

Outreach Music Interest Courses open for applications

The Outreach Music Interest Courses organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department are now open for applications. Members of the public are welcome to apply for the courses, which will be held from March to August.

A new course, Composition and Orchestration for Symphonic Band, will cover composing tips, melody writing and the American grading system for symphonic band music. The course will also introduce styles and orchestration of symphonic band music. The course, at a fee of \$480, welcomes school music teachers; symphonic band directors, composers and music arrangers; and adults possessing basic note-reading skills.

The Music Office will also offer adult courses including elementary courses on ukulele, classical guitar and keyboard; Western music theory (Grades 1 and 2); a yangqin enrichment course; and Western string ensemble training. The course fees range from \$400 to \$1,005.

All courses are conducted in small groups in Cantonese and will be held at different venues, namely the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Sha Tin Town Hall, and the Music Office's music centres in Wan Chai, Mong Kok, Kwun Tong, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan.

Course prospectuses are now available at the Music Office website www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice. Interested persons can enrol for the courses online. The deadline for applications is February 5. Oversubscribed courses will be processed by ballot.

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

Some courses will be conducted online if affected by the epidemic or whenever necessary.