Press Release

Revitalise Haw Par Mansion into An Oasis for Music
Launch Asia’s First Specialised Chinese & Western Music in a Historical Building

Hong Kong – August 30, 2019 - Haw Par Music is a centre for cross-cultural exchange through Chinese and Western music, heritage and the arts, with a social initiative. It aims to create a unique place where the heritage of the Haw Par Mansion integrates with vibrant and enriched music education and arts programming for the Hong Kong community. With a view to cultivating music talents, Haw Par Music today announces the launch of Chamber Music Academy including Asia’s first chamber music education in a historical building – the former Haw Par Mansion.

Haw Par Mansion, the Grade I historic building in Hong Kong, has been revitalised into Haw Par Music. Haw Par Music launches the year-round Chamber Music Academy, which is divided into two semesters, in September this year. It is designed for children and teenagers aged 10-18 in hopes to nurture excellent musicianship. More importantly, the programme has the vision to enhance their literacy and interest in chamber music. Admitted students will receive intensive training from a reputable faculty comprising personnel from major orchestras, conservatories and institutions, and also have opportunities studying and performing alongside visiting world-class artists.

Haw Par Music believes that there is no one-size-fits-all syllabus to suit everyone because every music student is unique. Teachers explore the students’ talents and coach according to their respective musical abilities and interests.

Apart from Regular Instrumental classes, Haw Par Music is also launching a series of special programmes, including Haw Par Chamber Music Academy, Integrated Music & Wellness Programme, Music Innovation and Creativity Programme. Students can enjoy an inspiring yet comprehensive musical experience from these specialised programmes.

“Music education should not be exam-oriented. With our Haw Par Music Curriculum, we aim to improve our student’s musicianship and strengthen the cohesiveness of the community around us through music. This is what makes Haw Par Music unique and different from other music centres, bringing happiness to the community. Our students will
be immersed in the rich heritage of the unique historical mansion and be inspired by the precious and unforgettable learning experience,” said Sheryl Lee, the Executive Director (Programming) of Haw Par Music.

She continued, “the architectural design of the mansion is one of the few surviving specimens of the Chinese Eclectic style, in which the elegance and beauty of the building have made it a perfect venue for a platform of artistic, cultural exchanges. Music is an international language and I have attended concerts held in foreign historical venues. They do have a special mood to it and thus, we have decided to adopt this concept here in Haw Par Music development.”

Apart from Western music training, Haw Par Music and its partner, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, also offer Chinese Music and Cultural Classes for children, adults and elderly. Other classes are of great diversity, such as Chamber Ensemble and Haw Par String Orchestra. Students are able to refine their artistry in a simulating artistic environment.

With the support of the HKSAR Government’s Revitalising Historic Buildings through Partnership Scheme, Aw Boon Haw Foundation and Haw Par Music Foundation Limited has converted Haw Par Mansion into Haw Par Music, a music and social initiative. Haw Par Music has been dedicated to provide quality music education and serve the community throughout the years. In addition to broadening the cultural horizons of the Hong Kong people, the mansion provides a platform for people of different ages to learn music. Apart from nurturing future musicians, Haw Par Music has also brought music into our community, hoping to serve as a successful example of revitalisation for other historical buildings in the international community.

**Year-Round Courses:**
1. Regular Instrumental Classes (Individual and Groups)
2. Chamber Ensemble
3. Haw Par String Orchestra
4. Haw Par Chamber Music Academy (a specialised preparatory programme dedicated to chamber music studies, designed for the serious and musically inclined students aged 10-18 seeking artistic excellence)

**Short-term Music Courses:**
A. Integrated Music & Wellness Programme
B. Music Innovation & Creative Programme

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About Haw Par Music
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