

PRESS RELEASE

A Brand New Collaboration between Two Local Talents – Conductor Perry So and Renowned DJ Chu Fun E in HKPO’s Family Concert “Music for Smart Kids!” (22&23 Sept)

[6 August 2012, Hong Kong] Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HKPO) presents an exciting and fascinating programme featuring three best-loved classics - Saint-Saëns’ *Carnival of the Animals*, Leopold Mozart’s *Toy Symphony* and Britten’s *Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra*. Hong Kong’s very own conductor [Perry So](#) and another local talent, renowned DJ [Chu Fun E](#), will be collaborating for the first time ever in this delightful programme.

This is a delicious, specially formulated concert containing all the vital ingredients necessary to fuel the musical development at all ages – introduction to a symphony orchestra, ear training and brain stimulation. Here is a programme which will deliver complete musical nutrition to children.

“**Music for Smart Kids!**” will be held on **22&23 September 2012 (Sat & Sun), 4pm** in the **Tuen Mun Town Hall Auditorium**. Tickets priced at \$180 and \$100, are available at [URBTIX](#). This programme is suitable for children aged 3 and above. For enquiries, please contact us at 2721 2030 or visit www.hkpo.com

Chu Fun E, narrator

Chu Fun E (Josephine Ng) is one of Hong Kong’s most renowned DJs. She hosts a number of popular radio programmes including “On a Clear Day”, with Jan Lamb and Ken Yuen, and “Kiss Kiss Kids”, with Leo Chim. Chu Fun E is also in demand in Hong Kong as an emcee for many major corporate events such as press conferences, concerts and movie premières.

Perry So, conductor [\[full biography\]](#)

Perry So received the first and special prizes at the Fifth International Prokofiev Conducting Competition held in St Petersburg in 2008, only the third time the top prize has been awarded. He

was *Musical America's* New Artist of the Month for October 2009. The following year he completed an extended nine-week residency with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, conducting four concerts and assisting Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel and Herbert Blomstedt, resulting in immediate re-invitation.

Perry has appeared with such orchestras as the London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Royal Danish Theatre, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Japan, Seoul and Malaysian Philharmonics, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra Taiwan, New Zealand, Queensland and Asturias Symphony Orchestras, Zagreb Philharmonic and the State Symphony Orchestra of Russia.

Perry So was Assistant Conductor (2008-2010) and Associate Conductor (2010-2012) of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. He also founded and directs the Huangshan International Music Festival, set in the mountains of central China.

Music for Smart Kids!

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SAT & SUN 4PM

Tuen Mun Town Hall Auditorium

HK\$180 \$100

Available at URBTIX now

Artists

[Perry So](#) conductor

[Chu Fun E](#) narrator

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Programme

SAINT-SAËNS *Carnival of the Animals*

L MOZART *Toy Symphony*

BRITTEN *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*

Ticketing Information

Credit Card Booking

(852) 2111 5999

Online Booking

www.urbtix.hk

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Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HKPO) is one of Asia's leading orchestras. Enriching Hong Kong's cultural life for over a century, the Orchestra has grown into a formidable ensemble of Chinese and international talents, attracting world-class artists to collaborate on its stage. The HKPO annually touches the lives of over 200,000 music lovers through more than 150 performances. From the 2012/13 season, Jaap van Zweden has become Music Director of the HKPO. Under his leadership, the HKPO will continue to develop its reputation for artistic excellence.

From April 2006, The Swire Group Charitable Trust became the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra's Principal Patron. Swire's sponsorship of the HKPO, the largest in the ensemble's history, supports artistic growth and development as the Orchestra takes its place on the world stage, and brings performances of musical excellence to the widest possible public.

The HKPO stays in tune with our city by presenting the Orchestra in unexpected venues and bringing the excitement of the concert experience to every home through radio and television broadcasts including the largest symphonic event of the year, *Swire Symphony under the Stars*, at Happy Valley. The Orchestra runs a comprehensive schools education programme, bringing the joy of classical music to primary, secondary and special school kids. The Orchestra also collaborates regularly with other performing arts organisations such as Opera Hong Kong in addition to its crossover series with Western and Chinese pop artists.

The Orchestra also builds its reputation and raises its artistic standards by touring. In September 2010, the HKPO returned to China, performing at the Expo 2010 Shanghai, Xi'an and Beijing to critical acclaim.

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