

陳笑風先生

Mr Chan Siu-fung



陳笑風先生是著名粵劇表演藝術家，年輕時在香港唸中學，中日戰爭時期隨父回鄉並在廣州唸大學，修讀建築工程系；其後為生計輟學，於十九歲投身戲行。陳氏從間角做起，經過數年刻苦鍛煉後成為文武生，並憑著賈寶玉一角一炮而紅，於一九四八至五一年間在東南亞作巡迴演出；五二年返回廣州，在廣州粵劇團和廣東粵劇院擔任正、副團長、導演及主要演員。

陳氏擅於掌握人物性格，唱腔感情細膩，因而贏得「風腔」尊稱，在粵劇界享有「天皇小生」美譽，八十年代初更獲選為廣東省粵劇「百花獎」最佳男演員。陳氏曾任中國戲劇家協會理事、廣東省戲劇家協會副主席及廣東省人大常委會委員等公職。他於八六年退休，移居美國紐約，與家人團聚。

陳氏多年來不斷參與慈善演出，自九二年起經常為香港靈實醫院的善終服務籌募經費。他自二〇〇九年起出任香港公開大學李嘉誠專業進修學院榮譽顧問。陳氏現年八十五歲，仍積極創作，身體力行推動終身學習。為表揚陳笑風先生對教育及本校發展所作的貢獻，現恭請校董會主席先生頒授榮譽大學院士榮銜予陳笑風先生。

Well-known Cantonese opera singer Mr Chan Siu-fung spent his secondary school life in Hong Kong and returned to his homeland with his father during the Sino-Japanese War. He later attended university in Guangzhou but had to discontinue his studies for financial reasons. He entered the world of Cantonese opera as a 19-year-old and took on protagonist roles after several years of hard work. His performance as Jia Baoyu — the key character in the Chinese classical novel *Dream of the Red Chamber* — earned him instant fame. Since then, he has performed throughout Southeast Asia, and has been the head and deputy head of the Guangzhou Cantonese Opera Troupe and Guangdong Opera House, where he also served as a director and a leading actor.

With a firm grasp of characters' personalities and a deep sensitivity to human feelings, Mr Chan developed his unique singing style known as 'Fung Style' and earned a reputation as the 'King of Actors.' He won Best Actor in the Guangdong Cantonese Opera Hundred Flowers Award in the early 1980s. Mr Chan was also a council member of the China Theater Association, Vice Chairman of the Guangdong Dramatists' Association and a member of the Standing Committee of the Guangdong Provincial People's Congress. He retired and moved to New York to rejoin his family in 1986.

Frequently performing for charity, Mr Chan has been lending continuous support to the Haven of Hope Hospital since 1992, raising funds for its palliative care service. Though he has reached the age of 85, he continues to pursue creative activities and is a living example to the public of active, lifelong learning. He has been an Honorary Advisor of the Li Ka Shing Institute of Professional and Continuing Education of the OUHK since 2009. In recognition of Mr Chan's contribution to education and the University, may I invite the Chairman to present him with the Honorary University Fellowship.