

## MARIO TSZ-CHUN TO, GUITAR

Mario Tsz-Chun To is an avid guitarist and chamber musician. He had worked with internationally acclaimed artists such as German tenor Knut Schoch and Hungarian conductor Gergely Madaras.

As a solo guitarist, Mario won the Tárrega Malaysia International Guitar Festival Competition in 2017 and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Concerto Competition in 2021. In 2023, he was invited by The Peninsular Guitar Series to give a concert in Palo Alto, CA, premiering his own compositions and arrangements. He had also been invited by the Hong Kong International Airport, the Asia Society, and the Royal Commonwealth Society to perform on stage. As an ensemble player, he collaborated tightly with the Hong Kong New Music Ensemble and was featured as the spotlight artist in the NOVA Ensemble Guitar Project in 2019. He is also an experienced musician in operas; notable production includes the 2019 world-premiere chamber opera “Beauty and Sadness”. In 2020, he was invited by the University of Hong Kong to deliver a lecture on the music of Tōru Takemitsu.

Mario’s achievements have also been widely recognized through his numerous scholarships. He is a three-time recipient of the HSBC Hong Kong Scholarship and an awardee of the prestigious Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme. Other scholarships include the Society of APA Scholarship and the Grantham Scholarship etc.



Mario is currently studying at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music on full scholarship as the teaching assistant. He graduated from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, under the guidance of Ms. Meng Su and the Academy Director, Prof. Adrian Walter.