* with orchestral performance of the Hong Kong New Music Ensemble and Mr. Deng Le, Pipa Principle of the Macau Chinese Orchestra, bringing to life the magnificence of the original composition.

A brainchild of Director and Visual Designer Jennifer Wen Ma, who uses the intrinsic connectivity and versatility of ink to create a dreamlike world out of dynamic paper cutouts, Chinese watercolor, light and shadow, and multi-media installations. "A core approach to my art-making involves extending traditions into contemporary discourse, the opera fuses and re-imagines the biblical story of Eve's search for utopia after being expelled from the Garden of Eden with the Chinese kunqu drama of Du Liniang's journey after being awakened from a profoundly stirring dream in the Peony Pavilion. The Woman in *Paradise Interrupted* is in search of an unattainable ideal in a world activated by her voice," said Jennifer Wen Ma.

Performed in the past at Spoleto Festival USA, Lincoln Center Festival, Singapore International Festival of Arts and National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts, it brings Chinese kunqu and Western opera singers together, highlighting different traditions, aesthetics,



styles and characters of the two genres. While, award-winning composer Huang Ruo's beautiful and dramatic fusion of classical Chinese folk songs and avant-garde Western music makes the whole performance an enchanting experience. Other elite line-up including the lead-role performer, Qian Yi, Kun opera artist and the conductor, Chien Wen-Pin, Art Director of the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts Weiwuying, *Paradise Interrupted* was praised by the New York Times as "A Powerful Opera of Eastern and Western Allure".

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