

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 September to January next year.

The STEAM Music Parent-child Workshop will be rerun this year. Participants will learn to make digital music instruments with electronic building blocks and to compose and perform simple music pieces, allowing parents and their children to enjoy a brand-new music experience. The course fee is \$320.

The Music Office will continue to offer an Advanced Choral Conducting Workshop; elementary courses on ocarina, ukulele, classical guitar, keyboard and classical vocal singing; Western music theory (Grades 1 and 2); aural training; instrumental enrichment courses of pipa, zheng, erhu, saxophone, trumpet and violin; and ensemble training of Chinese wind instruments, Chinese string instruments, Chinese traditional music, flute, clarinet, saxophone, Western strings and Western chamber music. The course fees range from \$215 to \$1,005.

The Outreach Music Interest Courses also provide basic training on the dizi, xiao, liuyeqin, zhong-ruan, pipa, yangqin, zheng, erhu, flute, clarinet, saxophone, 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 across the territory, 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 July 28. 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 August 27.

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