

Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band Annual Concert to feature favourite selections

The Hong Kong Youth Symphonic Band (HKYSB) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Music Office (MO), together with US percussionist Dr Erik Forst and five vibrant MO percussionists, will present a delightful and colourful band programme entitled "Architecture of a Dream" at the Band's anniversary concert to be held at 3pm on May 5 (Sunday) in the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall.

Under the batons of MO instructor Lee Sing-wan and Guest Conductor Pak Wing-heng, the HKYSB will perform diverse band repertoire including Jenkins' "American Overture for Band" and Mackey's "Hymn to a Blue Hour". As the Marimba guest soloist, Dr Forst will perform the Hong Kong premiere Kevin Bobo's "Architecture of a Dream" with the Band.

The Band will play Daughtrey's lively and colourful music piece "Black Rainbow" in collaboration with six percussionists, namely Dr Forst, MO instructor Tsang Shun-han and MO members Danny Ho, Sunny Ho, Victor Leung and Jovi Lo. The Band will also present Reed's "La Fiesta Mexicana" to illustrate Mexico's joyful and festive music that can be heard when attending masses and carnivals. The concert will conclude with Galante's "The Last Centaur".

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 70 members and recruits annually by open audition. It has performed in Hong Kong and overseas, winning much acclaim.

Tickets for the concert are priced at \$55, \$75 and \$95 and available at URBIX (www.urbtix.hk), with half-price concessions for full-time students, people with disabilities and their minders, senior citizens aged 60 and above and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients. For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For ticketing enquiries, please call 3761 6661. For programme enquiries, please call 2796 7523 or 2582 5311 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice.