

Outreach Music Interest Courses open for applications

The Outreach Music Interest Courses 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 over 100 courses, ranging from Chinese and Western musical instrument classes to music workshops, which will be held from March to August next year.

Among them, a new course, Advanced Choral Conducting Workshop, will cover music analysis, articulation and rehearsal techniques. The course will also include individual podium time. The course, at a fee of \$320, welcomes adults who have previously attended the Choral Conducting courses organised by the Music Office, or school music teachers and choir conductors who have acquired basic conducting skills and have passed ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory.

Instrumental enrichment courses of zheng, violin and trumpet and ensemble training courses of Chinese wind instruments and Chinese string instruments are also newly added to cater for participants who possess basic playing techniques of the relevant instruments. The course fees of instrumental enrichment courses and ensemble training courses are \$1,005 and \$805 respectively.

The Music Office will continue to offer elementary courses on ocarina, keyboard, ukulele, classical guitar and classical vocal singing; Western music theory (Grades 1 and 2); aural training; instrumental enrichment courses of erhu; and ensemble training of flute, saxophone and Western chamber music. The course fees range from \$320 to \$1,005.

The Outreach Music Interest Courses also provide basic training on the xiao, liuyeqin, zhong-ruan, pipa, yangqin, zheng, dizi, erhu, clarinet, saxophone, flute, trumpet, percussion (glockenspiel and practice pad), violin, viola and cello. The course fee is \$1,070.

All courses are conducted in small groups in Cantonese and will be held at different venues territory-wide, namely the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Sha Tin Town Hall, Tsuen Wan Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre, Tai Po Civic Centre, Kwai Tsing Theatre, Yuen Long 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 20. 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 25.

For enquiries, please call 3842 7773, 2596 0898 or 2598 8335.