

Beyond Entertainment and Philosophy: Climate Crisis and Social Responsibility in Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" Concert

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Abstract

Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" tour has become an immersive experience that combines philosophical reflection and visual art in the context of the increasingly severe global climate crisis. In recent years, extreme weather events have become more frequent, and the threat of climate change has become more pronounced, especially in 2025, with numerous unusual phenomena, further sounding the alarm for environmental protection. Against this backdrop, the concert, through meticulously designed stage elements and music, explores the fears and dreams within the human heart while profoundly reflecting on environmental issues. The stage design, combining light and shadow, installations, and projections, presents both the crisis and hope brought about by climate change, symbolizing the deterioration of the natural environment and the urgent need for ecological protection. The performance not only conveys emotions through music but also strengthens the spread of environmental protection ideas through visual expression, awakening the audience's awareness and action regarding climate change. This performance provides an innovative example of combining art and environmental protection, showcasing the unique power of art in enhancing social consciousness and promoting the integration of culture and ecological protection, offering important insights for future cultural dissemination and environmental protection.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Research Background and Significance

In the process of globalization, climate change has become one of the most severe challenges humanity faces in the 21st century. In 2025, the frequent occurrence of extreme weather events highlighted the urgency of environmental protection. Reports from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) indicate that if the global temperature rise is not kept within 1.5°C, ecosystems will face irreversible damage. Against this backdrop, art, as an important medium for cultural communication, holds significant potential in raising public awareness of environmental protection, making it a subject worthy of in-depth exploration.

Eason Chan, a prominent figure in the Mandarin music scene, has broken from the traditional commercial concert model with his "Fear and Dreams" tour, focusing on environmental protection and climate change through the "Side Track" format, which centers around lesser-known songs. This choice not only reflects the artist's proactive assumption of social responsibility but also sets a new value benchmark for the entertainment industry. Unlike large-scale stadium concerts that prioritize box-office profits, this tour employed smaller venues, incorporating environmental protection concepts into the artistic experience through sophisticated stage design and deep emotional expression, thus shifting from "entertainment consumption" to "intellectual enlightenment."

The significance of studying this phenomenon is multifaceted. First, it reveals the unique role of public figures in spreading awareness of social issues. Through the combination of music and visual arts, Eason Chan transformed the abstract climate crisis into an emotional experience that the audience could perceive, offering an innovative path for environmental advocacy. Second, this tour provides the entertainment industry with a new model for sustainable development, proving that artistic creation can balance both commercial and social value. Finally, this case offers practical insights for the future fusion of cultural communication and ecological protection, especially in using art to awaken social consciousness. By analyzing the planning and expression of this tour, we can gain a better understanding of the potential and responsibility of art in addressing global challenges.

1.2 The Global Issue of Climate Change Protection

Climate change is one of the most severe challenges the world faces today, with its widespread and profound impacts already negatively affecting both natural ecosystems and human societies. Rising global temperatures, the frequent occurrence of extreme weather events such as heavy rainfall, droughts, and hurricanes, have posed significant threats to human life and property. Rising sea levels have submerged coastal areas, forcing large populations to migrate, leading to social instability. Climate change has also exacerbated water scarcity, affecting agricultural production and food security, resulting in increased global hunger and malnutrition. Furthermore, climate change has severely damaged biodiversity, pushing many species toward extinction, degrading ecosystems, and disrupting the planet's ecological balance and human living conditions.

In terms of forest resources, climate change has led to frequent natural disasters like wildfires, pests, and diseases, causing significant losses to forest resources. Global forest coverage has decreased year by year, with large-scale deforestation, land reclamation, and degradation threatening biodiversity. The weakening of forests' role as carbon sinks further exacerbates the pressure of climate change.

In response to this dire situation, Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" themed concert tour has been a high-level initiative in raising awareness for climate change protection. Through meticulously designed stage effects and profound thematic expressions, the concert integrated climate change protection ideas into its artistic performance, drawing the audience's attention to this global issue. This innovative form of art not only elevated the ideological level of the concert but also set a new value benchmark for the entertainment industry, proving that artistic creation can balance commercial and social value, providing new ideas and inspiration for awakening social consciousness and spreading environmental protection concepts.

1.3 The Integration of Art and Environmental Protection: Concerts as a Medium for Cultural Communication

In recent years, with the intensifying global climate issues, the integration of art and environmental protection has gradually become a growing trend. Concerts, as a widely influential medium of communication, not only transmit the charm of music but also use artistic expression to raise public awareness of environmental issues. The combination of art and environmental protection provides a new avenue for spreading eco-friendly concepts. Music, as an emotional form of art, can evoke deep emotional resonance within people. For example, artists like Billie Eilish and Shawn Mendes actively advocate for environmental protection during their tours, conveying the importance of low-carbon living through lyrics, stage design, and interactive segments.

The celebrity effect plays a crucial role in spreading environmental ideas. As public figures, celebrities' actions and words have a powerful demonstration effect. Through talk segments and tangible actions, concerts can integrate environmental concepts into the daily lives of their audience. This integration not only enhances the artistic value of the concert but also strengthens its social influence. In his "Fear and Dreams" tour, Eason Chan not only expressed ideas about climate change protection through stage design but also used the talk segment to share environmental stories, advocating for small actions to foster environmental efforts.

The combination of art and environmental protection offers new possibilities for cultural communication. Concerts, as a medium, can effectively promote environmental protection ideas and practices through celebrity influence and specific actions. Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" concert sets an example in this field with its high-level planning and expression, providing important insights for future environmental advocacy in the entertainment industry.

2. Research Questions and Objectives

2.1 How is the Concept of Climate Change Protection Expressed through Stage Design?

In Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" concert, the concept of environmental protection is woven throughout, reflected in every detail. In order to reduce resource waste, Chan eliminated traditional light boards and instead encouraged the audience to use their mobile phone flashlights to create atmosphere. This not only reduced the use of plastic products but also allowed the audience to engage directly in the concert's interactive experience, enhancing the immersive feeling of the event.

In the design of costumes and backgrounds, the concert also cleverly incorporated environmental themes. The "Fear" segment prominently featured red tones, symbolizing fear and crisis. This visual psychological cue resonated emotionally with the audience, allowing them to connect with the threats posed by climate change. The red background and costume design served as a reminder of the urgent situation facing the planet, evoking a sense of urgency for environmental protection. The concert's promotional video intensified this urgency: in one scene, insects crawl across the character's body, symbolizing the close connection between tiny life forms in nature and humans. The character then falls into a predicament, their eyes turning black, symbolizing confusion and fear about the future. Finally, the character falls into space, with Earth as the backdrop, and Eason Chan appears dressed

in a spacesuit. This scene not only symbolizes humanity's isolation and vulnerability in the universe but also emphasizes that Earth is our only home, one that requires collective protection.

2.2 How Does Stage Design Achieve Resonance between Visual and Ideological Levels?

Achieving resonance between visual and ideological levels in stage design requires a comprehensive approach and meticulous planning. The design needs to deeply explore the thematic essence of the performance to ensure that it accurately conveys the underlying ideas. By thoroughly studying the theme of the performance, designers can extract core thoughts and emotions and incorporate them into the stage design. For example, in Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" concert, the stage design closely aligned with the theme of climate change protection, integrating visual elements with ideological expression to allow the audience to experience the importance of environmental protection while enjoying the performance.

Stage design must also pay attention to its integration with other artistic elements such as music, lighting, and sound. The interplay between visual and auditory elements can create a harmonious and unified performance space, enhancing the audience's sense of immersion and emotional resonance. Lighting and sound can complement the stage design, collectively creating a powerful atmosphere and emotional experience. For instance, in many remarkable productions, the combination of visual and auditory elements becomes the most captivating aspect, delivering a soul-stirring experience for the audience.

Moreover, stage design can achieve resonance through innovative design concepts and techniques. Utilizing modern technologies such as LED screens, projection techniques, and virtual reality can create more realistic scenes and dreamlike atmospheres, immersing the audience in a fantastical world. This integration of advanced technology with stage design further deepens the emotional impact, enhancing the connection between the visual representation and the ideational message.

2.3 How Does the Concert Serve as a Medium for Dissemination and Spark Philosophical Reflection?

Eason Chan's "FEAR and DREAMS" concert goes beyond entertainment, becoming a platform for philosophical reflection. Through music, stage design, and interactive elements, the concert guides the audience into deeper contemplation, exploring human existence, societal issues, and the relationship between humanity and nature. Eason Chan, through the clever integration of lyrics, visual effects, and performance, encourages the audience to confront complex philosophical questions about existence, responsibility, and the future.

The thematic structure of the concert reflects a philosophical exploration of human emotional dualities, particularly the relationship between fear and hope. The transition between the "Fear" and "Dream" sections of the concert embodies this exploration, with fear symbolizing human anxiety and helplessness in the face of environmental degradation, while the "Dream" section represents hope and the possibility of redemption. This shift reflects the philosophical tension found in existentialism and eco-ethics, addressing the conflict between despair and the search for meaning in human emotions. The concert invites the audience to engage in a philosophical dialogue about the ethical implications of human actions on the environment and to consider how we, as individuals and as a society, can face the uncertainties of the future.

Furthermore, by blending art, music, and visual storytelling, the concert transforms the stage into a space for reflection, where philosophy and culture converge, prompting the audience to think about their role in a broader societal and ecological context. As such, the concert itself becomes a philosophical experience, challenging the audience to reassess their worldview and recognize the urgency of taking responsibility for the future of the planet.

3. Literature Review

In recent years, as global ecological and environmental issues have become increasingly severe, environmental consciousness has gradually become a focal point of attention across various sectors of society. The academic community has delved into the connotations, dissemination channels, and applications of environmental awareness, particularly within art education, providing theoretical support and practical guidance for advancing ecological civilization. Lin Xueshan (2022) pointed out that ecological awareness is not only an attitude toward life but also a behavioral norm and a set of values. It emphasizes the conservation of resources and reduction of waste in daily life, while focusing on environmental protection in the process of development, aiming for harmonious coexistence between humans, nature, and society. The cultivation of this awareness requires starting from education, embedding environmental consciousness into students through artistic creation and other methods.

The integration of ecological and environmental consciousness into artistic creation has also received widespread attention. Yuan Yuan and Deng Xinyi (2020) suggested that incorporating ecological environmental concepts into environmental art design can effectively reduce harm to the natural environment and promote coordinated development between humans and nature. They emphasized that designers should follow principles of scientific,

ecological, and regional approaches, using natural materials and optimizing the allocation of natural resources, thereby enhancing the sustainability of design. This design philosophy not only contributes to building greener urban ecosystems but also drives sustainable economic development in cities.

Furthermore, the development of digital media has provided new opportunities for the dissemination of environmental awareness and innovation in art education. Zhou Xiaoshu and Huo Kai (2024) pointed out that the interactive, precise, and open characteristics of digital media allow art education to break through the limitations of traditional models, enabling content innovation and diverse forms. For example, the integration of digital technology with traditional culture can modernize the aesthetic expression of traditional art, attracting more young people. At the same time, collaboration between universities, art institutions, and media platforms can further promote the sharing of art education resources and diversify practical approaches.

4. The Ideological Content of the Concert

Since its release, Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" concert has garnered widespread attention and sparked extensive discussion. The most significant controversy surrounding the concert revolves around the "obscure" nature of the setlist. Some audience members and critics argue that the selection of lesser-known songs, as opposed to popular hits found in other concerts, may reduce audience engagement. However, this criticism is somewhat superficial. When understood through the deeper themes and ideological content, "Fear and Dreams" is not merely a musical performance but an immersive experience that addresses human nature, social responsibility, and environmental protection, carrying profound significance.

The theme of the concert, "Fear and Dreams," offers a dual expression of life choices and emotional journeys. On the surface, fear and dreams are perceived as opposites, with the first half filled with repression and anxiety, while the latter half offers release and hope. However, as Eason Chan emphasizes, fear and dreams are not neatly divided; they are interdependent and play out in cycles. Through this concert, Eason demonstrates this emotional cycle, suggesting that both fear and dreams remain undefined and exist in the future that is yet to unfold. Our individual choices and perspectives ultimately determine the future's course. The concert does not simplify the theme into a clear opposition but explores the complex, internal connections and interactions between the two. Whether it's fear or dreams, neither has a set outcome; it depends on personal attitudes and perspectives. Both fear and dreams have not occurred—they exist only in our perception of the present. The real challenge is how we face these "unhappened" things and how we free ourselves from fear to embrace the power of dreams. Eason Chan conveys a positive message in the concert: by letting go of attachments, reducing our need for control, and living in the present, we can better embrace each day in the future. This is also the reason why Eason Chan calls each concert the best one yet.

In addition, the concert places a strong emphasis on the importance of environmental protection. Through his mid-concert talks, Eason emphasizes the idea of starting with small daily actions to protect the environment. While the setlist includes some relatively obscure tracks, these songs better align with the concert's theme—taking small steps to address the relationship between humanity and nature. This profound environmental theme is not diluted by the lesser-known tracks; on the contrary, the intellectual depth and emotional expression of the concert elevate the entire experience. The choice of these songs was not intended to be obscure but was made to highlight the narrative content, preventing popular songs from overshadowing the central theme. The concert, from its conception to its performance, took four years, and the development of the world during that time has further imbued the performance with greater relevance. The focus on environmental protection and human emotions is especially significant in the current era. I believe the core ideas of "Fear and Dreams" will continue to resonate with society for the next decade. This is not merely a music performance; it is a purification of thought, a call to social responsibility and self-awakening.

5. Artistic Form and Innovation of the Concert

Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" world tour broke the traditional concert format, providing the audience with a stunning audio-visual feast through its unique artistic expression and profound thematic content. The stage design of this concert was highly innovative, particularly with the creation of the largest super screen in Eason Chan's performance history, specifically designed to enhance the audience's audio-visual experience. The visual effects displayed on the screen provided a strong visual impact, captivating the audience. Especially during the performance, he hardly took breaks, singing continuously and showcasing his incredible energy and musical talent.

Unlike other performances, the "Fear and Dreams" concert felt more like a continuous stage play. The concert did not rely heavily on talk segments but instead told a profound story through a carefully curated setlist and stage effects. In the first half, Eason immersed himself in singing, while the audience restrained their emotions, quietly absorbing the emotions and stories conveyed by each song. The entire atmosphere was focused and cohesive, with

the audience deeply immersed in the performance. In the second half of the concert, Eason, known for his humorous style, began interacting with the audience, making light-hearted jokes and instantly igniting the audience's enthusiasm. The venue came alive with cheers, and the atmosphere became lighter and more energetic, showcasing his multifaceted personality as an artist.

Moreover, when selecting the concert venue (using the Hefei performance as an example), Eason deliberately avoided large sports arenas and instead chose the Hefei Shaoquan Sports Center, which holds around 10,000 people, even though the Hefei Olympic Sports Center can accommodate up to 60,000. This venue choice made the concert atmosphere more intimate and focused, greatly enhancing the audience's sense of participation and immersion. Although the venue was smaller, Eason extended the concert timeline, performing six shows over two weeks, allowing more fans to experience the music feast up close and enjoy a higher-quality live experience. The combination of the setlist and stage effects represents an artistic innovation and breakthrough. The concert did not choose traditional popular hits but instead selected more obscure works, which gave the entire concert a deeper meaning. Each song was a profound interpretation of Eason's understanding of music, and the audience was not only listening to music but also engaging with Eason's reflections on life, society, and human emotions.

Additionally, the concert's theme focused on environmental protection and climate change, marking a shift from traditional personal emotional themes to broader social responsibility. Through this theme, the concert elevated personal "Self Love" to global "Boundless Love", emphasizing that humanity must focus on the future of the Earth. Through the perfect integration of visuals, music, and performance, Eason Chan conveyed an urgent concern for the environment and expressed a sense of responsibility for ecological protection. This innovative theme not only added a new layer to the artistic expression of the concert but also provided society with far-reaching insights, encouraging everyone to start with themselves and contribute to global climate change.

6. Visual Elements in Stage Design and Their Expression of Climate Change Protection Theme

6.1 Dynamic Lighting Effects as Metaphors for Environmental Crisis (Fear Part)

In the "Fear and Dreams" concert, lighting design serves not only to create atmosphere but also plays a critical role in conveying the themes of climate change and humanistic concern. In particular, during the "Fear" section, the combination of lighting colors and stage design creates a powerful visual language that conveys deep metaphors of the climate crisis and social unrest. The entire section predominantly uses black, white, gray, and blood-red tones, establishing a suffocating, heavy atmosphere, even carrying hints of horror and terror. The lighting effects, combined with the stage backdrop, act as a reminder to the audience that we are living in a world on the brink of collapse, facing undeniable disasters brought on by climate change.

Especially during the first hour of the "Fear" part, the lighting intensifies this oppressive feeling, pushing the audience into a state where they not only feel the worsening external environment but also gradually immerse themselves in deep reflections about humanity's future, triggered by the combination of music and visuals. As the stage effects unfold, the audience is guided to question profound societal and environmental issues: Why has the Earth become so damaged? Why is the world filled with wars and conflicts? Why are humans so disconnected from one another? Why do individuals encounter alienation in society and lose their sense of self? These questions are gradually explored through Eason Chan's voice, from the coexistence of humanity and nature to the struggle for survival within society, and finally, to the fundamental introspection of the self. The entire "Fear" section, through the dual expression of music and lighting, compels the audience to continuously reflect on their existence.



Figure 1.

For example, in "Flowerless", a song that might not have had a clear social message in previous performances, the emotional depth and significance become much more profound when integrated with the concert's theme (Figure 1). The lighting and stage design effectively correspond to the song's emotional tone, making its expression richer and more multifaceted. The stage visuals are kept simple, with a focus on Eason Chan's performance, naturally directing the audience's attention to his emotional interpretation rather than complex stage elements. The visual design of this song, with its minimalist gray tones and sorrowful backdrop, expresses a broken world—dilapidated, decayed, and mournful, as if color had vanished, leaving only tears.



Figure 2.

In "Sorpor" and "The End," the stage design continues to pack a strong visual punch. The red tones and the design of the bizarre chairs in "Sorpor" evoke a sense of the creator and divine, imparting a strong feeling of mystery and judgment. The dancers' costumes, particularly the pointed hats and long robes, further enhance this visual effect (Figure 2). Sitting on the bright red chairs, the dancers seem to occupy the role of judges, surveying the ruined world, symbolizing the societal and natural disintegration caused by climate change. In "The End," the large screen employs a gray filter, combined with the song's melody, creating a stunning visual beauty. The gray filter in the background, intertwined with the song's melody, imparts a chilling sense and a feeling of ruin, perfectly reflecting the consequences of climate change and environmental destruction.



Figure 3.

In the "Man vs. God" section, the background also meticulously displays the metaphor of climate change. At the beginning, the backdrop presents climate reports resembling weather forecast news. As the performance progresses, the visuals shift to dry, desolate apocalyptic landscapes. This transition deepens the urgency of the climate crisis through visual contrast. Accompanying this, the dancers wear bizarre, bird-beak costumes, which intensify the apocalyptic sense of doom (Figure 3). The odd and unsettling visuals heighten the audience's immersive experience, making them feel the crisis brought on by climate change and the deep anxiety about the future.

From "Flowerless" to "Lies" and "Wheels of the Era," each song gradually reveals the essence of "Fear." As the songs unfold, I began to feel a strong emotional impact, realizing our disregard for everything around us reflects our neglect of the environment and ignorance about the future. "Sorpor" epitomizes the "Fear" theme in its fullest form. Perhaps, as the song "The End" sings: "Some battles still remain, but all efforts fall short(尚有些仗, 全力都打不上)." This sense of helplessness is perfectly embodied in "Sorpor" The melody and stage design of this song intensify the feeling of helplessness, with gray filters and oppressive lighting creating an atmosphere of futility and inevitability. The costumes and backdrop further suggest humanity's powerlessness in the face of climate change and social injustice, where, no matter how much we struggle, we cannot escape the predicament. These songs, especially "Sorpor" strike at the heart, making me realize that "Fear" is not just about the terror of external disasters but also about the powerlessness and doubt regarding human existence.

6.2 Serene Lighting and the Symbolism of Hope (Dream Section)

In the "Fear and Dreams" concert, the "Dream" section employs projection technology to create vibrant and hopeful visual effects, providing a stark contrast to the oppressive and heavy atmosphere of the "Fear" section. The lighting transitions from cool tones of black, white, and gray to warm hues of blue and green, symbolizing the restoration of nature and the rebirth of life. The combination of blue and green creates a lively atmosphere, conveying a sense of rebirth and hope after destruction and despair. As the opening song of the "Dream" section, "Today" is presented in a livelier and rhythmically engaging manner, with Eason interacting with the audience and encouraging them to wave their phones.

As "Possibilities of Dreams" unfolds, the lyrics "Who doesn't want to be closer to a beautiful dream? (谁不想与美梦接近)" and "Don't take the future too seriously; dreams and ideals only come true when we realize them together(未发生, 别当真, 梦与理想只有共同实现同行)" smoothly transition between the two themes, emphasizing the connection between dreams and hope. The song presents a deep emotional atmosphere, with the stage's gray and black tones perfectly matching the emotion of the song. The gray and black stage design not only creates a dreamlike, ethereal beauty but also conveys a sense of contemplation about things that have not yet come to pass. It encourages the audience to focus on the present moment rather than becoming overly fixated on the uncertain future. The gray and black visuals symbolize unrealized possibilities, carrying both a sense of mystery and a gentle melancholy, urging the audience to reflect on their expectations and imaginations for the future while finding inner peace and hope in an uncertain world.

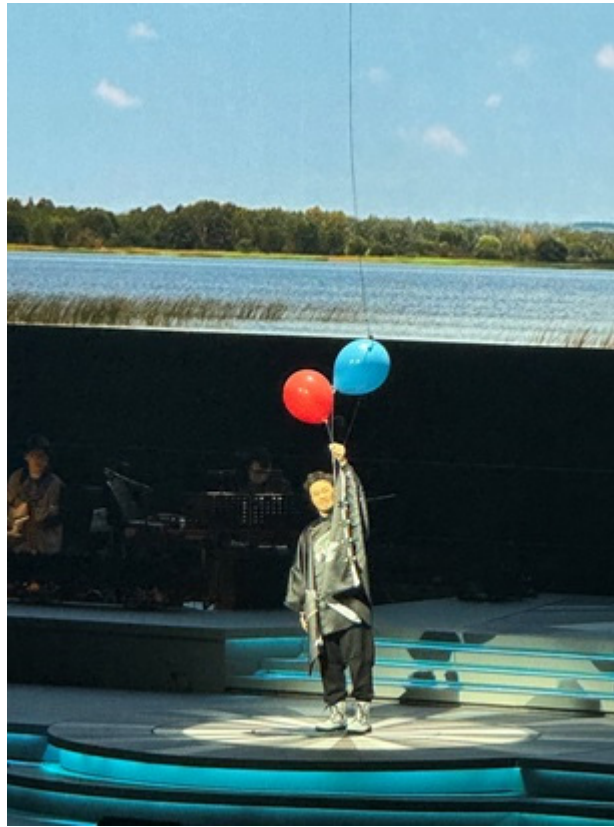


Figure 4.

“The Wanderer” discusses the journey of life, emphasizing freedom and the path forward. It evokes deep reflection on the contrast between youthful ideals and the realities of adulthood. The song expresses the pursuit of infinite possibilities for the future and showcases the journey from struggle to hope. The concert concludes with red and blue balloons falling from the sky, symbolizing the perfect intersection of the "Fear" and "Dreams" themes (Figure 4). These balloons represent the harmonious coexistence of challenges and hope, deeply resonating with the concert's core concept. This detail not only strengthens the visual impact but also deepens the theme of the "Dream" section—rebirth and freedom following adversity and struggle. The background design in "The Wanderer" is closely aligned with the theme, featuring imagery of blue skies, white clouds, and hopeful cityscapes, symbolizing a rise from a broken world and showcasing the harmonious coexistence of humans and nature. This transition marks the shift from fear to dreams, offering the audience a greater sense of hope and strength.



Figure 5.

In songs like “The Road... Is Always There” and “A Dance for Tomorrow”, the background projections showcase natural scenes, with harmonious interactions between animals and humans, reinforcing the theme of ecological

balance and the importance of living in harmony with nature. Through carefully designed projection technology, the concert not only presents a fantastical virtual world but also subtly integrates the concept of climate change protection into the visuals, triggering an emotional resonance with the audience (Figure 5). The imagery of forest greenery, running animals, and the intimate relationship between humans and nature not only astounds the audience but also provokes deep reflection on our collective responsibility to protect the planet's ecology.



Figure 6.

At the beginning of "Fear and Dreams", Eason steps out of a space capsule, marking the start of the concert journey, which directly echoes the lyrics of "After 700 Years": "Your space capsule emits a golden light(你那太空舱 能够发出金色的光)." If "2001: A Space Odyssey" symbolizes the "Fear" section, depicting humanity's loneliness in the face of the unknown and fear, "Seven Hundred Years Later" perfectly aligns with the "Dreams" section, presenting a transition from darkness to light. The "golden light" in the lyrics symbolizes hope and rebirth, offering a stark contrast to the cold, desolate, and uncertain tone of "2001: A Space Odyssey"(Figure 6). Through this seamless transition between the two songs, the concert successfully communicates the philosophical shift from fear to hope, prompting the audience to reflect on the meaning of human existence while deeply expressing that despite the challenges posed by climate change and environmental crises, there is still hope and potential for rebirth.



Figure 7.

Figure 8.

The grand finale of "Fear and Dreams", with the song "Long Live To Us", brings the performance to a powerful climax, emphasizing the theme of "living in the present" and urging us to cherish every moment (Figure 7). As the entire audience joins in singing the final chorus, a sense of unity and strength fills the venue. Colorful streamers fall from above, symbolizing the release of emotions and the celebration of this moment (Figure 8). Meanwhile,

the background screen displays the phrase "Long Live To Us" in multiple languages, along with photos of fans from around the world. These visual elements strengthen the connection between the audience and the performance, reminding everyone that we are united in our hopes and dreams for the future. The images of smiling fans from different cultures emphasize the global resonance of this message. This moment gently reminds us that despite the challenges and uncertainties we face, the most important thing is to live fully in the present, cherishing the beauty of what we have. It encourages us to take small actions to protect and appreciate the world around us. The interaction between the singer and the audience becomes a call to cherish what we have and to work together to create a better future.

The visual imagery in the "Dream" section gradually shifts the audience's emotions from despair to hope. The changes in lighting tones and the variety of projected images make this transition more pronounced. This shift allows the audience to break free from the oppressive emotions of the "Fear" section and enter a space filled with hope and possibility. The concert's visual design, by showcasing the beauty and harmony of nature, provides an emotional form of healing and liberation. As Eason's songs progress, the imagery on stage transforms from a broken dystopian world to vibrant green forests bathed in sunlight, symbolizing the harmonious coexistence of humans and nature. This transition reminds us that, even in the face of global climate change, we still have the ability to rebuild a better world through collective effort. The use of visual imagery not only provides a sensory experience but also deeply touches the audience's emotions. As they observe the contrast between animals and barren lands in the "Fear" section and vibrant, life-filled nature in the "Dream" section, they gradually realize the urgency and significance of climate change. At the same time, the journey from destruction to rebirth inspires hope, encouraging the audience to take action and embrace a sustainable future.

The stage design in the "Dream" section is full of vitality and hope, offering a vivid contrast to the heaviness and oppression of the "Fear" section. The stage elements not only reflect the revival of life through the use of color but also convey the core message of environmental protection. Central to the stage are green plants, symbols of nature, and flowing water features, all silently calling for attention to ecological preservation and a deeper care for nature. Additionally, the design of the stage installations shows the harmonious relationship between humans and nature, reflecting a high level of concern for climate change protection. Installation art, as an important component of the stage design, plays a crucial role in the "Dream" section. Through clever design, installation art not only enhances the visual effects of the performance but also makes the themes of the show more vivid and direct. For instance, the ecological installations on stage and the natural imagery in the background convey a strong environmental message: even after facing the harsh challenges of climate change, nature still holds the potential for regeneration and recovery. These installations and stage designs are not just a visual treat, but also a call for environmental awareness, encouraging the audience to enjoy the beautiful scenes while also remembering to protect the Earth and safeguard the future.

7. Thought-Provoking Reflections: The Meaning and Philosophical Resonance of Eason Chan's Concert

7.1 The Theme of Climate Change and Environmental Protection in the Concert: Reflecting on Human-Nature Relations

Eason Chan's "Fear and Dreams" concert delves deeply into the themes of climate change and environmental protection, particularly focusing on the complex relationship between humans and nature. Through the lyrics and stage design, the concert uses vivid metaphors and striking visual effects to draw attention to the ecological crisis while prompting reflection on the intricate dynamics between humanity and the environment. The concert conveys the reality of the interaction between nature and humanity, especially in the "Fear" section, where the lyrics and stage design directly address human intervention and exploitation of nature.

For example, in the song "Man vs. God", the lyrics "Waves rise a thousand feet in warning, disease claims a hundred thousand skulls, fields once full of crops turn barren, why can't humans see? The city suffers pain it shouldn't, the earth endures the horrors of violent artillery fire, god sends powerful winds, thunderous announcements, why can't humans hear? (浪卷起一千尺警告, 病夺下十万个骷髅, 田长出几多五谷, 刹那变得乾燥, 人怎麼偏偏看不到; 城饱经不该痛的痛, 地受尽暴烈炮火的恐怖, 神吹出几多猛风, 强如雷电的宣布, 人怎麼偏偏听不到。)" sharply reveal the damage humanity has inflicted upon nature, particularly the neglect of the environmental crisis. These lyrics spark deep awareness about climate change and ecological destruction, encouraging the audience to reflect on human behavior and its implications on the environment.

In the atmosphere of the concert, the lighting and stage effects—through color transitions and projection displays—intensify this warning effect. The fear evoked in the audience is accentuated through the use of cold tones and the oppressive stage design. The black, white, and gray lighting emphasizes the oncoming destructive forces, while the red tones heighten the urgency of the deteriorating human-nature relationship and the climate crisis. The visual

effects intertwining environmental disasters with social turmoil reflect the profound impact of human actions on the natural world. This depiction of environmental crisis is not only a warning for the future but also prompts philosophical contemplation. In modern society, despite the advancement of technology and material civilization, we often overlook the importance of protecting and respecting nature. Excessive resource extraction, deforestation, and pollution have led to the deterioration of the ecological environment, the rapid decline of biodiversity, and the intensification of climate change issues. These challenges present unprecedented threats to human existence and could even jeopardize humanity's survival.

Against this backdrop, "Fear and Dreams" is not just a musical and visual extravaganza, but a profound reflection on the current environmental issues. By blending singing, visual art, and lighting effects, the concert calls for a re-examination of humanity's relationship with nature and urges a shift away from the mindset of "everything for my use." Eason Chan's environmental message throughout the concert emphasizes the importance of respecting, aligning with, and protecting nature. A key moment representing this philosophy is the "Possibilities of Dreams" section, where through changes in light and color, the concert portrays the possibility of hope and renewal despite ecological destruction. The transition from "Fear" to "Dream" symbolizes respect for nature and conveys the idea that through effort, humans can live in harmony with nature and achieve sustainable development. The takeaway from this concert is that humanity's future should not solely depend on the reckless exploitation and consumption of natural resources. Instead, a more cautious and responsible attitude must be adopted. Only by realizing that nature is the source of life and that humans are merely a part of the natural world can we create a sustainable future for the Earth. This philosophy runs throughout the concert, from the deep philosophical lyrics to the visual representations on stage, all calling for the protection of ecosystems, the conservation of resources, and true harmony between humanity and nature.

7.2 Philosophical Resonance with the Content of the Concert

Eason Chan's Fear and Dreams concert not only integrates music, visual elements, and stage design but also delves into profound philosophical reflections. The concert emphasizes the deep connection between humanity, nature, and society, while incorporating the ideas of various philosophers, especially John Muir and Hannah Arendt. The ecological protection and social responsibility concepts from these philosophers imbue the concert with significant social and philosophical meaning.

As an advocate for environmental protection, John Muir championed the idea that humanity should live in harmony with nature, opposing the unchecked exploitation and plundering of the natural world. His philosophy of "preserving nature in its pristine state and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources" closely aligns with the theme of the concert. In the "Fear" section, through songs like: "Man vs. God" and "Flowerless", Eason Chan conveys a deep questioning of human actions. Lyrics like "Human beings make mistakes that they do not know, and those who are in mourning will feel it(人类犯了什么不知道 在哀哭中的会感到)" critique humanity's indifference toward nature and reveal the consequences of excessive resource extraction and environmental destruction. As Muir warned, the relationship between humanity and nature should be based on respect and humility, yet this is often ignored, leading to the ecological crises we face today. Through the integration of intense visual effects and poignant lyrics, Eason Chan raises awareness about the devastation humans inflict on nature, calling for a more humble attitude toward the environment.

Similarly, Hannah Arendt's philosophical ideas deeply resonate with the themes of the concert. In her writings, Arendt argued that social lies are more dangerous than individual lies, analyzing how modern society often allows individuals to evade personal responsibility and how collective behavior dilutes individual accountability. She pointed out that the lack of social responsibility is the root cause of global crises. In Fear and Dreams, Eason Chan explores the absurdity and hypocrisy of modern society through the song "Lies". The lyrics "Selling millions of lies passionately, leaving millions of heads numb and blank(热烈贩卖百万个谎话,千万脑袋变麻木空白)" echo Arendt's warning about individuals losing themselves in the flood of societal lies. Through this song, Eason Chan not only addresses topics such as climate change and environmental protection but also prompts the audience to reflect on social responsibility, urging them to confront the hypocrisy and indifference present in society.

In the "Fear" section, the stage uses dark tones and desolate backgrounds to create a sense of a broken and collapsing world, symbolizing the destructive impact of climate change on society and the environment. In contrast to the oppressive atmosphere of the "Fear" section, the "Dream" section transforms the stage into vibrant green forests and sunlit scenes, symbolizing hope and rebirth after challenges. This transition from a bleak world to an environment filled with hope and ecological balance underscores the relationship between humanity and nature, as well as the responsibility humanity must shoulder in the face of global climate change. Through this design, the concert allows the audience to experience both visually and emotionally that despite the many challenges humanity

faces, collective effort still holds the potential to restore ecological balance and achieve sustainable development.

8. Cultural Significance and Social Value

Eason Chan's Fear and Dreams concert is not only a musical and visual feast but also a profound cultural phenomenon, reflecting the close connection between artistic forms and social responsibility. By addressing topics such as climate change, environmental protection, and social responsibility, the concert transcends the boundaries of music and transforms the public art experience into a deep reflection on contemporary global issues, while also issuing a call to action. The cultural significance and social value of this concert lie in how it uses the power of art to awaken public awareness of environmental protection, spark attention to social issues, and encourage a shift from appreciating art to engaging in social practice.

One of the highlights of the concert is its perfect fusion of music and visual arts, which presents the issues of environmental protection and climate change to the public through artistic expression. Eason Chan not only allows the audience to enjoy the beauty of music but also inspires them to reflect on environmental protection and social responsibility. In the "Fear" section, the concert uses stage design and lighting effects, employing dark tones of black and gray to convey the immense pressure of the ecological crisis. However, in the subsequent "Dream" section, the colors shift to warm blues and greens, symbolizing the return of hope and vitality, showing humanity's ability to rise from adversity. This transition from darkness to light not only allows the audience to feel the weight of climate change but also enables them to find the strength to move forward in the light of hope. The visual language change in the concert demonstrates the great potential of art as a catalyst for social change. Eason Chan and his creative team not only provide a sensory musical experience but also offer the audience guidance for action.

The social value of the concert is primarily reflected in its advocacy for environmental protection and its call for social responsibility. It not only makes the audience aware of the fragility of the natural environment but also inspires them to think about how to protect the Earth that we depend on for survival. The fusion of art and environmental protection helps to ignite public concern for climate change and provides the spiritual motivation for concrete action. From individual efforts to global action, this concert reminds us that art can do more than entertain; it can stimulate people's sense of social responsibility and encourage them to engage in global environmental protection initiatives. Compared to other artists' concerts, Eason Chan's Fear and Dreams represents a significant breakthrough. In today's entertainment industry, many artists rely on extravagant stages, dazzling lights, and large entertainment lineups, focusing on surface-level effects while often neglecting the depth of music and content. However, Eason Chan integrates these superficial elements with profound meaning, truly elevating the artistic experience. This concert is not merely about attracting the audience's attention; it is about delving into the philosophical questions surrounding humanity's relationship with nature and society. It allows the audience to enjoy the sensory experience while fostering deep reflections on the future, society, and the environment.

Furthermore, the concert highlights the value of cultural transmission and innovation through the deep integration of music and visual arts. While art forms and expressions continue to evolve, this concert successfully blends modern art with traditional philosophical ideas. By focusing on climate change, the concert not only conveys respect for traditional environmental protection concepts but also connects them with new social issues in today's globalized context, creating an artistically meaningful expression that resonates with the contemporary era. This fusion of cross-generational art forms and philosophical thought makes the concert more than just a musical experience — it becomes a collision of philosophy and ideas, driving cultural transmission and innovation.

Fear and Dreams combines art and environmental protection to convey a powerful message to the public: humanity's harmonious coexistence with nature is the only path for future development. This concert is not just an artistic enjoyment; it uses the language of philosophy to guide the audience in contemplating social responsibility and encourages them to put these ideas into practice in their daily lives. Art is not merely entertainment; it has the power to stir emotions and convey profound social and environmental messages. Through this concert, Eason Chan and his team successfully combined music, stage design, and discussions on social responsibility, demonstrating the unique role of art in driving societal change. The stage design showcases a fusion of traditional and modern art forms. Traditional environmental protection concepts—such as respecting nature and cherishing resources—are integrated with modern artistic expressions. Through innovative stage design and visual presentations, the concert delivers profound social messages. These artistic expressions not only provide a visual and emotional impact but also encourage the audience to reflect on contemporary society and global environmental issues. Whether it is the vibrant green plants on stage or the shifting lights and shadows, they silently call on us to pay attention to and protect the Earth.

9. Discussion: The Philosophical Depth and Societal Impact of Eason Chan's "FEAR and DREAMS" Concert

Eason Chan's "FEAR and DREAMS" concert is not just a musical performance but a profound cultural and philosophical event that goes beyond entertainment. It is a unique fusion of music, visual arts, and critical social commentary, encouraging audiences to engage in deep reflection about humanity's relationship with nature, environmental protection, and social responsibility. Unlike many concerts that are focused purely on entertainment, Eason's performance serves as a call to action and provides an artistic platform for the public to think critically about today's global challenges, including climate change and the environmental crisis. One of the key aspects that sets this concert apart from others is its philosophical depth. Eason Chan successfully elevates his music beyond mere aesthetic enjoyment by weaving profound social and philosophical themes into the fabric of the concert. The concert seamlessly integrates the pressing issue of environmental protection with the immersive experience of music and visual art. Through this, Eason does not simply offer his audience an escape into entertainment, but a chance to confront some of the most urgent issues facing the world today.

The "FEAR" section of the concert is where Eason addresses the environmental crisis head-on. The dark color palette and heavy, somber lighting create an oppressive atmosphere, reflecting the overwhelming sense of ecological degradation that humanity is facing. In this section, songs like "Man vs. God" and "Flowerless" reflect deep critiques of human actions that have led to the destruction of nature. These songs, through their poignant lyrics and powerful stage design, compel the audience to consider the consequences of our reckless consumption and disregard for the planet. The critical message is clear: humanity is complicit in the degradation of our environment, and this destruction must be halted before it's too late. The transition to the "DREAM" section of the concert symbolizes hope and the possibility of redemption. As the colors shift to vibrant blues and greens, the mood lightens, symbolizing the potential for recovery and renewal. The music and visuals in this section convey a powerful message that, despite the ecological crises we face, hope is still possible if we change our ways. Through these thematic transitions, Eason and his team use art to not only raise awareness about climate change but also to encourage action, demonstrating that environmental recovery is possible through collective human effort.

What truly sets Eason Chan's concert apart is his ability to combine entertainment with a deep philosophical inquiry into human responsibility. In contrast to many contemporary concerts that focus on spectacle and fleeting entertainment, Eason uses his platform to engage the audience in serious reflection on the urgent issues of our time. This is not just a concert to enjoy but a call for introspection and action. Eason Chan moves beyond just the musical aspect to create an experience that forces the audience to engage with the idea that we all have a responsibility to the planet and to future generations. Moreover, Eason's approach to visual arts and stage design plays a crucial role in conveying his message. The artistic fusion of traditional environmental protection values with modern-day issues is a remarkable feature of this concert. The visual effects, combined with the dynamic stage design, symbolize the contrast between ecological decay and the hope for environmental regeneration. Through powerful projections, green plants, and vibrant natural imagery, the concert effectively conveys that while we are at a precipice, there is still hope if we act collectively. This use of art in conveying critical messages about climate change is a testament to the power of the arts in social and environmental movements.

The social value of this concert extends far beyond just raising awareness. Eason's concert serves as a potent reminder that art has the power to ignite social change. By blending music with environmental and social issues, Eason Chan encourages his audience to not only reflect on the state of the world but also take responsibility for its future. The concert transforms passive enjoyment into an active call for engagement, urging individuals to consider their role in combating climate change and contributing to a more sustainable future. In contrast to many other concerts in the entertainment industry, which are primarily focused on superficial aspects such as extravagant stages and dazzling lights, Eason's "FEAR and DREAMS" concert is a profound cultural and philosophical experience. It challenges the audience to look beyond entertainment and engage with the deeper social issues that are crucial to our survival. The concert's emphasis on environmental protection and social responsibility is what makes it stand out as an exceptional and transformative experience in the realm of live performance.

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