

# Kenny Leung

## 梁儉豐

Dance Artist, Choreographer, Teacher, Curator, Producer and Movement Coach

**COMMON GROUND Artistic Director** 

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Born in Hong Kong, Kenny began his dance training at the age of twelve. He holds a master's degree in contemporary dance performance from the Taipei National University of the Arts, and studied Chinese dance at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. As an established dance artist and a promoter of arts education in Hong Kong, he has been commissioned by the Hong Kong Arts Festival, West Kowloon Cultural District, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, etc. He has also worked with a number of Hong Kong and international choreographers and performed extensively in arts festivals across the world.

Kenny founded his company COMMON GROUND with a focus on cross-disciplinary artistic productions in 2021. His work *Imagined Altar* won the Hong Kong Dance Award 2025 for Outstanding Small Venue Production, while his half-year project "Freespace Dance Night" was nominated for Outstanding Dance Education or Community Dance. He is also the recipient of the Arts Impact Fellowship 2024 offered by West Kowloon Cultural District.

His creative endeavours thrive in experimental interdisciplinary performance, aiming to explore the possibilities of the body and performance. Recent notable works include *Body Codes II: Performscape* (2021), an immersive exhibition-theatre, and *Imagined Altar* (2024) integrating ethnic dance and exhibition elements.

#### **EDUCATION**

2010-2016 TAIPEI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS

Master of Fine Arts, majoring in Dance Performance

2006-2010 HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance), majoring in Chinese Dance

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

2006-2008 THE COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY OF TEACHERS OF DANCING

Modern Jazz Grade 1-6 (Education Section) Recipients of Asia-Pacific Scholarship 2007

2007 BEIJING DANCE ACADEMY GRADED EXAMINATION

Chinese Dance Level 13 (Teachers' Course)

Certified instructor to recommend eligible students for the student graded exams

#### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARD

2025 HONG KONG DANCE AWARD

Outstanding Small Venue Production - Imagined Altar

2025 HONG KONG DANCE AWARD

Nominated Outstanding Dance Education/Community Dance - Freespace Dance Night

2024 WESTK ARTS IMPACT FELLOWSHIP

Sponsored to carry out boat-dwellers dance research project "Anchored in Memory"

2023 HONG KONG DANCE AWARD

Nominated Outstanding Small Venue Production - Body Codes II: Performscape

2008 HONG KONG OPEN DANCE CONTEST

Chinese Dance Gold Award (Solo)

2007 KANGAROO CUP DANCE COMPETITION

Modern Jazz Champion (Solo)

2006 KANGAROO CUP DANCE COMPETITION

Modern Jazz Champion (Solo)

#### FULL-TIME ARTS COMPANY EXPERIENCE

2014-2015 PAPERWINDMILL THEATRE (TAIWAN)

Performed the touring productions across Taiwan

2012-2013 MEIMAGE DANCE COMPANY (TAIWAN)

Performed Ho Hsiao-mei's new work My Dear awarded the Taiwan TaiShin Arts Award



CHOREOGRAPHY (SELECTED)		
2025	WESTK FUN FEST 2025: ANCHORED IN MEMORY Presented by West Kowloon Cultural District	
2025	CONTEMPORARY CONCERT: KSANA OF IMPERMANENCE Presented & Invited by First Half Arts in Concept	
2024	LE FRENCH MAY: PAS DE DEUX À HONG KONG Invited by Pants Theatre	
2024	M+ ASIAN AVANT-GARDE FILM FESTIVAL: LUYANG ILLUSORY WORLD Invited by multimedia artist Luyang	
2024	ARTS CENTRAL OPENING PERFORMANCE: SYMBIOSIS Commissioned by UOB	
2024	DANCE ON SERIES: IMAGINED ALTAR Commissioned by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department **Hong Kong Dance Award Outstanding Small Venue Production	
2023	HKAPA ACADEMY DRAMA: PLANNING OUR CITY Invited by Pants Theatre. Re-run in 2025	
2022	HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: SHH - VIRTUAL REALITY Invited by theatre director Santayana Li	
2022	WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT: DOKU - THE BINARY WORLD Part of the "Physical D" Art Technology Festival	
2022	LIGHTING INSTALLATION: SOLIS OCCASUS Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
2022	THE BOX 3.0: O Hong Kong Street Dance Development Alliance	
2021	DOCUMENTARY THEATRE FESTIVAL: TOGETHER IN SEARCH OF LIGHT Invited by Pants Theatre. Re-run in 2025.	
2021	COMMON GROUND: BODY CODES II - PERFORMSCAPE Funded by HKADC Project Grant and Venue Sponsored by JCCAC **Hong Kong Dance Award Outstanding Small Venue Production Nomination	
2020	WESTK CYPHER FESTIVAL: THE BATTLE Co-produced with West Kowloon Cultural District	
2017	BATTLE-OR-NOT Funded by HKADC Project Grant and Venue Sponsored by JCCAC. Re-run in 2019.	
2022	TAIWAN STRAY BIRD DANCE PLATFORM: ROOM 10279 Invited by dance festival organiser Hung Dance in Taiwan	
2022	HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: SHH - VIRTUAL REALITY Invited by theatre director Santayana Li	
2022	WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT: DOKU - THE BINARY WORLD Presented at the "Physical D" Art Technology Festival	
2022	LIGHTING INSTALLATION: SOLIS OCCASUS Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	
2018	HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: THE BATTLE ZONE Commissioned by the Hong Kong Arts Festival	
2016	HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: THE LAMENT OF THE WIND Commissioned by the Hong Kong Arts Festival	



#### INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL INVITATION

2022 TAIWAN STRAY BIRD DANCE PLATFORM: ROOM 10279

Invited by organiser Hung Dance to premier my new work

2017 MALAYSIA DPAC DANCE FESTIVAL: I DON'T BELONG HERE

Invited by organiser Damansara Performing Arts Centre to premier my new work

2017 MACAO FRINGE FESTIVAL: BODY CODES

Toured my curated production

#### **CURATED PRODUCTION**

2023-2024 WESTK FREESPACE DANCE NIGHT

Presented by West Kowloon Cultural District

\*\*Hong Kong Dance Award Outstanding Dance Education/Community Dance

Nomination

2016 HONGKONG-MACAO-TAIWAN DANCE SOLO: BODY CODES

Funded by HKADC Project Grant. Toured to Macao Fringe Festival in 2017.

#### LOCAL & OVERSEAS PERFORMANCE (SELECTED)

2024 COMMUNITY CULTURAL AMBASSADOR: TEA HOUSE

Presented by Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Toured in HK districts.

2022 EAST KOWLOON CULTURAL CENTRE: ANOTHER 18 WAYS TO

**CREATE & MUTE SOUND** 

Invited by multi-media artist Gaybird Leung

2021 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Presented by Hong Kong Arts Festival. Toured to Beijing in 2021.

2018-2021 MAYBE TOMORROW

Toured in HK districts in 2018; Re-run in WestK in 2021. Will tour to Dubai in 2025.

\*\*Top 10 World Stage Design 2025 - Scenofest

2015-2019 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL: FROM THE TOP

Toured in Seoul in 2015, Auckland in 2016, Dusseldorf in 2016, San Francisco in 2017,

Hong Kong in 2017, Swindon and Edinburg in 2019

2017 SEOUL NAD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: TIME LAG

Competed in 2nd Asian Solo Duo Challende for Masdanza

2016-2017 LCSD DANCE ON SERIES: GALAXY DREAMER

Toured in Guangdong in 2016, Adelaide in 2017.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2025-PRESENT HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY

**Contemporary Dance Teacher** 

2021-PRESENT PANTS THEATRE

Movement Coach

2018-PRESENT STUDIODANZ (SDZ)

Contemporary Dance Teacher

2015-PRESENT DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Modern Dance Team Coach

2018-2019 WEST KOWLOON CULTURAL DISTRICT

Instructor of "Screendance School Programme"

2017 DAMANSARA PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (MALAYSIA)

Contemporary Dance Guest Teacher

2015-2017 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL

Instructor of "Contemporary Dance Series School Tour"

2011-2013 THE CHINESE ARTS DANCING ENSEMBLE (TAIWAN)

Artistic Consultant and Contemporary Dance Team

#### STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARD

2013

2025	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - <i>The Wave</i>
2024	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - <i>Endless</i>
2023	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award & Choreography Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - Sun
2022	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award & Choreography Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - Unity
2019	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Highly Recommended Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - 《藍色的謝幕》
2018	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - 《女·言》
2017	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Highly Recommended Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School -《女·霜》
2016	HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL Honours Award & Choreography Award (Group) - Diocesan Girls' School - 《女·書》
2014	TAIPEI NATIONAL STUDENT DANCE COMPETITION National Champion (Chinese Dance Solo) - 《鼓·鄉》
2014	TAIPEI NATIONAL STUDENT DANCE COMPETITION National 1st Runner-up (Contemporary Dance Solo) - 《忘靈》
2014	TAIPEI NATIONAL STUDENT DANCE COMPETITION New Taipei City Champion (Contemporary Dance Solo) - 《脈動》
2013	TAIPEI NATIONAL STUDENT DANCE COMPETITION Taipei City Champion (Contemporary Dance Solo) -《孤兒》

TAIPEI NATIONAL STUDENT DANCE COMPETITION

National 4th Prize (Contemporary Dance Solo) -《夜狼行》