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## **HK Phil with Lang Lang: Proudly Sponsored by BOCHK Wealth Management (10 Apr)**

[27 March 2014, Hong Kong] The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) proudly announces the return of the incomparable **Lang Lang** to the HK Phil for one night only on **10 April 2014** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**.

**“hottest artist on the classical music planet”**  
- *The New York Times*

Following his sold-out solo recital with the HK Phil last season, Lang Lang will play two very different piano concertos – Mozart’s 17th, the archetype of classical grace, and Prokofiev’s firecracker 3rd, which demands almost superhuman stamina and dexterity from its soloist.

Maestro **Jaap van Zweden** will also conduct Brahms’s Variations on a Theme of Haydn and Tchaikovsky’s *Capriccio Italien*, which was inspired by a trip to Rome where Tchaikovsky saw the Carnival in full swing.

**“The orchestra (HK Phil) responded to van Zweden’s grip on the soul of the piece with an impressively disciplined performance.”**  
- Sam Olliver, *South China Morning Post*

**HK Phil with Lang Lang** will be held on **10 April 2014 (Thu), 8PM** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**. Tickets priced: \$1980, \$1580, \$1180, \$780 are now available at URBTIX. For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit [www.hkphil.org](http://www.hkphil.org).

BOCHK Wealth Management is the title sponsor of the concert.

### **Artists**

#### **Jaap van Zweden, conductor** [[full biography](#)]

Amsterdam-born Jaap van Zweden is one of today’s most sought-after conductors. Named Musical America’s Conductor of the Year for 2012, he has been Music Director of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra since 2012/13 season.

At the age of nineteen, Jaap was appointed as the youngest Concertmaster ever of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. Maestro van Zweden is also currently Music Director of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and Honorary Chief Conductor of the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra and Honorary Conductor of the Radio Chamber Philharmonic.

#### **Lang Lang, piano** [[full biography](#)]

Heralded as the “hottest artist on the classical music planet” by *The New York Times* and the “world’s ambassador of the keyboard” by *The New Yorker*, Lang Lang has played sold out concerts in every major city in the world.

In 2008, Lang Lang was featured in concert with jazz pianist Herbie Hancock at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards, and was a featured performer at the Beijing Olympics Opening Ceremonies. In 2009, Lang Lang appeared in the *Time’s* annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World. Lang Lang was chosen as an official worldwide ambassador for the 2010 Shanghai Expo. Having performed for numerous international dignitaries, he most recently performed for President Barack Obama and President Hu Jin-tao at the White House State Dinner and on the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee concert for Elizabeth II.

## HK Phil with Lang Lang

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HK Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$1980 \$1580 \$1180 \$780

Tickets are available at URBTIX now

For ages 6 and above

### Artists

[Jaap van Zweden](#)

Conductor

[Lang Lang](#)

Piano

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**Jaap van Zweden**

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**Lang Lang**

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**Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra**

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### Programme

**BRAHMS**

**MOZART**

**TCHAIKOVSKY**

**PROKOFIEV**

Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn

Piano Concerto no. 17 in G

*Capriccio Italien*

Piano Concerto no. 3 in C

## **Ticketing Information**

Credit Card Booking

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Online Booking

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For programme enquiry, please call HK Phil at

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## Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra is the city's largest and busiest musical organisation and is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. This season it celebrates its 40th professional season, but its roots stretch back well over a century. The HK Phil has now evolved into 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 attracting over 200,000 music lovers. Featuring an enviable roster of international conductors and soloists, the HK Phil performs a broad variety of music, 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 in the last year.

The Swire Group Charitable Trust has been the Principal Patron of the HK Phil since 2006. Swire's enlightened support, the most generous in the orchestra's history, continues to enable the orchestra to reach towards high artistic goals.

The HK Phil's members come from every corner of the globe, with a 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 commenced a multi-CD recording project for Naxos, featuring works by Chinese composers.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra is financially supported by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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