

NICA presents "Imaginarium": Transcontinental multimedia concert with Hong Kong launches

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Premiere: On Sunday, **31 October 2021** at **1 pm**, a joint multimedia concert by musicians in Hong Kong and Cologne will take place in real-time collaboration for the first time. **"Imaginarium"**, which will be held as part of the Freespace Jazz Festival in Hong Kong, invites selected musicians in Hong Kong to perform live in front of an audience in interaction with artists from the **NICA artist development** programme who will be connected from Stadtgarten Cologne. The result is a multimedia virtual and real free improvisation jam that encourages new encounters, modes of communication and forms of musical and visual experimentation.

The German artists **Elisabeth Coudoux** (cello), **Pablo Giw** (trumpet) and **Philip Zoubek** (piano) will perform at Stadtgarten Cologne. All three musicians are part of <u>NICA artist development</u>, an artist development programme of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, produced by the European Centre for Jazz and Contemporary Music at Stadtgarten Cologne.

Their counterparts at Freespace Jazz Fest Hong Kong, will be the artists **Nelson Hiu** (multiinstrumentalist), **Charles Ng** (saxophone), **Simon Hui** (double bass) and **Fiona Lee** (sound art).

This premiere also presents us with new technical challenges. Herewith we want to sincerely thank **NetCologne**. Without their flexibility and great support this collaboration could not have been realised. The event will be available to watch via live stream at <u>www.stadtgarten.de</u>.

Imaginarium - HK/Cologne is jointly presented and produced by Freespace Jazz Fest HK, Goethe-Institut Hong Kong and NICA artist development / Stadtgarten Cologne within the mission to create international platforms and initiate long-term artistic collaborations. For images and further information please click <u>here.</u>

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