

Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra to travel through fantastic new world of music with audience in annual concert

The Hong Kong Youth Symphony Orchestra (HKYSO) of the Music Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will hold its annual concert entitled "Music Fantastique½ŽThe New World", at 2pm on December 14 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong City Hall Concert Hall.

The first half of the concert, featuring instructor Lee Sing-wan as the conductor and young local theatre actor Wan Tsz-leung as the narrator, tells a story which travels from the romantic era to the 20th century. The repertoire to be performed in this part includes: "March to the Scaffold" from "Symphonie Fantastique", one of the most popular symphonies composed by Berlioz; "Night on Bald Mountain", a symphonic poem which portrays the carnival night of devils; "Nocturne" from "Carmen Suite No. 2", showcasing the performance of oboe and flute; excerpt from "Boléro", which features a rhythmic Spanish dance style; and the lively and humorous "Typewriter".

Under the baton of Chief Music Officer of the Music Office James Leung, the second half of the concert will lead the audience to the fantastic new world of music through the four movements of Dvořák's celebrated symphony, "Symphony No. 9 in E Minor, 'From the New World', Op. 95".

Since its establishment in 1978, the HKYSO's membership has grown to about 100, 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 3842 7784 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice.