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## **Celebrate Christmas with Harry Wong and the HK Phil** All-time Christmas Favourites plus new hits from *Frozen* (23 & 24 Dec)

**[9 December 2014, Hong Kong]** Put on your elf hat, bring the kids, and mark Christmas in the style of the **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil)**. On **23 & 24 December** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**, the one and only **Harry Wong** will bring the Christmas spirit to life, in the best possible way, together with conductor **Peter Biloen**, mezzo-soprano **Esther Pierweijer**, members of the Hong Kong Children's Choir, and full symphony orchestra!

This year's concert will feature all-time Christmas favourites including *O Holy Night*, *Winter Wonderland* and *Silent Night*, plus new hits from *Frozen* including *In Summer* and *Let it Go*. Wrap yourself up in a truly festive atmosphere and have loads of fun together with our wonderful artists.

Concerts are sponsored by HABIŪ

**Holiday, Pops & More: Harry Wong Celebrates Christmas** will be held on **23 & 24 December 2014 (Tue & Wed)** at **8PM** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**. Tickets priced: \$400, \$300, \$220, \$140 are now available at URBTIX. For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit [www.hkphil.org](http://www.hkphil.org).

### **Artists**

#### **Peter Biloen, conductor** [\[full biography\]](#)

Peter Biloen was the first Dutch conductor to reach the finals of London's International Donatella Flick Conducting Competition, directing the London Symphony Orchestra in concert. He was awarded the Anton Kersjes Foundation's national Dutch conducting prize and the prestigious Academy Conductor Fellowship at the Aspen Music Festival. An expert interpreter of both classic and modern repertoire, Biloen has been hailed by the press for his adventurous and groundbreaking programming.

#### **Harry Wong, presenter** [\[full biography\]](#)

Harry Wong (A.K.A. Harry Goh Goh) is well known among children and adults for his humorous personality and amazing magic. Music and magic has been part of his life since young, and with these gifts, Harry determines to use his talents to serve the community and brings joy to the public through all kinds of media.

#### **Esther Pierweijer, mezzo-soprano** [\[full biography\]](#)

Dutch mezzo-soprano Esther Pierweijer graduated with distinction from the Conservatory of Music in Enschede, Rotterdam and Cologne with a bachelor and masters degree. She won prizes during several contests, including a first prize at Stichting Jong Muziektalent Nederland, Euregio Vocalisten Concours and second prize at the competition For Modern Music in Weimar. She has sung in several operas and worked with Jaap van Zweden, Kenneth Montgomery, Alexander Vakoulsky and Nicolai Alexeev, and regularly performs as a soloist in concerts, oratorios and chamber music with renowned Dutch orchestras.

## Holiday, Pops & More: Harry Wong Celebrates Christmas

23 & 24 | 12 | 2014

TUE & WED 8PM

Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$400 \$300 \$220 \$140

Tickets are now available at URBTIX

For ages 3 and above

### Artists

[Peter Biloen](#)

conductor

[Harry Wong](#)

presenter

[Esther Pierweijer](#)

mezzo-soprano

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**Harry Wong**  
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**Peter Biloen**  
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**The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra**  
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**Esther Pierweijer**

### Programme

<b>ARNOLD</b>	<i>Fantasy on Christmas Carols</i>
<b>FRANCK</b>	<i>Panis Angelicus</i>
<b>GOMEZ</b>	<i>Ave Maria</i>
<b>MOZART</b>	<i>The Magic Flute: Overture</i>
<b>ADAM</b>	<i>O Holy Night</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS II</b>	<i>Tritsch-Tratsch-Polka</i>
<b>BERNARD/SMITH</b>	<i>Winter Wonderland</i>
<b>ANDERSON/LOPEZ</b>	<i>Frozen: In Summer</i>
<b>ANDERSON/LOPEZ</b>	<i>Frozen: Let it Go</i>
<b>GRUBER</b>	<i>Silent Night</i>
<b>TRADITIONAL</b>	<i>Deck the Halls</i>
<b>PIERPONT</b>	<i>Jingle Bells</i>

## **Ticketing Information**

Credit Card Booking

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Online Booking

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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 corporate donation in the orchestra's history, Swire also endeavours to promote artistic excellence, foster access to classical music 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 and Richard Wagner's *Ring Cycle*.

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

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