Young music campers to showcase musical achievements in concerts

More than 400 young musicians and choristers who participated in the 2018 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp will perform Chinese and Western music pieces in two concerts to be held in July to showcase their musical achievements.

Presented by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the 2018 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp Concerts will be held at 3pm on July 22 and 29 at the Concert Halls of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and the Hong Kong City Hall respectively. The concerts will be conducted by internationally acclaimed maestros and are part of the summer programme International Arts Carnival 2018.

The first concert will be performed by the camp's Children's Choir, Junior String Orchestra and Chinese Orchestra. Highlights of the programme will include the choral piece "My Favourite Things" from "The Sound of Music", and a dynamic strings' repertoire of the gypsy spirit "Capriccio Espagnol". The conductors will be the Resident Conductor of the Macao Chinese Orchestra and Head of the Teaching-Research Section for Ensemble and Artistic Direction, Shenyang Conservatory of Music, Sun Peng; the Music Director of the Missouri Symphony Orchestra and the Music Director of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra (United States), Kirk Trevor; and the Founder and Director Emerita of Syracuse Children's Choir and the former Professor of Choral Music Education, Syracuse University (United States), Dr Barbara Tagg. The concert will also feature Law Wai-lun and Cheng Chai-man's "The Legend of the White Snake" (Dizi Concerto), to be performed by celebrated dizi performer Sun Yongzhi in collaboration with the camp's Chinese Orchestra.

The second concert will be conducted by the renowned symphonic and operatic conductor and Guest Conductor of the Metropolitan Opera (United States), Paul Nadler; the Resident Conductor of the Shanghai Chinese Orchestra, Peng Fei; and renowned Taiwanese conductor and clarinetist, Lin Shih-wei. Under their batons, the camp's Junior Chinese Orchestra, Junior Symphonic Band, and Symphony Orchestra will perform music pieces including local favourite "Selections from Tales of the Walled City" by Chen Ning-chi; Japanese composer Masanori Taruya's fascinating band repertoire "Tears of the Princess Kushinada Flowing in Hii", and the mesmerising orchestral classic "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture" by Tchaikovsky.

The Hong Kong Youth Music Camp is a major annual summer activity of the Music Office which provides intensive training to musicians in a scenic campsite setting. Participants can also enjoy recreational and sports facilities at the camp.

Tickets for the concerts priced at \$50, \$70 and \$90 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2796

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