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Final Show for "Pixar in Concert" by HK Phil (21 November) Added! Tickets on Sale Tomorrow (19 October 2012)
22 & 23 November Shows Already Sold Out!

[18 October 2012, Hong Kong] From *Toy Story* to *Finding Nemo* to *The Incredibles*, Pixar characters have been best loved friends with audiences the world over. Now, for the first time ever in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil) will stage the hugely successful "Pixar in Concert", bringing the music from the popular Pixar films to life, performed by a full orchestra led by conductor Nicholas Buc alongside the stunning imagery from the films.

Due to the overwhelming demand for tickets to "Pixar in Concert", the first two shows (22 & 23 November, Thu and Fri, 8pm) have already been sold out. An additional show, to be held on 21 November (Wed), 8pm, in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall, will complete its inaugural run in this city. <u>Tickets</u>, priced at \$400, \$300, \$220, \$140 will be available at URBTIX from Friday, 19 October 2012.

Don't miss this last chance to catch the hottest family show in town!

Nicholas Buc, conductor [full biography]

Nicholas Buc is a composer, arranger, conductor, violinist and pianist. He studied composition with Brenton Broadstock at the University of Melbourne, where he received the inaugural Fellowship of Australian Composers Award.

Nicholas has established a reputation on the Melbourne music scene. He is regularly commissioned to write new music by, among others, the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir, The Australian Voices, the Melbourne Youth Orchestra, the Benaud Trio and Concordis Chamber Choir. He has also written for film and television, and is co-founder of the company *Composure*, which has a focus on creating a unique musical voice for film, television and other multimedia projects. In 2007 he was nominated for "Best Original Song Composed for the Screen" in the APRA-AGSC Screen Music Awards.



Nicholas has worked with Tina Arena on her last five Australian tours, writing new orchestral arrangements and conducting the Sydney Symphony, Queensland Symphony and West Australian Symphony Orchestras in sell-out performances. He will continue this collaboration throughout 2013.

In 2010 he conducted the Sydney Lyric Orchestra in Bernard Herrmann's horror masterpiece *Psycho*, which was performed alongside a screening of Hitchcock's classic film at the Sydney Opera House. He repeated this at the 2010 Melbourne International Film Festival, conducting two performances at the Regent Theatre.

Programme

Toy Story, Cars, UP, A Bug's Life, Brave, The Incredibles, Monsters Inc., Finding Nemo, Ratatouille, Wall-E. What do all these fabulous movies have in common? The answer is Pixar, one of the most inventive and distinctive animation companies in the history of cinema. From the dancing angle-poise lamp to the spoof out-takes, every Pixar movie is a visual feast. But they are also aural feasts, and here's a chance to celebrate the great music that adds so much to these movies. So come and enjoy the on-screen antics of Woody, Lightning McQueen, Flik, King Fergus and their friends while the HK Phil brings the marvellous musical scores by Randy Newman, Patrick Doyle, Thomas Newman and Michael Giacchino to life.



Pixar In Concert

22 & 23 | 11 | 2012

THU & FRI 8PM

SOLD OUT

Additional Performance

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WED 8PM

HK\$400 \$300 \$220 \$140

Some seats may have a restricted view

Available at URBTIX from 19 OCT (Fri)

HK Cultural Centre Concert Hall

Artists

Nicholas Buc conductor

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Hong Kong Philharmonic

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life, as the city's largest and busiest musical organisation. In 2013/14 the HK Phil will celebrate its 40th professional season, but its roots are well over a century old. The HK Phil has now evolved to become an orchestral powerhouse in the region, and an acclaimed cultural centrepiece of Asia's World City.

The HK Phil is formed on the belief that a great city deserves a great orchestra. Annually it presents over 150 concerts for 200,000 music lovers. Featuring an enviable roster of international and local artists, with many concerts presented free, among them the annual Swire Symphony Under The Stars. Through its acclaimed education programme, over 40,000 young people learned about orchestral music last year.

The HK Phil's members come from every corner of the globe, joining its strong core of Hong Kong musicians. In September 2012, Jaap van Zweden became the orchestra's Music Director. Future years will see an ambitious series of new projects, with major international tours, renewed local partnerships, and large-scale concert events. The HK Phil has recently commenced a multi-CD recording project for Naxos, featuring works by Chinese composers.

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