

LCSD's Great Music returns with acclaimed musicians from September to November

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold the second stage of Great Music 2018 from September to November, presenting five concerts by highly acclaimed international musicians and ensembles. Details are as follows:

Violin and Piano Duo Concert by Janine Jansen and Alexander Gavrylyuk

Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall
September 23 (Sunday), 8pm
Tickets: \$200 to \$420

Dutch violinist Janine Jansen performs regularly on world-renowned stages as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician. She will come to Hong Kong with Ukrainian-Australian pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk, the winner of the 2005 Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition, presenting a duo programme full of nuance and virtuosity. The programme will include Brahms' "Sonata No. 2 in A" and Franck's "Sonata in A" – both written in 1886 and rich in melodic invention – and other works by Schumann and Clara Schumann.

Piano Recital by Evgeny Kissin

Concert Hall, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
October 24 (Wednesday), 8pm
Tickets: \$250 to \$880

Widely recognised as one of the world's greatest living pianists, Evgeny Kissin will return to Hong Kong for an exhilarating recital, offering a selection of exuberant and colouristic preludes of Rachmaninov, and the grandest sonata Beethoven had ever written, "Sonata No. 29, Op. 106 'Hammerklavier'". It is considered a monumental masterpiece in the piano literature for its sheer scale and technical difficulty.

Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia – Roma

Concert Hall, Hong Kong Cultural Centre
November 22 and 23 (Thursday and Friday), 8pm
Tickets: \$300 to \$1,250

Led by its charismatic music director and conductor Sir Antonio Pappano, the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia – Roma will make its debut in Hong Kong with two vibrant pianists, offering two consecutive concerts of spectacular music. The first concert, an all-Russian programme,

will include Glinka's "Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila" and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F minor", as well as Rachmaninov's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor" featuring Russian pianist Daniil Trifonov. The second concert will embrace the energy of Beethoven's second and fifth symphonies, and Seong-Jin Cho will be the soloist of the virtuosic "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor".

Kodály Quartet

Concert Hall, Hong Kong City Hall
November 26 (Monday), 8pm
Tickets: \$160 to \$340

The Kodály Quartet has continued to exemplify the pinnacle of musical excellence for over five decades. Named after the great Hungarian composer and educator Zoltán Kodály, the ensemble is committed to presenting the rich Hungarian musical tradition and has long been regarded as the music ambassador of Hungarian string quartet culture. The group will perform string quartets by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven.

Tickets for the above programmes 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 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/groups_502.html.