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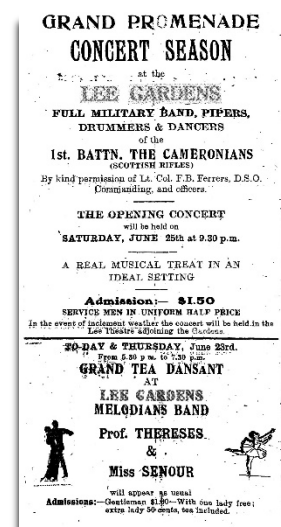
### Swing Back in Time this December Let the Lee Gardens stage transport you back to the 1920s



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(26 November 2024, Hong Kong) – Causeway Bay is a favourite weekend haunt for many Hong Kong people, and a must-visit destination for tourists. It’s a unique neighbourhood, a balanced blend of old and new in Hong Kong, where trendy shopping malls sit alongside traditional tong lau tenement buildings. The story of Lee Gardens began in 1923, with Lee Garden, a beloved theme park in the 1920s, and Lee Theatre, an iconic landmark in Causeway Bay for more than six decades, serving as a stage for arts and entertainment – bringing magic shows, circuses, films, concerts and dance performances to the heart of Causeway Bay.

To celebrate more than 100 years of dancing at Lee Gardens, join us at *Swing Back in Time*, a lively two-day arts festival organised by Hysan Development Company Limited, Lee Gardens Association and Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF), in partnership with the Lee Hysan Foundation. From 14 to 15 December (Saturday and Sunday), at Pak Sha Road, Causeway Bay, *Swing Back in Time* programmes include magic and crystal ball acts, swing dance workshops, and a hands-on creative workshop. Let’s step back into the Roaring Twenties – the decade that swing dance



Note: The above photo is old news clipping from Lee Gardens

arrived in Hong Kong from the West and captured the vibrant nature of Hong Kong's hybrid East-West culture with its free-spirited and energetic style!

### Dance performances, live music and workshops

*Swing Back in Time* includes performances by local swing dance promotion group Swing Pocket and HKYAF dancers accompanied by live jazz music by the Swing Pocket Quartet. There are also magic and crystal ball acts, swing dance workshops, and a hands-on creative workshop where visitors can make their own flapper-inspired, 1920s-style headpiece. All performances and workshops are free of charge. The performances and the headpiece workshop are open to ages 5 and above. The swing dance workshops are open to participants aged 13 and above and online reservation is required.

For full details, visit [www.hkyaf.com](http://www.hkyaf.com) and follow @hkyaf on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### Editor Notes

#### Swing Back in Time

Date: 14 – 15 | 12 | 2024 (Sat and Sun)

Time: 2pm – 6pm

Venue: Pak Sha Road, Causeway Bay

Note: Free admission. Each ticket admits one person. Advance online registration for swing dance workshops is required at POPTICKET (<https://bit.ly/swingbackintime>). A deposit of HK\$50 is required for registration and is refundable in full through POPTICKET within 14 working days after attendance.

For more details: [www.hkyaf.hk](http://www.hkyaf.hk) ([Facebook/Instagram](#) @hkyaf)

### Swing Back in Time Activities

#### Swing Dance Workshop

Jump into the lively world of swing dancing in a workshop led by talented local dance group Swing Pocket and experience the captivating moves and rhythms of the 1920s as you learn to dance with flair.



### Live Swing Dance Performances

Step back in time to the Roaring Twenties with swing dance performances by local dance group Swing Pocket and HKYAF dancers, accompanied with live jazz music by the Swing Pocket Quartet.



### DIY Headpiece Workshop

In the 1920s, decorative headbands were must-have accessory for chic flapper girls. Join artist Wong Man-yui in this DIY workshop and design your own stylish headpiece with feathers, sequins and beads.



### Magic and Crystal Ball Acts

Experience a colourful, circus-inspired ball performance combining the bewitching art of magic and skilful manipulation of crystal balls.



## **Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation**

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF) is a charity that provides access to high quality, noncompetitive free-of-charge arts experiences for young people aged 5 to 25. Established in 1993 by Lindsey McAlister OBE, JP, HKYAF organises inclusive and inspirational projects that reach out to youngsters of all cultures, backgrounds, languages and abilities, and actively creates opportunities for those who are disadvantaged and underprivileged. Each year, HKYAF reaches over 800,000 people through its projects, exhibitions and performances.

## **Hysan Development Company Limited**

Hysan Development Company Limited is a leading property investment, management, and development company with a core portfolio of approximately 4.5 million square feet of high-quality office, retail and residential space in Hong Kong. With roots in the city that go back 100 years, Hysan has focused on building the community, mixing the traditional and the new, applying technology and practicing sustainability. It has transformed the Lee Gardens area into a modern smart community, with a unique Hong Kong character, making it an attractive destination for leading multinational corporations, international visitors and local residents.

The Company has been growing its core portfolio through upgrades and expansion. It has also invested in strategic growth pillars which target opportunities brought about by the New Economy, with the aim of reinforcing Hysan's business by geography and by sector. Among its strategic pillars are Lee Gardens Shanghai and an urban renewal project in To Kwa Wan. Hysan has been listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong since 1981 under stock code 00014.

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