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Jolly Music Day at Haw Par Music
A community engagement event that brings together all walks of life

11 December 2019, Hong Kong - Haw Par Music celebrates this festive season with a community engagement event <<Jolly Music Day>> on 21 December 2019. Featuring our highly-anticipated Chamber Scramble initiative, this community outreach brings together all walks of life, from young and old, in an intergenerational music-making experience of popular and Christmas tunes. Apart from discovering the fun of ensemble playing and music jamming, this is a great opportunity to make new friends and also engage in various parent-child activities. Chinese and Western music talents including Haw Par Music’s renowned teaching faculty, students, the Hong Kong Young Chinese Orchestra (HKYCO) set up by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (HKCO), Hong Kong’s flagship Chinese orchestra and our Chinese music strategic partner, as well as participants of Chamber Scramble, will be joining the stage at the end of the session in the revitalized Haw Par Mansion.

Programme highlights include:

Chamber Scramble
Not only focusing on musicianship development, but we also aim to serve with the notion of “social giving”. Chamber Scramble is a cross-generational chamber music community outreach initiative and is a part of the music education of Haw Par Music that invites all walks of life to come together with their instruments. Participants will be guided by Haw Par Music’s distinguished string faculty and have the chance to make music in a nurturing and enriched environment while advancing their social and leadership skill set.

Time: 10:00 - 12:00
Free Admission

Chinese Music Tutti with HKCO
Presenting Introduction to Chinese Instrument Workshop in collaboration with our Chinese music strategic partner, HKCO, this parent-child workshop will introduce plucked strings and Chinese percussion instruments and conclude with a culminating performance. It is a great opportunity for parents and children to come learn some simple tunes and rhythms.

Time: 10:30 - 11:30
Free Admission
End of Session Showcase
Haw Par Music faculty, students and the HKYCO will come together for a performance to share the beauty and joy of music. A final performance from the Chamber Scramble session will also be featured.

Time: 12:00 - 12:45
Free Admission


Teaching Faculty & Performers

Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (Education & Outreach)
Founded in 1977, the only professional, full-sized Chinese orchestra in Hong Kong. It has won the accolades as “a leader in Chinese ethnic music” and “a cultural ambassador of Hong Kong”, and is often invited to perform at various famous venues in the world and at international festivals.

Hong Kong Young Chinese Orchestra
The Hong Kong Young Chinese Orchestra (HKYCO) was set up by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra with the purpose of inheriting the culture of Chinese music. Its members recruited are young talented players from Hong Kong aged between 10 and 35. They are trained not only in musicianship and performing techniques but also in discipline and team spirit.

Yu Sun
Violist Yu Sun has received extensive training and has solid experience in both orchestra playing and chamber music. He was the former Principal Violist at Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and the former First Principal Violist at the renowned Gewandhaus Orchestra Leipzig, Germany. In 2007-2009, he performed with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and toured to Vienna, Paris, Salzburg, Lucerne and Warsaw. Sun served in Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra as a Viola Tutti since 2010 before he entered Basel Symphony Orchestra in Switzerland as Principal Viola in 2013. Sun also played as Guest Principal Viola at the Hamburg State Opera/Hamburg Philharmonic Orchestra.

Images
High-resolution photos can be downloaded here: http://bit.ly/34VOrQO

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About Haw Par Music
Haw Par Music is a centre for cross-cultural exchange through music, heritage and arts, with a social initiative. Formerly known as Haw Par Mansion, the Grade 1 historic building is under Batch III of the Revitalising Historic Buildings through Partnership Scheme of the Hong Kong Government. It aims to create a unique place where the heritage of Haw Par Mansion integrates with the vibrant and enriched music education and arts programmes for the Hong Kong community. It also serves to develop a broader cultural understanding for the enrichment of life, future community and service leaders, and to enhance harmony through music.

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