

Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra to perform in 40th Anniversary Concert

The Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra (HKYSO) of the Music Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will hold its 40th Anniversary Concert at 8pm on January 20 (Sunday) next year at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall.

The conductors will be Chief Music Officer of the Music Office James Leung, instructors Lee Sing-wan and Dr Joseph Kam. In addition to performing the world premiere of prolific Hong Kong composer Mui Kwong-chiu's "The Heroes" with guest virtuoso Shao Lin, the HKYSO will collaborate with local renowned musicians Yiu Song-lam (oboe), Choy Kwok-tin (clarinet), James Leung (bassoon) and Kenny Chen (horn) in performing Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante for Four Winds in E flat, K.297b".

The repertoire will also include Shostakovich's "Festive Overture, Op. 96" to showcase the fantastic tone colour of brass instruments and Mahler's "Symphony No.1, Finale".

Since its establishment in 1978, the HKYSO's membership has grown to about 110, with ages ranging from 12 to 25. Over the years, it has groomed many eminent local performers and music educators. The HKYSO has also played the role of 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 \$55, \$75 and \$95 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2796 7523 or 2796 1003 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice.