



A wall of posters showcases what the Poly Grand Theater has to offer for this spring season. — Xi Lingyan

Poly Grand Theater launches Spring Performance Season

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CLASSIC stage productions and low-price welfare performances are on offer during the Shanghai Poly Grand Theater's Spring Performance Season.

Broadway composer Frank Wildhorn's original Chinese musical "No Longer Human" received high praise from audiences on March 8 and 9. The latest two shows starred popular singers Bai Jugang and Liu Lingfei, as well as a live band.

Other recommended musicals this spring include "Flowers For Algernon," scheduled for May 2 and 3, and the original musical "Smash the Wall," set to run on June 1 and 2.

The Tchaikovsky ballet from Moscow is bringing their classic "The Nutcracker" to Poly on March 29. The

performance will serve as part of the 39th Shanghai Spring International Music Festival.

Also featured in the festival is a concert "Space-Time Spirit Hub" on April 4, which is presented by A-Play, a band that plays contemporary music with traditional Chinese instruments.

The Vienna Classic Music Soloists will present a "Rhapsody in Blue" concert on April 14 to mark the 100th anniversary of the publication of "Rhapsody in Blue" by American composer George Gershwin.

Famed Chinese playwright Cao Yu's "Thunderstorm" will be performed by the Tianjin People's Art Theater on May 30.

There are also performances for young and family audiences, including the original West End production "Dinosaur World Live" and stage play

"Guess How Much I Love You."

Adapted from a popular picture book, "Guess How Much I Love You" is also one of four welfare performances the Poly Grand Theater has introduced to mark the Jiading District Welfare Culture Week.

The Shanghai Poly Grand Theater is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. As part of the celebration, Russia's Vakhtangov Theater will perform "Eugene Onegin" for the Shanghai audience from June 20 to 23.

The play was written and directed by Lithuanian theater director Rimas Tuminas who selected chapters from the novel in verse by Alexander Pushkin.

Ticket sales for "Eugene Onegin" are now underway. Tuminas' recent death adds an even more poignant note to this round of performances.

Neighborhood center brings family feel to industrial park

Hu Xindong, Xu Yexin and Cen Tianxu

JIADING'S first Wojia Neighborhood Center targeting enterprises nearby as well as local residents opened in the Auto Digital Industrial Park (Shanghai) late last month.

Located at 528 Baian Road with a net area of more than 3,000 square meters, the neighborhood center serves around 65,000 people, including employees at some 500 companies nearby.

The Auto Digital Industrial Park (Shanghai) is the nation's first auto parts industrial base, achieving a revenue of 96.6 billion yuan (US\$13.4 billion) and an output of 85 billion yuan in the previous year.

The neighborhood center is the latest effort by Anting Town to create a "15-minute community service circle." Comprising a 24-hour self-service area, the center offers services covering consultancy, application filing, residence registration, and talent recruitment, amongst others.

Facilities at the center include a Wojia canteen, reading room, mediation room, audio-video room and a jogging track.

During the opening ceremony, an enterprise alliance of the Auto Digital Industrial Park (Shanghai) as well as an online service platform for the park were also established.

Wellness hub added to Yuanxiang Lake 'culture loop'

Yu Chao and Cen Tianxu

CONSTRUCTION of the Johnson Fitness and Cultural Center started recently in Jiading New City, the latest addition to the "culture loop" that strings several architectural masterpieces encircling the Yuanxiang Lake.

Located at the intersection of Tianzhu and Deli roads, the fitness and cultural center is designed to integrate various functions in the complex, including fitness and leisure, and sports equipment experience.

"The design concept of the Johnson Fitness and Cultural Center is an Arc of Exercise," said Lin

Shaoan, an executive with Johnson Fitness Tech. "Arc means it is the only arc-shaped building among the 10 major architectures encircling the Yuanxiang Lake, while exercise refers to its theme of fitness."

"In the future, the center will not only allow visitors to enjoy beautiful scenery from around the globe through visual technology and the Johnson app, but also serve as a great platform for promoting Jiading to the outside world," Lin added.

The center, spanning a construction area of 553 square meters, is set to be finished by mid-June and start operations in July.



The Johnson Fitness and Cultural Center is an arc-shaped building beside the Yuanxiang Lake. — Yu Chao