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## Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation presents The Evil Within

Saturday 16 May 2015, Chinese International School Auditorium

Celebrating Shakespeare's most villainous women – 60 minutes of dynamic monologues and powerful solo and group dance work



Shakespeare created some of literature's most memorable villainous women. But were these women truly evil, or did their desire for power or vengeance simply threaten those around them?

On 16<sup>th</sup> May, in anticipation of Shakespeare's 400th death anniversary in 2016, Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation presents *The Evil Within* – an original dance and physical theatre performance sponsored by the Noel Croucher Shakespeare Fund.

The Evil Within explores the lives of eight of Shakespeare's most powerful and ruthless female characters – Lady Macbeth and the Witches (*Macbeth*), Tamora (*Titus Andronicus*), Goneril (*King Lear*), Queen (*Cymbeline*) and Queen Margaret (*Henry VI*).

The all-female cast comprises 26 young performers aged 10 to 25 and four professionals: **Muriel Hoffman** (Lady Macbeth in recent Sweet and Sour Production's *Macbeth*, HK Fringe Club), **Giselle Liu** (award-winning *Canadian Dancer of the Year* and *Provincial Champion of Modern Dance*), **Christine He** (Clockenflap, CCDC choreographer) and **Heather Cooper** (Sweet and Sour Production's *Doubt: A Parable*).

"Many young people find Shakespeare daunting," said YAF Artistic Director and show director Lindsey McAlister. "The Evil Within is conceived as an enticing and accessible introduction to his work. While the themes and ideas in the plays are timeless, what has changed since they were written is the role of women in society. We hope the performance will inspire audiences, and excite them to explore more of Shakespeare's work. We also hope that it will empower our young female cast members to question what is right and wrong, and to be moral and brave women leaders in our changing world."

## Notes to Editors

## Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation's *The Evil Within*

**Venue:** Auditorium, Chinese International School

Date: Saturday 16 May 2015

**Times:** 4pm – 5pm, 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Tickets:** Free admission, registration required at <a href="www.hkyaf.com">www.hkyaf.com</a>

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Suitable for ages 6 and above, performed in English, approximately 60 minutes

## **Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation**

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (YAF) <a href="www.hkyaf.com">www.hkyaf.com</a> is a charity that provides high quality, non-competitive arts experiences for young people aged 5 to 25. Established in 1993 by Lindsey McAlister, OBE, YAF 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 we reach over 800,000 young people through our projects, exhibitions and performances.

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