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Be one of the “Musicians” in the Swire *Symphony Under The Stars* At The New Central Harbourfront – HK Phil’s Largest Annual Outdoor Symphonic Event (21 Nov)

[13 October 2014 – Hong Kong] The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) is proud to announce that *Swire Symphony Under The Stars*, the largest outdoor symphonic event of the year, will be returning to **The New Central Harbourfront** on **21 November (Friday)** at **7:30pm**. Free Admission with Tickets!

Thanks to the continuing generous support of the Swire Group, the Orchestra’s Principal Patron, *Swire Symphony Under The Stars* is in its eighth year and is the most important public event of the Orchestra’s dedicated drive to bring classical music into the community.

This year conductor **Perry So**, soprano **Xi Wang** and the HK Phil will lead an audience of more than ten thousands in a hugely enjoyable musical night featuring many of the most popular and dazzling overtures and operatic selections.

SUTS Video Campaign

This year, we cordially invite the participation of the public! Instrumentalists can download the scores of Offenbach’s *Can-Can* from our website, upload a video recording of their performance to YouTube, and send us a Facebook message containing the link and your personal information on or before 7 November 2014 (Fri)! A total of 100 tickets will be awarded to the best entries from the various instrumental groups! If your video is selected it will be shown on our big screen during the event!

Stay tuned for further details.

HK Phil SUTS App

Even if you do not play an instrument, you can still add to the concert in a fun way! Download the free HK Phil SUTS App (available soon at Apple App Store for iOS devices and Google Play for Android devices) which enables you to join the Orchestra with special sound effects for an interactive game played during the event! You can also view the programme of the night and artist biographies through your finger tips, and find details of a dedicated Facebook activity offering the chance to win discount e-coupons.

Please check on the Orchestra’s official website www.hkphil.org for the release date.

***Swire Symphony Under The Stars* will be held on 21 November 2014 (Friday) at 7:30pm at The New Central Harbourfront.**

FREE Admission Tickets will be distributed from **10am** on **3 November (Monday)** by the following means:

1. Visit selected Tom Lee Music Stores OR
2. Register on *Swire Symphony Under The Stars* official website: suts.hkphil.org

Each person may request two concert tickets. Tickets and quotas are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. The tickets, which are free and by registration only, are guaranteed to be the hottest in town. Based on past experience, all tickets are snapped up within a few hours of being made available to the public, so act fast to get your free tickets.

Artists

Perry So, conductor [\[full biography\]](#)

Born in Hong Kong in 1982 Perry So was an inaugural Dudamel Conducting Fellow at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. He received the First and Special prizes at the Fifth International Prokofiev Conducting Competition in 2008. Previously Assistant Conductor of the HK Phil, he also held the post of Associate Conductor from 2010-2012. He has conducted the London and Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestras, the Royal Danish Theatre Orchestra, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, National Taiwan Symphony Orchestra, the State Symphony Orchestra of Russia, and many other distinguished ensembles. This season he makes debut appearances with the Cleveland Orchestra and the China Philharmonic Orchestra.

Xi Wang, soprano [\[full biography\]](#)

Xi Wang is emerging as an important new young Chinese soprano. In 2011 she joined the prestigious Merola programme at San Francisco Opera as a young artist and appeared as a guest soloist at New York City Opera's Annual Composer showcase concert "VOX". She performed at Glimmerglass Opera in 2010, and in the 2010-11 season sung the role of Susanna in *Le Nozze di Figaro* and Liù in *Turandot* at the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. In 2012 she performed Zerlina in *Don Giovanni* with Des Moines Metro Opera.

Swire Symphony Under The Stars

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FRI 7:30PM

Venue opens at 5:30PM

The New Central Harbourfront

FREE Admission with Tickets

Free Admission Tickets will be distributed from 10am, 3 November 2014 at below Tom Lee Music Stores [OR](#)
Register Online at suts.hkphil.org

SUTS Tickets will be distributed at the following Tom Lee Music Stores:

1-9 Cameron Lane, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon
Shop G02, G/F, Olympian City 3, No.1, Hoi Wang Road, Kowloon
Unit 2-20, Level 12, MegaBox, 38 Wang Chiu Road, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon
Shop 49-50, Level 2, Sunshine Bazaar, Ma On Shan, N.T.
East South Bldg., 29 Percival St, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
Shop 410, Cityplaza 1, 1111 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong
Shop 303, L3, HomeSquare, Shatin, N.T.
Shop S35, Luk Yeung Galleria, Tsuen Wan, N.T.
Shop No. 3, 4 & 5, Level 2, South Wing of Trend Plaza, Tuen Mun, N.T.

Principal Patron: SWIRE

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soprano

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Perry So
Photo Credit: Colin Beere



Xi Wang
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Swire Symphony Under The Stars 2013

Programme

WAGNER	<i>The Flying Dutchman Overture</i>
BRAHMS	Hungarian Dance no. 6 in D [orch. Martin Schmeling]
MOZART	<i>The Abduction from the Seraglio Overture</i>
OFFENBACH	<i>Orpheus in the Underworld: Infernal Galop (Can-Can)</i>
STRAVINSKY	<i>The Firebird Suite (1919 version): Infernal Dance of King Kashchei – Berceuse – Finale</i>
ROSSINI	<i>William Tell Overture</i>
VERDI	<i>Rigoletto: Caro nome (Sweet name)</i>
GOUNOD	<i>Romeo and Juliet: Ah! Je veux vivre dans ce rêve (I want to live in this dream)</i>
TCHAIKOVSKY	<i>1812 Overture</i>

For programme enquiry, please go on our website:

www.hkphil.org

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Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) is the city's largest and busiest musical organisation and is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. With its roots stretching back well over a century, the HK Phil made its professional début in 1974. It 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 200,000 music lovers. Through its acclaimed education programme, over 40,000 young people have learned about orchestral music last year. 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*.

The Swire Group has been the Principal Patron of the HK Phil since 2006. Through this sponsorship, which is the largest in the orchestra's history, Swire also endeavours to promote artistic excellence, provide access and stimulate cultural participation in Hong Kong, and to enhance Hong Kong's reputation as one of the great cities of the world.

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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