

HKPL to organise music document exhibition to pay tribute to pop culture masters

The Hong Kong Public Libraries will hold "The Hong Kong Musicians Series: Music Document Highlights of Joseph Koo & James Wong" exhibition from April 1 to July 31 at the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL), showcasing precious music documents and music scores of the two masters to pay tribute to them. The exhibition is one of the programmes of the Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival 2024.

Musical maestros Joseph Koo and James Wong worked in close collaboration for years and produced many breathtaking masterpieces, which have become important parts of Hong Kong's pop culture. The exhibition will be held at the Arts Document Reading Room on 10/F of the HKCL, displaying invaluable items including the music scores of television drama theme song "Forgetting Ourselves" and the music of film "A Terra Cotta Warrior" (1990) to allow visitors to learn about their works and exemplary contributions to Hong Kong's pop music. Admission is free. For enquiries, please call 2921 0259.

There are more programmes in the Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival 2024 in tribute to the two maestros, including the Chinese Orchestras' concert "Martial Arts & Heroes" of the 2024 Fiesta of Music Office Bands, Choirs and Orchestras series to be held on April 21; "The Godfather of Cantopop – Joseph Koo" concert by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble to be held at Theatre, Ngau Chi Wan Civic Centre on May 17 and 18; the "A Laugh at the World: James Wong" exhibition to be held by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum starting from late July; as well as the ART!ON POP Concert to be held at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall in July, with renowned music producer Carl Wong presenting classics related to Jing Yong's works and those composed by Koo and Wong in collaboration with pop singers and live bands.

The LCSD presented the first Hong Kong Pop Culture Festival last year to great acclaim. This year, the second edition features "Arts & Action" as its theme, taking audiences on a journey through time to explore the charm of Hong Kong's pop culture. It encompasses both "Arts" (creative works) and "Action" (martial arts), an attempt to show the dynamic inheritance, diffusion, integration and breakthroughs within Hong Kong's pop culture.

The event lineup offers a diverse range of formats including thematic exhibitions, film screenings, stage performances and outreach activities, and its rich content spans across literature, various art forms and martial arts, clearly showcasing how Hong Kong's vibrant and diverse pop culture stands out from the rest. For more information, please visit www.pcf.gov.hk/en.