

Music Office's Outreach Music Interest Courses open for applications

The Outreach Music Interest Courses (OMIC) organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) are now open for applications. Members of the public are welcome to apply for 90 courses, ranging from Chinese and Western musical instrument foundation classes to music workshops, which will be held from March to August next year.

The OMIC will launch two new online courses, including the music appreciation course "A Feast of Violin Music", which will introduce timeless violin classics and different violin playing techniques. The course welcomes persons aged 15 or above to apply. Another online course, the "ABC of Musicianship", is designed for adult beginners to learn about basic music elements, rhythmic training and sight-singing techniques. The fees of the courses are \$225 and \$335 respectively.

The Music Office will also offer the new "iPad Music Making" and rerun the "Let's e-Orch!" for adults to enjoy music making or ensemble playing by using the free music app GarageBand. The course fees are \$445 and \$835 respectively.

In addition, the Music Office will offer introductory courses on kalimba, little harp, keyboard, ukulele, classical guitar and folk guitar; instrumental enrichment courses of liuyeqin, yangqin, zheng, pipa, erhu, violin, viola, cello and percussion (glockenspiel and practice pad); ensemble training of Western strings and Chinese instruments; Western music theory (Grades 1 and 2); and aural training. The course fees range from \$250 to \$1,045.

The OMIC will continue to provide Chinese and Western musical instrument foundation classes covering liuyeqin, pipa, yangqin, zheng, erhu, violin, viola, cello and percussion (glockenspiel and practice pad). The course fee is \$1,110.

All courses are conducted in small groups in Cantonese. Participants of online courses are required to prepare their own electronic device equipped with a wireless or broadband data connection, a webcam and Zoom software in advance. On-site courses will be held at different venues across the territory, namely the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Sha Tin Town Hall, Tsuen Wan Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall, North District Town Hall, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, Kwai Tsing Theatre, Ko Shan Theatre, Hong Kong Central Library and the Music Office's music centres in Wan Chai, Mong Kok, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan.

Online applications are now available at the Music Office website www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice. Course prospectuses and application forms are also available at various performance venues of the LCSD and music centres of the Music Office. The deadline for applications is January 17. Oversubscribed

courses will be processed by ballot. For courses not fully taken up after the first round of application, places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis from February 17.

For enquiries, please call 3842 7773, 2598 0801 or 2598 8335.

In accordance with the Prevention and Control of Disease (Vaccine Pass) Regulation (Cap. 599L) and relevant requirements of administrative instructions, all persons entering indoor venues under the management of the LCSD must comply with the relevant requirements of the Vaccine Pass. According to the latest requirements on the Vaccine Pass announced by the Government, all persons whose Vaccine Pass QR code is displayed in red are not allowed to enter the performance venues managed by the LCSD, music centres of the Music Office and public libraries.