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Swire Symphony Under The Stars:

**The largest outdoor symphonic event of the year.
Conductor Perry So, Singer Corinna Chamberlain and the HK Phil
invite 20,000 people to whistle along with the orchestra
at the New Central Harbourfront (Nov 29)**

[25 November 2013, Hong Kong] The much-awaited annual symphonic event – **Swire Symphony Under The Stars** returns! This year, the **Hong Kong Philharmonic (HK Phil)**, under the baton of conductor [Perry So](#), will once again welcome an audience of 20,000 to the largest outdoor symphonic performance at The New Central Harbourfront, with the dazzling citylights as the beautiful backdrop to this musical extravaganza.

The free concert celebrates three great composers' birthdays – Wagner, Verdi and Britten, with exquisite music from their best-loved operas, including Wagner's *The Valkyrie* and *Lohengrin*, Verdi's *Aida* and Britten's *Peter Grimes*. From the opera house to the silver screen, the HK Phil then brings you all-time-favourite movie music, from the *James Bond* theme and songs, to Piazzolla's seductive tango music featured in *Happy Together*. You will also hear Newman's *20th Century Fox* theme, Korngold's *Sea Hawk* Suite and the Romance from Shostakovich's *Gadfly Suite*, etc. Joining the HK Phil and conductor Perry So is the talented singer [Corinna Chamberlain](#), who was awarded second runner-up in *The Voice of the Stars*. In this celebration, the HK Phil also invites music lovers to join and whistle along with 20,000 people at the New Central Harbourfront.

Indulge yourselves in this enthralling evening, with the magnificent Victoria Harbour night view and delightful music by the HK Phil!

Swire Symphony Under The Stars will be held on **29 November 2013 (Friday), 7:30pm**, at the **New Central Harbourfront**.

Artists

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

Perry So received the first and special prizes at the Fifth International Prokofiev Conducting Competition held in St Petersburg in 2008, only the third time the top prize has been awarded. He was Musical America's New Artist of the Month for October 2009. The following year he completed an extended nine-week residency with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, conducting four concerts and assisting Gustavo Dudamel, Lorin Maazel and Herbert Blomstedt, resulting in immediate re-invitation.

Perry has appeared with such orchestras as the London Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Royal Danish Theatre, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Japan, Seoul and Malaysian Philharmonics, Singapore Symphony Orchestra, National Symphony Orchestra Taiwan, New Zealand, Queensland and Asturias Symphony Orchestras, Zagreb Philharmonic and the State Symphony Orchestra of Russia.

Perry So was Assistant Conductor (2008-2010) and Associate Conductor (2010-2012) of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra. He also founded and directs the Huangshan International Music Festival, set in the mountains of central China.

Corinna Chamberlain, singer [\[full biography\]](#)

Born in HK, Corinna was a graduate of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA). During her study at HK APA, Corinna has shown her artistic talents and started to shine as she received scholarships and awards. Corinna loves singing & has been invited as performing guest in various concerts and shows, including that of William So and Jade Kwan. Corinna is now a TVB artist.

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7:30 PM (Gate opens at 5:30PM)

The New Central Harbourfront

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Audience aged 3 or above needs a ticket to attend the concert

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Programme

Wagner:	<i>The Valkyrie: Ride of the Valkyries</i>
Wagner:	<i>Lohengrin: Act 3: Prelude</i>
Britten:	<i>Peter Grimes: Four Sea Interludes: Dawn, Storm</i>
Verdi:	<i>Aida: Triumphal March</i>
Newman:	<i>20th Century Fox theme</i>
Herrmann:	<i>Vertigo</i>
Shostakovich:	<i>Gadfly Suite: Romance</i>
Barry:	<i>James Bond theme and songs</i>
Piazzolla:	<i>Happy Together: Tango Apasionado and Milonga for Three</i>
(arr. Gerard Salonga)	
E. Bernstein:	<i>The Great Escape: Main Title</i>
Korngold:	<i>Sea Hawk Suite</i>

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Hong Kong Philharmonic

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

As the city's largest and busiest musical organisation, the Hong Kong Philharmonic is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. In 2013/14 the HK Phil celebrates its 40th professional season, but its roots stretch back well over a century. The HK Phil has now evolved into an orchestral powerhouse of 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 for 200,000 music lovers. Featuring an enviable roster of international and local artists, 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 last year.

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

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