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Wakin Chau turns to jazz

By jocelyn lee

HONG Kong-born singer Wakin Chau is ditching pop music in favour of jazz and he will release a new jazz album in the later half of this year.

Fans of the veteran singer can get an advance preview of Chau the jazz singer at food, wine and music extravaganza Papillon IX at Raffles Hotel on Sunday, as he will be presenting a mini-jazz showcase at the event.

Diners get to taste cuisine from a multiple-course canape wine-pairing menu prepared by Hong Kong chef Alvin Leung Jr and Robert Mondavi Winery chef Jeff Mosher, before enjoying a performance by Chau.

The 49-year-old singer tells Life! recently in an interview at the Mandarin Oriental: 'I feel that the current Chinese music industry focuses mainly on pop music, and I want to introduce more listeners to jazz music by coming up with a jazz album.'

He adds: 'In the upcoming showcase on Sunday, I will be singing jazz renditions of both English and Chinese songs, including my old classics such as Let Me Be Happy Let Me Be Sad and Tomorrow I Am Going To Marry You.'

Chau, who has released more than 40 records to date and has not had a new album in four years, is not the first Chinese singer to tackle jazz music.

Read the full story in Friday's edition of The Straits Times.



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