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Hong Kong Young People's Chorus "Our Collective Memories"

8 August 2009 (Saturday) 8:00pm
SHA TIN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

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Hong Kong Young People's Chorus (HKYPC) will be giving her 5th summer concert "Our Collective Memories" on **8 August 2009 (Saturday), 8:00pm** at the **Sha Tin Town Hall Auditorium**.

Under the baton of **Virginia Cheng** and **Felix Shuen**, HKYPC will sing **pieces polled on Facebook**, including *Cantique de Jean Racine*, *Rejoice and Sing Our His Praises*, *The Snow*, *Flying Free*, *To Forget* (《遺忘》), *Your Dream* (《你的夢》), *Homeland* (《故鄉》), *Flag is Fluttering* (《旗正飄飄》), *Waves of Heilongjiang* (《黑龍江的波濤》), *Rainbow After Rain* (《雨後彩虹》). Also, as it was done in previous years, HKYPC will perform pieces written especially for the chorus: ***Ave verum corpus – after Mozart*** by Jerry Hui, and ***Summer*** – written for Double Bass, Piano and SATB by Stella Tsang. Last but not least, we will also perform ***Dance in the Fire***, a piece which was written by Polish composer Jacek Sykulski in commemoration of the 911 incident.

We are honoured to be able to have virtuoso musicians joining force: **Dr. Amy Sze** (Eastman School of Music) and **Alan Chu** (Royal Academy of Music) on piano, **Albert Chow Jr.** (MIT Symphony Orchestra concertmaster) and **Hui Chi-kin** (HKAPA) as violin duo, **Nelson Wong** (Oberlin Conservatory) on flute, **Che Man-wai** (Juilliard) on double bass.

"Our Collective Memories" is presented by HKYPC. **Tickets are priced at \$120 and \$90**, with 40% off discount for senior citizens, people with disabilities, full-time students and Comprehensive Social Security Assistance recipients are available from all URBTIX outlets. There will be a 10% off discount for 10 or more full-priced tickets. For ticketing enquiries and reservation, call 2734 9009; for credit card telephone booking, call 2111 5999; for internet booking, visit www.urbtix.hk. For programme or other enquiries, call 9878 1984 or visit www.hkypc.org.

Hong Kong Young People's Chorus (HKYPC), a local non-profit-making organization, was founded in 2005. Though her original founding intent of participating in the upcoming Choir Olympics at Fujian was not realized, she gave her inaugural concert in the summer of 2005 at the Hong Kong Union Church.

HKYPC's members age from around 20 years old, consists of enthusiastic choral musicians from both the local and international choral scene, many of which come from prominent participating schools in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival. Owing to limitations on rehearsals from the membership of many overseas members, the choir performs twice each year. The chorus' repertory spans from sacred to popular music, and from classical to contemporary genres; all to strive for a greater exposure of music in different styles and languages, for both singers and audiences alike. To date **HKYPC** has offered approximately 10 performances, with selections including Rutter's *Requiem* (chamber version), Ward Swingle's *Music History 101*, as well as premiering pieces by budding local and contemporary composers. In January 2008, **HKYPC** participated as core chorus in Hong Kong Youth Wind Philharmonia's Hong Kong premiere rendition of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. In January and February 2009, the chorus was also invited by LCSD Cultural Presentation Section as demonstration choir in Music Appreciation Concerts by Jimmy Shiu. In July, **HKYPC** has just done a recording session for RTHK Radio 4's programme *Music of Friends*.

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