

## **Cy Leo**

Cy Leo is a harmonica virtuoso and composer who defines the role of a harmonica player in today's world, standing out as one of the few in history capable of performing both classical and jazz music on the instrument at a professional level. He received classical harmonica training from Lee Sheung-ching and Yasuo Watani, and has since achieved international recognition and success.

Cy Leo's musical journey began under the influence of his father PC Ho, Founder of the Hong Kong Harmonica Association. He gained recognition early on, winning his first international award at the Asia Pacific Harmonica Festival at just 10 years old. By age 19, he had accumulated 17 international titles, including two-time Solo World Champion at the World Harmonica Festival in 2009 and 2013. In 2020, he received the Young Artist Award at the 14th Hong Kong Arts Development Awards, and received a full scholarship to study Jazz Performance at New York University.

Since his début on the global stage, Cy Leo has performed as a concert soloist with orchestras including Hong Kong Sinfonietta, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, West Kazakhstan Philharmonic Orchestra and Hartford Symphony Orchestra. He has also served as a guest performer and adjudicator at prestigious international harmonica events, including the Seoul International Harmonica Festival and World Harmonica Festival. He has performed in over 20 cities across Europe, North America and Asia, and has immersed himself in both the classical and jazz scenes, headlining at major jazz festivals such as the Seoul Jazz Festival 2025 and Montreux Jazz Festival China. He also headlined at renowned jazz venues such as SFJAZZ, Nublu, JZ Club and Blue Note in both Beijing and Shanghai, collaborating with celebrated musicians such as Cory Wong, Gil Goldstein, Hayato Sumino, Manuel Valera, Maurice Brown and Justin Stanton from Snarky Puppy. His standout opening performance at the 2022 New York Times Square Ball Drop show reached billions of viewers worldwide.

Acknowledged as one of the leading musical talents in Hong Kong, Cy Leo has been featured in various media outlets and collaborated with prestigious brands such as Krug, Louis Vuitton and Harry Winston. Driven by innovation, he co-founded Ginger Muse, an instrumental music label promoting original music in Hong Kong. Equally keen on promoting unique and high-quality music programmes, he is also Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director of the presenter Music Lab.

Cy Leo's discography includes the albums *Lost In Time*, *Angel & Demon*, *Transcendence* and *Free Dimension*. In addition to his work as a solo artist, he has collaborated with prominent pop artists such as Sandy Lam, Joey Yung, Ivana Wong, Leo Ku and Keung To. Other collaborations extend to the film world, where he recorded for the Hollywood animation film *The Croods: A New Age*, as well as numerous other films such as *This Is Not What I Expected*, *Chasing the Dragon* and *Operation Hadal*. He has also made his mark in the gaming industry with his work on the iconic game League of Legends on the theme of Teemo.

In 2023, Cy Leo published his first book *The Mastery of Modern Chromatic Harmonica*, which was received with much enthusiasm by the global harmonica community. He continues to work every day on sharing the beauty and wonder of his instrument.