

Applications open for Summer Music Workshop

The Summer Music Workshop organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will be held from July 20 to August 31. In addition to music classes for children aged 4 to 9, a new music ensemble workshop will be introduced for children aged 10 to 12. Applications are now open and will close on June 10.

The workshop aims to encourage children to acquire music knowledge and explore their interest in learning music during the summer vacation. It is not necessary for participants to have received any music training beforehand. Children aged 4 to 6 can develop their listening skills and rhythmic sense through music listening exercises and eurhythmics training in class, and acquire basic music knowledge including music notation, note values and rhythms. Through images or introductory videos of Chinese and Western musical instruments, children will learn to identify different types of musical instruments and their playing methods. Participants must each be accompanied by an adult in class.

Classes for children aged 7 to 9 will teach some music theory in strengthen their students' music knowledge of rhythms, pitches, dynamics, emotions and tone colours. The new music ensemble workshop is open for children aged 10 to 12. Students should bring their own iPad and portable Bluetooth speaker to class so that they can experience the fun of ensemble playing and music-making by using tablet music software. The music guide "Meet Music", edited by the Music Office, will also be used by tutors of both classes to introduce the appearance, tone colours and characteristics of various Chinese and Western orchestral instruments.

The workshop, comprising five lessons, will be conducted in Cantonese with a total tuition fee of \$340. A ballot will be held if the classes are oversubscribed. For classes not fully taken up after the deadline, applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis starting from July 12. Children who attend all five lessons will be given a certificate of attendance.

Successful applicants who have paid the tuition fee will receive an email invitation from the Music Office to one of the "Introduction to Chinese and Western Musical Instruments" sessions. Interested participants should apply by email while the enrolment is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Online applications are now available at www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice. Course information and application forms are also available at various performance venues of the LCSd and music centres of the Music Office. For enquiries, please call 2158 6466 or 2158 6463.