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HK Phil's December Concerts Prove Popular

- John William's *Star Wars* — SOLD OUT
- A Magical Christmas — nearly sold out and NEW performance added
- New Year's Eve Celebration — selling quickly

[29 November 2016, Hong Kong] Patrons should act quickly to snap up remaining tickets the HK Phil's popular December concerts!

SWIRE DENIM SERIES: JOHN WILLIAM'S STAR WARS

Tickets are sold out, but lucky ticket-holders are invited to come to the concert wearing a costume from *Star Wars*, or their favourite John Williams-scored movie.

Conducted by Guy Noble, this programme features music from some of the extreme blockbuster films of our time, all scored by John Williams — *Star Wars*, including music from the newest movie *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Superman* and more.

16 December 2016 (Friday) 8PM — SOLD OUT
17 December 2016 (Saturday) 8PM — SOLD OUT

HOLIDAY: A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS

HK Phil's favourite magician Harry Wong will entertain the young and young-at-heart at our annual Christmas family festivities. Hong Kong native Vivian Ip, conducts the orchestra, including the ever-popular Christmas carol sing-along.

23 December 2016 (Friday) 8PM — nearly sold out
24 December 2016 (Saturday) 3PM — nearly sold out
NEW PERFORMANCE on 24 December 2016 (Saturday) 8PM — tickets still available

HOLIDAY: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Ring out the old, ring in the new with frothy waltzes, peppy polkas, and other musical delights by the beloved Strauss family and friends. Under the baton of Yaron Traub, this concert is a beautiful way to usher in 2017.

30 December 2016 (Friday) 8PM — selling fast
31 December 2016 (Saturday) 8PM — selling fast

Tickets for all concerts are available at URBTIX. For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit www.hkphil.org

SWIRE DENIM SERIES: JOHN WILLIAMS' STAR WARS

16 & 17 | 12 | 2016
FRI & SAT 8PM
 Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall
 For ages 6 and above
 HK\$380 \$280 \$180 \$120 SOLD OUT!

Artists

[Guy Noble](#) conductor

Programme

JOHN WILLIAMS *Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Raider of the Lost Ark, Superman* and more movie hits

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Guy Noble



The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra
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 Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall
 HK\$380 \$280 \$180 \$120

Artists

[Vivian Ip](#) conductor
[Harry Wong](#) magician

Programme

Christmas favourites and sing-alongs, snowflakes and magic with the HK Phil's favourite magician Harry Wong

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Vivian Ip
 Photo Credit: Marianne Feiler



Harry Wong



The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra
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Artists

[Yaron Traub](#)

conductor

[Sara Domjanic](#)

violin

Programme

Blue Danube Waltz, Radetzky March and more Viennese waltzes and polkas

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Yaron Traub



Sara Domjanic



The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

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Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

Principal Guest Conductor: Yu Long

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) is recognised as Asia's foremost classical orchestra. The Orchestra presents more than 150 concerts over a 44-week season and attracts more than 200,000 music lovers annually.

Jaap van Zweden, one of today's most sought-after conductors, has been the Orchestra's Music Director since the 2012/13 concert season, a position he will continue to hold until at least 2022. In addition, Maestro van Zweden will also be the next Music Director of the New York Philharmonic starting with the 2018/19 season.

Yu Long was appointed for an initial three-year term in the 2015/16 season as Principal Guest Conductor.

Under Maestro van Zweden, the HK Phil is undertaking a variety of initiatives including a four-year project to perform and record the complete Ring of the Nibelung (Richard Wagner).

Also under van Zweden, the orchestra has undertaken tours to Taiwan, Europe and, for a second time to mainland China, with recent concerts in Shanghai, Tianjin and Beijing.

Thanks to a significant subsidy from the Hong Kong Government and long-term funding from Principal Patron Swire, the Hong Kong Jockey Club and other supporters, the HK Phil now boasts a full-time annual schedule of classical music concerts, pops concerts, an extensive education programme, and collaborations for staged opera with Opera Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Arts Festival.

The Orchestra celebrated its 40th season as a professional orchestra in 2013/14.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra is financially supported by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. SWIRE is the Principal Patron of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra is a Venue Partner of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.