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Fly on Harry Potter's Special Broom with the HK Phil at HARRY POTTER in Concert (18 & 19 September)

[26 August 2015, Hong Kong] Harry Potter has grown alongside - and has been part of the lives - of so many of today's young people. In the upcoming **HARRY POTTER in Concert** on **18 & 19 September** to be held in the **Tsuen Wan Town Hall**, the old wizard from the **Dandi Theatre Group** together with the **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil)** will revisit musical selections from the first six Harry Potter Films.

Together, we fly on Harry Potter's special broom, racing across the night skies to Hogwarts Academy, and relive the intrigue, magic and wonder of the first six Harry Potter stories... all on the wings of music. Enjoy the magical music of John Williams and Nicholas Hooper as they create a world filled with witches, wizards, warlocks and muggles. **Doug McKeag** and **Braden Griffiths** will be your guides on stage as we all experience again Harry's thrilling years at Hogwarts Academy. You'll learn about potions and Quidditch, and fly on a Nimbus 2000!

Swire Sunday Family Series/Music for Kids: HARRY POTTER in Concert will be held on **18 & 19 September (Fri & Sat), 8PM** in the **Tsuen Wan Town Hall**. Tickets priced: HK\$380, \$280, \$180, \$120 are now available at URBTIX. For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit www.hkphil.org.

Artists

Gerard Salonga, conductor [\[full biography\]](#)

Gerard Salonga is a multi-awarded musical director, conductor, and arranger. He has worked with some of Asia's brightest musical artists, including Lea Salonga, Wang Leehom, Hins Cheung and Elisa Chan. He has won the Aliw Award (top live performance award of the Philippines) for Best Musical Director in 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2008, and was inducted into the Aliw Hall of Fame in 2010. Currently Gerard is music director of the ABS-CBN Philharmonic Orchestra, a professional symphony orchestra maintained by Philippine broadcast giant ABS-CBN.

Dandi Theatre Group [\[full biography\]](#)

Established in 1997, Dandi Theatre Group performs and tour for Symphony Orchestra Concerts for young audiences. It performed worldwide from North America to Great Britain, South East Asia and Australia.

Doug McKeag, narrator [\[full biography\]](#)

Doug McKeag is a well-known Canadian actor who has performed in over a hundred live dramas and musicals, and toured in Young Audience productions around the globe.

Braden Griffiths, narrator [\[full biography\]](#)

Braden Griffiths is an established performer, playwright and educator who has worked in Theatre for Young Audiences for over a decade.

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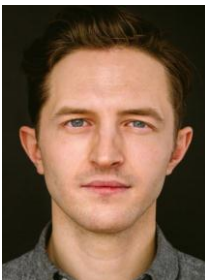
Gerard Salonga



Symphony Sorcery – The Music of Harry Potter



Doug McKeag



Braden Griffiths



The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra
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Programme

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Symphonic Sorcery – The Music of Harry Potter

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Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) has recently returned from an extremely successful five-country, seven-city tour of Europe, with concerts in London, Vienna, Zurich, Eindhoven, Birmingham, Berlin and Amsterdam. Most concerts were sold out, there were standing ovations, and the reviews were universally positive. The concert in Vienna's Musikverein was filmed for broadcast on TV. With a history stretching back to 1895, when it was formed as the Sino-British Orchestra, the HK Phil was re-named in 1957 and became fully professional in 1974.

Thanks to 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.

Conductors and soloists who have recently performed with the orchestra include Vladimir Ashkenazy, Ning Feng, Matthias Goerne, Lang Lang, Yu Long, Yundi Li, the late Lorin Maazel, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Yuja Wang and Edo de Waart, the HK Phil's previous Music Director.

The HK Phil promotes the work of Hong Kong and Chinese composers through an active commissioning programme, and has released recordings featuring Tan Dun and Bright Sheng, each conducting their own compositions, on the Naxos label. Its acclaimed community engagement programme brings music to tens of thousands of children annually. A recording was issued free to schoolchildren throughout Hong Kong of Britten's *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*, Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf* and Leopold Mozart's *Toy Symphony*.

This season is Jaap van Zweden's fourth as Music Director of the HK Phil. With him, the orchestra is undertaking major expansion and new projects, including the first-ever performances by a Hong Kong or mainland Chinese orchestra of Wagner's *The Ring of the Nibelung*. The four operas are being performed, one a year, in concert and recorded live for the Naxos label.

The Swire Group has been the Principal Patron of the HK Phil since 2006. Through this sponsorship, which is the largest in the orchestra's history, Swire also endeavours to promote artistic excellence, foster access to classical music and stimulate cultural participation in Hong Kong, and to enhance Hong Kong's reputation as one of the great cities of the world.

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