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## HK Phil's December Concerts Prove Popular

- **MUSIC FOR KIDS SERIES: Christmas for Family – Additional Performance!**
- **HOLIDAYS & POPS SERIES: A Viennese New Year**

**[30 November 2017, Hong Kong]** Due to heavy demand for the **Christmas for Family** concert, a further performance has been scheduled. Act fast to snap up remaining tickets for these popular festive concerts from the **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil)**!

### **MUSIC FOR KIDS SERIES: Christmas for Family**

This year the talented TV artist [Corinna Chamberlain](#) will join us to help make our music party fun and joyful! The [Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus](#) will be there to sing seasonal Christmas songs - *Jingle Bell Rock*, *Let It Snow!*, *O Holy Night* and more – as well as add its voice to popular numbers from the music to the blockbuster *Home Alone* movie. All the audience will be invited to sing along and share the joy! Conductor [Gerard Salonga](#) will lead the HK Phil in festive music including *Lieutenant Kijé*, *Sleigh Ride* and *Deck the Halls*. Bring your family and join in the merry-making to celebrate this Christmas with the HK Phil!

23 December 2017 (Saturday) 8PM

24 December 2017 (Sunday) 3PM

**ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE on 24 December 2017 (Sunday) 8PM**

### **Artists**

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

Gerard Salonga is a multi-awarded musical director, conductor, and arranger. He has collaborated with some of the brightest musical artists, including Lea Salonga, Michael Ball, Wang Leehom, Hins Cheung, and Elisa Chan. Gerard was recently appointed Assistant Conductor for the 2016/17 season of the HK Phil. His orchestral arrangements have been performed by various international orchestras.

#### **Corinna Chamberlain, presenter** [\[full biography\]](#)

Born in Hong Kong and a graduate of the Hong Kong Academic of Performing Arts, Corinna Chamberlain impresses the local audience with her Caucasian appearance yet fluent spoken Cantonese. Currently a vocalist, actress, choreographer, MC and model, Corinna is actively involved in TV dramas, concerts and theatre performances.

#### **Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus** [\[full biography\]](#)

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus was established in 1980. Over the years, it has collaborated with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra to perform a range of different works by composers including Britten, Mendelssohn, Beethoven and Haydn and performed under renowned conductors Lorin Maazel, Nicholas McGegan, Brett Weymark and Jaap van Zweden.

### **HOLIDAYS & POPS SERIES: A VIENNESE NEW YEAR**

Every year the Viennese join together to dance out the old year and ring in the new. The HK Phil is bringing this wonderful Viennese tradition to Hong Kong and we hope this joyful music can set off a dance in your heart! This year [Chiyan Wong](#), a local-born pianist with an international reputation, will join us and showcase his technique in Liszt's *Fantasia on Hungarian Folk Melodies*. Maestro [David Angus](#) will conduct the HK Phil in a programme which includes Brahms' Hungarian Dance no. 5, Bartók's *Romanian Folk Dances*, Lehar's Gold and Silver Waltz; and some famous waltzes and polkas from the Strauss family. Come and join us cheering into a joyous new year!

30 December 2017 (Saturday) 8PM

31 December 2017 (Sunday) 3PM

**Artists**

**David Angus, conductor** [[full biography](#)]

David Angus is Music Director of Boston Lyric Opera, following a very successful period as Music Director of Glimmerglass Opera in the USA. A natural empathy with young people has seen him being Associate Conductor at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama in both concert and opera, and for many years he was Vocal Consultant to the Britten-Pears School in Aldeburgh.

**Chiyan Wong, piano** [[full biography](#)]

Born in Hong Kong, Chiyan Wong is a broad and thoughtful musician who astonishes audiences with sincerity and sheer authority. In 2010 Chiyan made his Asian debut at the Hong Kong Arts Festival and performed in the International Music Festival in Dinard, France at the invitation of Kun-Woo Paik.

Tickets priced: HK\$480, \$380, \$280, \$180 for all concerts are available at [URBTIX](#). For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit [www.hkphil.org](http://www.hkphil.org)

**MUSIC FOR KIDS SERIES: CHRISTMAS FOR FAMILY**

23 & 24 | 12 | 2017

SAT 8PM & SUN 3PM & 8PM

Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$480 \$380 \$280 \$180

Tickets are now available at [URBTIX](#)

For aged 3 and above

**Artists**

[Gerard Salonga](#)

Conductor

[Corinna Chamberlain](#)

Presenter

[Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus](#)

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**Gerard Salonga**  
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**Corinna Chamberlain**



**Hong Kong Philharmonic Chorus**  
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Phil



**香港管弦樂團**  
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**Programme**

Christmas favourites and sing-alongs for young and young-at-hearts, come and join us to celebrate this festive season!

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**HOLIDAYS & POPS: A VIENNESE NEW YEAR**

30 & 31 | 12 | 2017

SAT 8PM & SUN 3PM

Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$480 \$380 \$280 \$180

Tickets are now available at [URBTIX](#)

For aged 6 and above

**Artists**

[David Angus](#)

Conductor

[Chiyan Wong](#)

Piano

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**David Angus**

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**Chiyan Wong**

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**The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra**

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**Programme**

Liszt's *Fantasia on Hungarian Folk Melodies* performed by Hong Kong pianist Chiyan Wong, and Viennese and other classics including Hungarian Dance no. 5, *Die Fledermaus*: Overture, Emperor Waltz and more. The joyous new year present for 2018!

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## Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra

Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

Principal Guest Conductor: Yu Long

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) is recognised as Asia's foremost classical orchestra. Presenting more than 150 concerts over a 44-week season, the HK Phil attracts more than 200,000 music lovers annually and also maintains a comprehensive education and community outreach programme.

Under Music Director Jaap van Zweden, the HK Phil is undertaking various ambitious initiatives including the four-year project to perform and record the complete Ring of the Nibelung (Richard Wagner).

The orchestra has toured extensively – to Europe, throughout Mainland China on numerous occasions, and to Seoul, Osaka, Singapore, Melbourne and Sydney in 2017 as part of the HKSAR's 20th anniversary celebrations.

The HK Phil is a registered charitable organisation supported by the HKSAR, Principal Patron Swire, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the commercial sector and generous individuals.

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