

Applications open for 2025 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp

The 2025 Hong Kong Youth Music Camp, organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will be held between July and August to offer training for young musicians and choir members by highly acclaimed musicians. Participants can also join the in-camp music masterclasses and workshops. The music camps are categorised into residential and non-residential groups. Applications are open today (March 3), and qualified youths aged between 8 and 25 are welcome to join.

Camp A provides in-camp residential training at the Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre for music groups of Chinese Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra and Children's Choir from July 28 to August 2. Camp fees for local campers and non-local campers are \$2,100 and \$3,100 respectively. Camp conductors are the Concertmaster and Resident Conductor of Chinese Orchestra of Xi'an Conservatory of Music, Gao Wei; the Music Director of the Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Dr Anthony Spain; and Professor in Choral Conducting and Head of the Conducting Department at Bulgarian National Academy of Music, Professor Theodora Pavlovitch.

Camp B provides non-residential training at designated music centres of the Music Office for groups of Junior Chinese Orchestra, Junior String Orchestra and Junior Symphonic Band from August 4 to 9. The camp fee for both local and non-local campers is \$1,100. Assistant Conductor of the Wuxi Chinese Orchestra Guo Pan, internationally acclaimed cello virtuoso and music educator Chu Yi-bing, and former Head of Open Conservatorium at the Queensland Conservatorium of Griffith University Dr Ralph Hultgren will be the camp conductors.

Participants in the music camps will perform at the concert halls of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on August 3, and Hong Kong City Hall on August 10 respectively to showcase the achievements of their training. Tickets of the concerts will be available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk) from May 16.

For information on applicants' eligibility and application details, please visit the Music Office's website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice). The application deadline is March 28. For enquiries, please call 3842 7773, 2598 0801 or 3842 7775.