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Swire Symphony under the Stars Returns Perry So Leads the Hong Kong Philharmonic in the Annual Grand Outdoor Concert on 9 November At The Brand New Site – The New Central Harbourfront

[12 October 2012, Hong Kong] The much-awaited annual symphonic event – **Swire Symphony under the Stars** returns! This year, the **Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil)**, under the baton of conductor [Perry So](#), will once again invite an audience of over 15,000 to the grand outdoor performance which will also launch The New Central Harbourfront. The inaugural event, to be held at the new grounds set at the very heart of Hong Kong, next to the world famous Victoria Harbour, will be played with the dazzling city-lights as beautiful backdrop to this annual musical extravaganza.

Looking at the beautiful harbour, the concert celebrates great music inspired by the waters faraway, from Scotland's Hebrides to the grand Yangtze, as well as the fabulous skyline of our "Wonderful Town" with a jazz-filled tribute to the city-lights. Joining the HK Phil and Perry on stage will be another talent from Hong Kong, vocalist [Fiona Hui](#), who will perform show tunes from Bernstein's popular musical *Wonderful Town*.

To follow this musical event's past tradition of mass music-making, the 15,000 and more concert-goers are invited to bring their toy instruments to perform with the orchestra in the *Toy Symphony*.

Swire Symphony under the Stars will be held on **9 November 2012 (Friday), 7:30pm**, at **The New Central Harbourfront**. Free tickets will be distributed from 10 am on 26 Oct (Fri) at the NINE selected Tom Lee Music Outlets or the event's official website: suts.hkphil.org

About The New Central Harbourfront

The New Central Harbourfront comprises precious land created from harbour reclamation, signifying Central's final shoreline. Located at the centrepiece of Hong Kong, The New Central Harbourfront will create a world-class showpiece at the heart of our city which is vibrant, attractive, accessible and

symbolic of Hong Kong.

Fiona Hui, vocalist [[full biography](#)]

Fiona Hui Prince has continually found great success with classical concert, opera and music theatre, as well as professional Christian and pop recordings. In the past 15 years, she has performed as a soloist in North America, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague, Japan, Beijing, Macau, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Singapore. Ms. Fiona holds a Bachelor's degree from Chinese University of Hong Kong in Music and a Master's degree from New York University in Vocal Performance. Her New York credits include: God lives in Glass at Provincetown Playhouse and Manhattan Theatre Club, Hair at Provincetown Play House, Miss Saigon in The Richard Perry Theatre, Hansel and Gretel at Fredrick Lowe Theatre, Concert of Excellent Jazz at Lincoln Centre, Magic Flute at Samuel J. Ethel and Lefrak Concert Hall, and Christian Classical and Modern Music Concerts at New York Merkin Hall. She has also performed across the US. Her national credits include: Miss Saigon at Massachusetts Foothill Theatre in Massachusetts and Minnesota Ted Paul Theater, and South Pacific as Liat at Virginia Wohlfahrt Theatre. Ms. Fiona was also the Principal Vocalist and MC in the show Golden Mickey's which is produced by Hong Kong Disney Theater at Storybook Theater. In 2008, New York Senator Martin Golden proudly presented her the Distinguished Citizen Award to appreciate her artistic contributions for the community.

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.



梵志登 Jaap van Zweden
音樂總監 Music Director

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.

Notes to Editors:

- **Free Tickets Available from 26 Oct (Fri) !**

The tickets, which are free and by registration only, are guaranteed to be the hottest in town.

Based on experiences from the last four concerts, all tickets were claimed within a few hours of them being available to the public. So, act fast to get your free tickets early this year.

FREE Tickets will be distributed from **10am on 26 October (Friday)** by the following means:

1. Complete the registration form and return to one of the NINE selected Tom Lee Music Outlets

1-9 Cameron Lane, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon

Shop G02, G/F, Olympian City 3, No.1, Hoi Wang Road, Kowloon

Unit 2-20, Level 12, MegaBox, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon

City Centre Building, 144-149 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

East South Bldg., 29 Percival St, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

Shop 410, Cityplaza 1, 1111 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong

Shop 303, L3, HomeSquare, Shatin, N.T.

Shop S35, Luk Yeung Galleria, Tsuen Wan, N.T.

Shop 49-51, 1/F., Tuen Mun Town Plaza Phase 2, Tuen Mun, N.T.

2. Register on Swire Symphony under the Stars' official website: suts.hkphil.org

Each person may request two concert tickets. Tickets and quotas are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Bring your own TOY to play with the HK Phil**

Swire Symphony under the Stars creates a wonderful annual tradition of a free symphonic concert in the outdoors since 2006. To enhance the audiences' listening pleasure, this year, we invite the audiences to bring along their own toy or instrument, joining the HK Phil in a large outdoor music making in Leopold Mozart's delightful *Toy Symphony*.

- **Bring your own meal boxes and drinks**



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There will be no food & beverage available at The New Central Harbourfront, you are highly recommended to bring your own food and drinks to enjoy the concert

Swire Symphony under the Stars

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7:30 PM (Gate opens at 5:30PM)

The New Central Harbourfront

Free Admission by Pre-registration

Audience aged 3 or above needs the ticket to attend the concert

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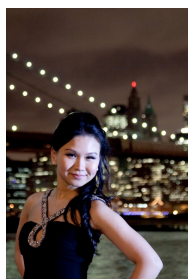
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Artists

[Perry So](#) conductor

[Fiona Hui](#) vocalist

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Programme

HANDEL (arr. H. Harty) *Water Music*: Alla Hornpipe

MENDELSSOHN *The Hebrides* (Fingal's Cave)

RIMSKY-KORSAKOV *Sheherazade*: The Sea and Sinbad's Ship

TRAD. (arr. D. Lam) *Caprice on Flowery Spring River*

SMETANA *Má vlast*: Moldau

BERNSTEIN *Wonderful Town*: Overture, Conga, and A Little Bit in Love

L. MOZART *Toy Symphony*: Third movement

GERSHWIN *An American in Paris*

ADAMS *Short Ride in a Fast Machine*

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Hong Kong Philharmonic

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil) is one of Asia's leading orchestras. Enriching Hong Kong's cultural life for over a century, the HK Phil has grown into a formidable ensemble of Chinese and international talents, attracting world-class artists to collaborate on its stage. From the 2012/13 season, Jaap van Zweden has become Music Director of the orchestra. Under his leadership, the HK Phil will continue to develop its reputation for artistic excellence.

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

The HK Phil annually touches the lives of over 200,000 music lovers through more than 150 performances including its extensive education activities for children and adults alike, and free concerts such as the popular Swire Symphony under the Stars, and regular broadcasts and telecasts, bringing the joy of classical music to the Hong Kong community. Outside of Hong Kong, the HK Phil has made a number of critically acclaimed tours in Asia and Europe.

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