

Music Office Youth and Children's Choirs to showcase classical pieces

The Music Office Youth Choir (MOYC) and the Music Office Children's Choir (MOCC) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will jointly perform in an annual concert "Sing On" at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall at 2pm on February 2 (Sunday). The concert will present a splendid choral programme with works from the 16th century to the present.

Dr Angelina Au, May Ho, Kobe Ip and Chan Wan-hong will be the conductors and pianists. The choirs will present a wide variety of pieces in different languages, including the classic English madrigal "Fyer, Fyer"; German composer Johann Kuhnau's "Tristis est Anima Mea (My Soul is filled with Sorrow)", a motet which describes the struggle of Jesus Christ during his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane; "Sanctus from Mass No.4, D.452", a lively and graceful piece composed by Franz Schubert; "O Schöne Nacht (O Beautiful Night)", one of the famous quartets by the romantic composer Johannes Brahms; Italian composer Gioachino Rossini's "La Danza! (The Dance!)", which portrays the joyful dancing scene of people; and "I'se the B'y", a Newfoundland folk song which depicts the daily life of a local fisherman.

Other highlights include German composer Felix Mendelssohn's "Lift Thine Eyes"; English composer Edward Elgar's "The Snow"; "Blackbird" by Paul McCartney and John Lennon, members of the legendary band The Beatles; and American composer Jim Papoulis' "Music Changes the World".

Established in 1980, the MOYC now has 71 members, with ages ranging from 15 to 25. In addition to performing in local concerts, the choir has toured overseas including Singapore, Japan, Malaysia and Austria. At the 11th International Johannes Brahms Choir Festival and Competition held in July, the choir won Gold Awards in the Youth Mixed Voices, Equal Voices (Female Choirs) and Equal Voices (Male Choirs), and was also named champion in the Youth Mixed Voices and Equal Voices (Female Choirs) categories.

Since its establishment in 1981, the MOCC's membership has grown to 74, with ages ranging from 8 to 15. The choir performs both Western and Chinese choral works, including local premieres and operettas.

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Tickets for the concert priced at \$45, \$55 and \$65 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/en/mo/newsandevent/upcoming/moyc2020.html.