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**Hong Kong Sinfonietta Launches HKS Cool Summer Festival**

**Crossover Performances Spark Audience’s Passion for Classical Music**

**Hong Kong Sinfonietta** will hold its first **HKS Cool Summer Festival** from 20 July to 18 August 2018, collaborating with Artist Associate **Leon Ko**, conductor **Jason Lai**, rock band **Chochukmo** and Austrian Jazz star **Georg Breinschmid**. The Festival will feature a series of concerts that include film music, jazz and a rock music programme for audience members to “cool” down with live music in the scorching summer heat.



**The Amazing Filmphony (20-22 July, HK City Hall Concert Hall)**

Hong Kong Sinfonietta and Music Director Yip Wing-sie will collaborate with this season’s Artist Associate and prolific film and musical composer **Leon Ko** to kick-start the HKS Cool Summer Festival. Leon Ko will be painting on his magical music canvas works from movies such as *Perhaps Love, The Warlords, The Great Magician* and *Monster Hunt*, turning them into a theatrical symphony for singers and the orchestra! His award-winning scores and songs, led by **Music Director Yip Wing-sie** and sung by four acclaimed singers, **Margaret Cheung, Jordan Cheng, Jarita Wan** and **Rick Lau**, will take the audience through an emotional and unforgettable soundscape journey.



**Sounds Great! Classical Music in Movies (3-5 August, HK City Hall Concert Hall)**

Hong Kong Sinfonietta will continue the hype for movie music and collaborate with conductor **Jason Lai** to present excerpts of classical masterpieces in movies, including Richard Strauss’ *Also Sprach Zarathustra*, Wagner’s *Ride of the Valkyries*, Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto in A, Tchaikovsky’s *Romeo & Juliet* Fantasy Overture and John Williams’ *Star Wars*. It is time for some movie magic! Jason Lai is passionate in promoting classical music and was Hong Kong Sinfonietta’s Assoicate Conductor in 2013/2014 season. With his unique affinity, the audiences love him!

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**Chochukmo: *Reflection* (10-12 August, HK Cultural Centre Studio Theatre)**

For the first time ever, local indie rock band **Chochukmo** collaborates with Hong Kong Sinfonietta musicians, curating a cross-disciplinary performance titles *“Reflection”*. The 5-piece band will join forces with the strings and brass of the orchestra, bringing the audience an eccentric musical experience of tranquility and turbulence, stillness and motion.



**Symphonic Jazz with Georg Breinschmid & Friends (18 August, HK City Hall Concert Hall)**

Austrian Jazz star **Georg Breinschmid** was a double bass player in the Vienna Philharmonic before he started engaging in Jazz music. His humorous music style is deeply loved by audiences, and has made him one of the most important figures in the European Jazz world today. He will be collaborating with Hong Kong Sinfonietta, along with his music partners, to present some of his own Jazz works and surprising improvisations.

For festival’s programme details, please visit [www.HKSL.org/summer](http://www.HKSL.org/summer)

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**Hong Kong Sinfonietta Cool Summer Festival**

**The Amazing Filmphony**

Music: Leon Ko

Staging: Yuri Ng

Music Director/ Conductor: Yip Wing-sie

Singers: Jarita Wan, Margaret Cheung, Jordan Cheng, Rick Lau

20-21 July 2018 (Fri-Sat) 8pm

22 July 2018 (Sun) 3pm

HK City Hall Concert Hall

Tickets: $380 $260 $150

**Sounds Great! Classical Music in Movies**

Conductor: Jason Lai

Clarinet: Fong Hiu-kai Johnny

3-4 Aug 2018 (Fri-Sat) 8pm

5 Aug 2018 (Sun) 3pm

HK City Hall Concert Hall

Tickets: $380 $260 $150

**Chochukmo: *Reflection***

10-12 Aug 2018 (Fri-Sun) 8pm

HK Cultural Centre Studio Theatre

Tickets: $380 $280

**Symphonic Jazz with Georg Breinschmid & Friends**

Conductor: Roderick Dunk

Double Bass: Georg Breinschmid

Violin: Florian Willeitner

Piano: Antoni Donchev

18 Aug 2018 (Sat) 8pm

HK City Hall Concert Hall

Tickets: $380 $260 $150

**Tickets are now available for sale at all URBTIX outlets.**

Ticketing Enquiries: 2111 5999; URBTIX Internet Ticketing Service: [www.URBTIX.hk](http://www.URBTIX.hk)

**Festival Discount Offers:**

**Get a 20% discount when you purchase full-price tickets to all FOUR of the Festival programmes; a 15% discount to THREE of them; or a 10% to any TWO of them**

**For Festival details:** [**www.HKSL.org/summer**](http://www.HKSL.org/summer)

Half-price tickets available for full-time students, senior citizens, people with disabilities and CSSA recipients.

10% discount for group booking of 4 or more adult tickets.

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