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Bank of China (Hong Kong) Proudly Presents: “Lang Lang in Recital” (24 Nov) Features Works by Chopin and Mozart All Tickets Sold Out in One Day

[26 September 2012, Hong Kong] Heralded as the “hottest artist on the classical music planet” by the *New York Times*, pianist [Lang Lang](#) will return to perform in a recital featuring three Piano Sonatas by Mozart and four Ballades by Chopin, only on **24 November (Sat)**. **Bank of China (Hong Kong) proudly sponsors: Lang Lang in Recital** is sponsored by Bank of China (Hong Kong). Due to the wide anticipation and enthusiastic response by the public and fans, all concert tickets were sold out today shortly after the opening of the box office today.

Lang Lang, piano [\[full biography\]](#)

Heralded as the “hottest artist on the classical music planet” by the *New York Times*, Lang Lang has played in sold out recitals and concerts in every major city in the world. He is the first Chinese pianist to be engaged by the Vienna Philharmonic, Berlin Philharmonic and all the top American orchestras.

He was *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World 2009. Over five billion people viewed his performance in Beijing's opening ceremony for the Olympics 2008. He has inspired over 40 million Chinese children to learn to play classical piano – a phenomenon coined by The Today Show as "the Lang Lang effect." In 2008, the Recording Academy named him their Cultural Ambassador to China.

For nearly a decade Lang Lang has been giving back to children through a vast range of volunteer activities. The Lang Lang International Music Foundation was launched with the mission of inspiring the next generation of music lovers and performers. In 2004, Lang Lang was appointed as UNICEF's International Goodwill Ambassador. He is the youngest member of Carnegie Hall's Artistic Advisory Board and also serves on its Weill Music Institute Committee.

He is one of the 250 World Economic Forum Young Global Leaders and received its 2010 Crystal Award.

In 2011, the Lang Lang Music World was launched, a multi-functioning arts complex in China. Steinway has created five “Lang Lang™ Steinway” pianos for early music education, the first of such venture in Steinway’s 150-year history.

Lang Lang has performed for numerous international dignitaries including the present and former United Nations Secretary-Generals, Presidents of China, America, Germany, and Prime Ministers of Russia, France and Poland.

All of Lang Lang’s albums have entered the top classical charts and many pop charts. He received the 2007 Presidential Merit Award; past recipients include Pavarotti. He has recorded *Nuit De Mai* with Domingo, *Chopin 24 Etudes* and performed for videogame *Gran Turismo*. In 2010, he joined Sony Music as exclusive artist; his albums include live recital at Vienna’s legendary Musikverein, *CD Liszt, My Piano Hero* and *DVD Liszt, Now!*.

Programme

Iconic. Unique. Extraordinary. For one night only, Lang Lang performs in solo recital in Hong Kong for the HKPO. For this concert he brings together the monumental challenges of Chopin’s four gorgeous ballades, and the crystalline delights of three Mozart piano sonatas. It is an evening of pianistic brilliance not to be missed.

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Artist

[Lang Lang](#) piano

Programme

MOZART Sonata No.5 in G, K283

MOZART Sonata No.4 in E flat, K282

MOZART Sonata No.8 in A minor, K310

CHOPIN 4 Ballades

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Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HKPO) is one of Asia's leading orchestras. Enriching Hong Kong's cultural life for over a century, the Orchestra has grown into a formidable ensemble of Chinese and international talents, attracting world-class artists to collaborate on its stage. The HKPO annually touches the lives of over 200,000 music lovers through more than 150 performances. From the 2012/13 season, Jaap van Zweden has become Music Director of the HKPO. Under his leadership, the HKPO will continue to develop its reputation for artistic excellence.

From April 2006, The Swire Group Charitable Trust became the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra's Principal Patron. Swire's sponsorship of the HKPO, the largest in the ensemble's history, supports artistic growth and development as the Orchestra takes its place on the world stage, and brings performances of musical excellence to the widest possible public.

The HKPO stays in tune with our city by presenting the Orchestra in unexpected venues and bringing the excitement of the concert experience to every home through radio and television broadcasts including the largest symphonic event of the year, *Swire Symphony under the Stars*, at Happy Valley. The Orchestra runs a comprehensive schools education programme, bringing the joy of classical music to primary, secondary and special school kids. The Orchestra also collaborates regularly with other performing arts organisations such as Opera Hong Kong in addition to its crossover series with Western and Chinese pop artists.

The Orchestra also builds its reputation and raises its artistic standards by touring. In September 2010, the HKPO returned to China, performing at the Expo 2010 Shanghai, Xi'an and Beijing to critical acclaim.

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

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