

Applications open for Music Office summer music workshops

The Summer Music Workshops organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be held in July and August. The workshops, designed for children and youth aged 4 to 15 without any musical training, aim to encourage them to make good use of their summer vacation, acquire music knowledge and cultivate their interests in music. The first phase of application is now open and will close on May 27.

Designed for children aged 4 to 6, the "Parent-child Jolly Music Time" workshop will enable students to learn basic music knowledge including note values, music notation and rhythms, and develop their listening skills and sense of rhythm through interactive music lessons. The "Musical Instrument Kaleidoscope" workshop for children aged 6 to 9 will allow participants to learn about the appearance, tone colours and characteristics of various Chinese and Western instruments through demonstrations by the Music Office instructors and get them prepared for future music classes. Participants of both workshops must be accompanied by adults. The tuition fees of the two workshops are \$360 and \$210 respectively.

In addition, dedicated to children aged 5 to 12, the "Kingdom of Music Terminology" workshop features the use of masterpieces from famous composers as examples to enrich participants' knowledge of common musical terms and enhance their music appreciation ability. Participants aged 5 to 8 must be accompanied by adults. The tuition fee of the workshop is \$290.

Another workshop, "iJam Music-making", is open for youngsters aged 10 to 15 at a tuition fee of \$430. Participants should bring their own iPad and pre-install the music app GarageBand to experience the fun of music-making through tablet music software.

All of the above-mentioned workshops will be conducted in Cantonese. A ballot will be held if the classes are oversubscribed. For classes not fully taken up after the first phase of application, in-person applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis from July 3. Participants achieving an attendance rate of 80 per cent will be awarded a certificate of attendance.

Interested persons can visit the Music Office website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/mo/activities/schoolprogrammes/summer_music_workshop.html) for online applications. For enquiries, please call 2158 6466 or 3842 7776.