

# Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra Annual Concert to present fine classical pieces

The Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra (HKYSO) of the Music Office (MO) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will hold its annual concert entitled "A Journey through Orchestral Music" at 3pm on January 14 (Sunday) next year at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall. The concert is under the "Carry the Music On" Concert Series, which is a commemorative programme in celebration of the MO transcending beyond its 45-year mark.

The concert will be conducted by instructors-alumni of the MO Lee Sing-wan and Dr Joseph Kam. The HKYSO will jointly perform with the Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra Alumni Orchestra and five notable MO alumni, including the MO's former Chief Music Officer James Leung, along with local musicians Professor Yiu Song-lam, Choy Kwok-tin, Homer Lee and Kelvin Tsang, to celebrate the distinguished accomplishments of the MO for more than 45 years by presenting an array of delightful music pieces.

The concert programme includes: "Overture to Poet and Peasant", one of Suppé's most famous works; "Orchestral Suite Before and After No. 4" and "Hungry Fishes are Competing for Food", compositions written by secondary school students who have been selected to join the Hong Kong Composers' Guild Mentorship Scheme 2023; James Curnow's "Symphonic Variants for Euphonium" with orchestral accompaniment; "Sinfonia Concertante for Four Winds in E flat, K. 297b, 1st movement" by Mozart; Stravinsky's ballet music work "The Firebird Suite (1919)"; and Sibelius' "Finlandia".

Established in 1978, the HKYSO is comprised of members aged between 12 and 25. Over the years, it has nurtured many eminent musicians, including local performers and music educators. The HKYSO has also played the role of a music ambassador for Hong Kong and has participated in concert tours to France, Israel, Cyprus, the United Kingdom, Australia, the United States, Singapore and the Mainland.

Tickets priced at \$60, \$80 and \$100 are now available at URBTIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries, please call 2796 7523 or 3842 7784 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice).