

Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band Annual Concert "Europe by Rail"

The Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band (HKYSB) of the Music Office (MO) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will hold its annual concert entitled "Europe by Rail" at 3pm on May 19 (Sunday) at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall.

The concert will be conducted by MO instructors Lee Sing-wan and Kevin Ling. The HKYSB will perform "Carmen Fantasy", which was adapted from renowned opera "Carmen", with MO instructor Leung Wing-kin as flute soloist.

Other highlights include "Hans Christian Andersen" Suite, inspired by the adventures of Danish author Hans Christian Andersen and his classic works; "Armenian Dances, Part I", based on folk songs collected by Armenian musicologist Gomidas Vartabed; "New London Pictures", portraying the vibrancy and prosperity of the modern city; and "In the Shadow of Napoleon", a suspenseful and mysterious suite based on a musical of the same title.

The HKYSB was formed in 1978 with the aim of nurturing young musicians and arousing greater interest in band music in Hong Kong. The Band currently has 67 members and recruits annually by open audition. It has performed in Hong Kong and overseas, winning much acclaim.

Tickets priced at \$60, \$80 and \$100 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2796 1003 or 3842 7784 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice.