

# Applications for 2024 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp open on March 1

The 2024 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp, organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will be held between July and August to offer training for young musicians and choir members by renowned maestros from the Mainland and overseas. Participants can also join the in-camp music masterclasses and workshops of the camp. The music camps are categorised into residential and non-residential groups. Applications will be open tomorrow (March 1) and qualified youths aged between 10 and 29 are welcome to join.

Camp A provides in-camp residential training at the Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre for music groups of Chinese Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Symphony Orchestra from July 22 to 27. Camp fees for local campers and non-local campers are \$1,875 and \$2,730 respectively. Camp conductors are the Resident Conductor of the China National Traditional Orchestra, Yuan Bei; the Professor of Music and Director of Bands, Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, the United States, Dr Mike Fansler; and the Professor of Orchestra Conducting, National University of Arts in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Professor Gustavo Fontana.

Camp B provides non-residential training at designated music centres of the Music Office for groups of Junior Chinese Orchestra, Junior String Orchestra and Choir from July 29 to August 3. The camp fee for both local and non-local campers is \$955. The Resident Conductor of Ding Yi Music Company, Singapore, Wong De Li; the Viola Professor of the Central Conservatory of Music, Beijing, Professor Ho Wing; and the Artistic Director of the Raffles Singers and the Amoris Singers, Singapore, Toh Ban Sheng, will be the camp conductors.

Participants of the music camps will perform at the concert halls of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Hong Kong City Hall respectively to showcase the achievements of their training at the Music Camp. Tickets of the concerts will be available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)) from May 10.

For information on applicants' eligibility and application details, please visit the Music Office's website ([www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice)). The application deadline is March 25. For enquiries, please call 3842 7773, 2598 0801 or 3842 7775.