

# Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra to showcase eminent masterpieces

The Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra (HKYCO) of the Music Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold its annual concert, "East-West Convergence – A Portrait of Folk Tunes" at 3pm on January 9 (Sunday) next year at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall.

The concert will be conducted by Music Office instructors Mr Tsui Ying-fai and Mr Kwok Kin-ming. The Orchestra will present various vivid classic masterpieces, including "Guarding the Frontier on Horseback" with powerful and propelling music; "The Night of the Torch Festival", a plucked-string ensemble piece commissioned by the Music Office; "Moonlight on the Spring River" featuring a leading pipa; "Slavonic Dances" and "English Folk Song Suite" arranged from Western folk tunes; "Grapes are Ripe" which is characterised by its ethnic minorities elements; percussion ensemble piece "Camel Bells of Xinjiang"; and "Battle on Taihangshan" which depicts the spirit of farmers.

Established in 1978, the HKYCO has around 80 members with ages under 25. The Orchestra has performed in numerous major local performances. It also played the role of music ambassador for Hong Kong and has toured extensively to high acclaim.

Tickets priced at \$55, \$75 and \$95 are now available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2796 7523 or 3842 7784 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice).

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