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WARNER BROS. presents BUGS BUNNY AT THE SYMPHONY II

[23 January 2014, Hong Kong] Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil) invites you to celebrate Chinese New Year with *Bugs Bunny at the Symphony II*, created and conducted by <u>George Daugherty</u>, and starring a beloved cast of classic **Warner Bros.** animated characters onscreen.

Bugs Bunny and his friends are coming to Hong Kong in Bugs Bunny at the Symphony II – a hilarious collection of brilliant Looney Tunes and their legendary stars projected on the big screen – Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd, Pepe Le Pew, and Tweety, plus special guests Tom and Jerry... all with their original musical scores, based on works of Wagner, Rossini, Suppé, J. Strauss II, Smetana and Liszt, played by live orchestra. The comic genius of the classic Warner Bros. animated characters, accompanied by the HK Phil – what better way to celebrate Chinese New Year?

The concert includes 12 of the most critically acclaimed classic cartoons of all time, including *What's Opera, Doc?*, *The Rabbit of Seville, Baton Bunny, Rhapsody Rabbit, Zoom and Bored, Duck Amuck, Show Biz Bugs* and *Tom and Jerry in the Hollywood Bowl*, as well as two brand new 3-D CGI cartoons *I Tawt I Taw A Puddy Tat* and *Coyote Falls*.

Bugs Bunny at the Symphony II was created and produced by Emmy winners George Daugherty and David Ka Lik Wong, who have also been nominated for 8 Emmy Awards between them. The team of Daugherty & Wong created and produced the original hit Broadway concert *Bugs Bunny On Broadway*, and later launched *Bugs Bunny at the Symphony*.

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Bugs Bunny at the Symphony II will be held on 28 & 29 January 2014 (Tue & Wed), 8PM in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall. <u>Tickets priced: \$400, \$300, \$220, \$140, are now available at URBTIX.</u> For enquiries, please call 2721 2332 or visit <u>www.hkphil.org.</u>

Artists

George Daugherty, creator and conductor [full biography]

In addition to his successful and diverse conducting career spanning 35 years, George Daugherty is also an Emmy Award-winning / five-time Emmy nominated creator, whose profile includes major credits as a director, writer, and producer for television, film, concerts and live theatre.

He has guest conducted the world's greatest symphony orchestras, including The Los Angeles Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Sydney Symphony, The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The National Symphony, The New Japan Philharmonic, The Seoul Philharmonic, and over one hundred other major international orchestras, ballet companies, and opera companies.

For the ABC TV Network, Daugherty has created an animation-and-live action production of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, which he created, co-wrote, conducted, and directed, winning numerous awards including a Prime Time Emmy. He also received an Emmy nomination for *Rhythm & Jam* and collaborated with author Amy Tan on an Emmy Award-winning television series. In 1990, Daugherty created, directed, and conducted the hit Broadway musical *Bugs Bunny On Broadway*; and in 2010 launched *Bugs Bunny At The Symphony*, with producing partner David Ka Lik Wong. Daugherty is also executive producer, conductor, and creator of *Rodgers & Hammerstein* on Stage and Screen.



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Hong Kong Philharmonic

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

As the city's largest and busiest musical organisation, the Hong Kong Philharmonic is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. In 2013/14 the HK Phil celebrates its 40th professional season, but its roots stretch back well over a century. The HK Phil has now evolved into an orchestral powerhouse of the region, and an acclaimed cultural centrepiece of Asia's World City.

The HK Phil is founded 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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