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Explore Great Musical Masterpieces in an Orchestral Adventure with Jun Märkl, 11-year-old prodigy Johnson Li & the HK Phil (25 & 26 June)

[19 June 2014, Hong Kong] Join the **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil)** for “Orchestral Adventures”. Directing the concert will be **Jun Märkl**, a highly respected interpreter of the core German repertoire. He will be joined by 11-year-old musical prodigy **Johnson Li** at the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre** on **25 & 26 June**.

Schubert’s “Unfinished” Symphony never received a public performance during the composer’s lifetime, but has taken its place among the greatest symphonies in history, popular for its wonderful melodies and stirring drama. Brahms’s intimate Piano Quartet no. 1 will be heard as a grand orchestral adventure in a version made by the great 20th century composer, Arnold Schoenberg.

A new young star in Hong Kong’s firmament, Johnson Li will join the HK Phil in Beethoven’s Piano Concerto no. 1. Johnson started playing piano at the age of 4 and won first prize in YiTian Cup Lang Lang Music World Youth Piano Competition in 2011. He has since performed with Lang Lang on many occasions.

Masterworks: Orchestral Adventures will be held on **25 & 26 June 2014 (Wed & Thu), 8PM** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**. Tickets priced: \$380, \$280, \$200, \$140, are now available at [URBTIX](#). For enquiries, please call 2721 2332 or visit www.hkphil.org.

Free Pre-concert talks in English given by musicologist Dr Stefan Au (25 June, Wednesday); and in Cantonese by Music writer and critic Mr Dennis Wu (26 June, Thursday), will be held at 7:15pm at 4/F Foyer, Auditoria Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

Artists

Jun Märkl, conductor [[full biography](#)]

Jun Märkl is a highly respected interpreter of the core Germanic repertoire, and studied with Sergiu Celibidache in Munich. He served as the Music Director of Orchestre National de Lyon from 2005 to 2011 and MDR Leipzig Radio Symphony Orchestra until 2002. He is also a Chevalier de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (2012).

Johnson Li, piano

Johnson Li won the top prize in YiTian Cup Lang Lang Music World Youth Piano Competition (2011) and is the recipient of Langham Lang Lang Music Scholarship. Johnson performed with Lang Lang for many times and participated in his master classes. His orchestral début with Shenzhen Symphony in 2012 received rave reviews.

Masterworks: Orchestral Adventures

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WED & THU 8PM

HK Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$380 \$280 \$200 \$140

Tickets now available at URBTIX

For ages 6 and above

Artists

[Jun Märkl](#)

Johnson Li

conductor

piano

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Jun Märkl

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Johnson Li



Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

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Programme

SCHUBERT
BEETHOVEN
BRAHMS

Symphony no. 8, *Unfinished*

Piano Concerto no. 1

Piano Quartet no. 1 in G minor (orch. Schoenberg)

Ticketing Information

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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.

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