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### Change of Soloist

#### **Australian Organist David Drury to Replace Simon Preston in HK Phil's "The King of Instruments" (11&12 Jan 2013)**

*Concert Programme Will Remain Unchanged*

[3 January 2013, Hong Kong] Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil) announces today (3 Jan) that British organist, Simon Preston, has unfortunately had to withdraw from his advertised performances of **Masterworks: "The King of Instruments"** owing to ill health. In his place we are delighted to welcome one of Australia's foremost organists [David Drury](#), who has kindly agreed to step in for the performances. **The programme and conductor remain unchanged.**

**Masterworks: "The King of Instruments"** will be held on **11&12 January (Fri & Sat), 8pm** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**. Free pre-concert talks will be given on both nights at 7:15pm, also in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. For enquiries, please contact the HK Phil at 2721 2030 or visit [www.hkphil.org](http://www.hkphil.org)

#### **David Drury, organ** [\[full biography\]](#)

David Drury was educated at Trinity Grammar School, Sydney. He graduated from the Sydney Conservatorium with a degree in organ performance and was the recipient of the Vasanta scholarship for overseas study. In 1987 he became the first and only Australian to win the Tournemire prize for improvisation at the St Alban's International Organ Competition. He has since given recitals in Westminster Abbey, St Paul's and Westminster Cathedrals in London, and King's College Cambridge. In Paris, he has performed four times at Notre Dame and twice at La Madeleine, and he has also appeared at the Toulon Festival.

David Drury has appeared as a recitalist at the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney, Melbourne,

Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, Christchurch & Auckland Town Halls. He has performed concertos with the Adelaide and West Australian symphony orchestras, the Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra and Orchestra Victoria. He performed in the 2000 Olympic Games opening ceremony and in front of world leaders at the 2007 APEC Summit concert. David Drury has released four solo recordings as well as appearing on numerous recordings as a guest artist.

## Masterworks: The King of Instruments

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FRI & SAT 8PM

HK Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$300 \$200 \$160 \$120

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### Artists

[David Atherton](#) conductor

[David Drury](#) \* organ

\* Famed Australian organist will replace Simon Preston who has unfortunately had to withdraw from the advertised performances owing to ill health. Concert programme will remain unchanged.

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### Programme

**DUKAS** *La Péri* Fanfare

**DUKAS** *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*

**POULENC** Organ Concerto

**SAINT-SAËNS** *Symphony No.3* Organ

## Ticketing Information

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For programme enquiry, please call HK Phil at

**(852) 2721 2030**

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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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