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## **Pop the cork on 2015 with the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra's New Year in Vienna Concert (30 & 31 Dec)**

**[3 December 2014, Hong Kong]** It is now a well-established tradition at the **Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil)** to celebrate the ending of one year and the beginning of a new one with a concert in Viennese style. Conducted by **Peter Biloen** and featuring **Jing Wang**, Concertmaster of the HK Phil as our soloist, this year's **New Year in Vienna** concert will be held on **30 & 31 December (Tue & Wed)** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**.

Conductor Peter Biloen is the Anton Kersjes Foundation's national Dutch conducting prize winner. He was the first Dutch conductor to reach the finals of London's International Donatella Flick Conducting Competition. Together with the HK Phil's Concertmaster Jing Wang, First Prize winner of Irving M. Klein International String Competition 2007 and Concertino Praga 2000, he will celebrate this New Year concert with elegant waltzes, polkas and much festive fun.

Pop the cork on 2015 with our Viennese New Year's concert. As well as music from the Strauss family – including the unmissable *Blue Danube* - this year we include some Spanish flair with the *Carmen Fantasy* along with Beethoven's epic *Wellington's Victory*. And after the musical fun on the second night, don't forget to stroll out and see the world's most spectacular harbour glittering with New Year fireworks!

**Holidays, Pops & More: New Year in Vienna** will be held on **30 & 31 December 2014 (Tue & Wed)** at **8PM** in the **Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall**. Tickets priced: \$480, \$360, \$260, \$180 are now available at [URBTIX](http://URBTIX). For enquiries, please call +852 2721 2332 or visit [www.hkphil.org](http://www.hkphil.org).

### **Artists**

#### **Peter Biloen, conductor** [\[full biography\]](#)

Peter Biloen was the first Dutch conductor to reach the finals of London's International Donatella Flick Conducting Competition, directing the London Symphony Orchestra in concert. He was awarded the Anton Kersjes Foundation's national Dutch conducting prize and the prestigious Academy Conductor Fellowship at the Aspen Music Festival. An expert interpreter of both classic and modern repertoire, Biloen has been hailed by the press for his adventurous and groundbreaking programming.

#### **Jing Wang, violin** [\[full biography\]](#)

Jing Wang has been the recipient of numerous competition prizes including the Irving M. Klein International Competition (First Prize – 2007), Concertino Praga (First Prize – 2000), Montreal Symphony Competition (First Prize – 1998) and the Canadian Music Competition (First Prize – 1997). In addition he was awarded the "Young Soloist of the Year" (2003) by Les Radios Francophones Publiques, a broadcast network of four countries including France, Canada, Switzerland and Belgium. This award sponsored the release of his first CD album including works by Beethoven, Ravel and Gershwin.

## Holiday, Pops & More: New Year in Vienna

30 & 31 | 12 | 2014

TUE & WED 8PM

Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall

HK\$480 \$360 \$260 \$180

Tickets are now available at URBTIX

For ages 6 and above

### Artists

[Peter Biloen](#)

conductor

[Jing Wang](#)

violin

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**The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra**  
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### Programme

<b>SHOSTAKOVICH</b>	<i>Festive Overture</i>
<b>SHOSTAKOVICH</b>	<i>The First Echelon: Waltz</i>
<b>SARASATE</b>	<i>Carmen Fantasy</i>
<b>BEETHOVEN</b>	<i>Wellington's Victory</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS II</b>	<i>Die Fledermaus Overture</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS II</b>	<i>Pizzicato Polka</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS II</b>	<i>Emperor Waltz</i>
<b>Josef STRAUSS</b>	<i>Ohne Sorgen! Polka schnell</i>
<b>J. STRAUSS II</b>	<i>The Blue Danube Waltz</i>

## **Ticketing Information**

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## Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director: Jaap van Zweden

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (HK Phil) is the city's largest and busiest musical organisation and is a vital part of Hong Kong's cultural life. With its roots stretching back well over a century, the HK Phil made its professional début in 1974. It has now evolved into an orchestral powerhouse in the region, and an acclaimed cultural centrepiece of Asia's World City.

The HK Phil is formed on the belief that a great city deserves a great orchestra. Annually it presents over 150 concerts attracting 200,000 music lovers. Through its acclaimed education programme, over 40,000 young people have learned about orchestral music last year. Featuring an enviable roster of international conductors and soloists, the HK Phil performs a broad variety of music, with many concerts presented free; among them the annual Swire *Symphony Under The Stars*.

The Swire Group has been the Principal Patron of the HK Phil since 2006. Through this sponsorship, which is the largest corporate donation in the orchestra's history, Swire also endeavours to promote artistic excellence, foster access to classical music and stimulate cultural participation in Hong Kong, and to enhance Hong Kong's reputation as one of the great cities of the world.

The HK Phil's members come from every corner of the globe, with a strong core of Hong Kong musicians. In September 2012 Jaap van Zweden became the orchestra's Music Director. Future years will see an ambitious series of new projects, with major international tours, renewed local partnerships and large-scale concert events. The HK Phil has commenced a multi-CD recording project for Naxos featuring works by Chinese composers and Richard Wagner's *Ring Cycle*.

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