

Asian Harp Festival in Hong Kong Nov 21-24 2008

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Nov 21 (Fri) Opening Concert & Workshop

20:00: Legendary Harp Master Recital Concert
Carrol McLaughlin - Lee Hysan Concert Hall, CUHK

14:30-18:00: Festival registration / Opening Workshop
Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Quarry Bay
'How to prepare for top school audition and competition' 15:30



Carrol McLaughlin
(USA)



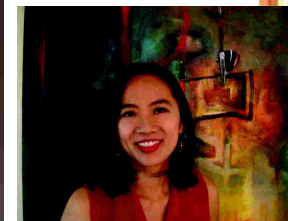
Jung Kwak,
Korea



Shannon Chieh,
Taiwan



Kumiko Inoue (Japan)



Ann Yeung, USA



Katryna Tan, Singapore
and many more special guests...



Amy Tam,
Hong Kong



Nov 22 (Sat) Legendary Master Class + RisingStars Showcase

09:00-13:00: **Legendary Master Class** (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups)
- Kumiko Inoue (Japan) and Carrol McLaughlin (USA)
A treasure in the Harp world: their students are engaging work with different Orchestras or heading teaching positions in different universities all over the world

14:00-19:30: **Rising Stars Showcase (Harbour City)**
Young Concert Artists from Asia
Youth Winners from National & International Harp Competitions
(Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Hong Kong)

Nov 23 (Sun) Charity Harp Marathon

09:00-13:00: **Legendary Master Class** (Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups)

13:00-19:00: **6-hr Charity Harp Marathon & Closing Concert** (Harbour City)
Live Harp Music performed by Orchestral Harpists + Young Concert Artists
Rising Stars + other young amateurs from Asia and
Harp kids + young amateurs from Hong Kong

Note: Some private classes are taken place on Nov 24, 2008 - please download and read the 'Lesson Registration Form' from the website: asianharpfest.org
(Preliminary Registration Page) for details

www.asianharpfest.org

FRIENDS OF THE
HARP

GOALS of Asian Harp Festival Youth arts is an important cultural assets in our society, we aim:

- To aspire youths from all walks of life in making their dreams a reality
- To stimulate public interest in the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts
- To provide a platform for gifted young harpists to develop their advanced achievement potential



Susann McDonald, USA

Ms Susann McDonald Chairman - Honorary International Advisory Board

- Distinguished Professor of Music, Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University (USA), Honorary President of the Association Internationale des Harpistes (France)
- Former Harp Faculty Chair of the Juilliard School, Founder of the USA International Harp Competition, Artistic Director of the World Harp Congress since its inception
- Her literature and recordings have influenced countless young and professional harpists, and represent one of the largest contributions to the study and appreciation of the harp

Co-founders of Asian Harp Festival: Jung Kwak (Korea), Shannon Chieh (Taiwan), Katryna Tan (Singapore), Jin Hak Park (Korea) and Adeline Ching (Hong Kong)

2008 Hosting Country's Organizer Friends of the Harp (FOTH), Hong Kong

- We are a registered Charity in Hong Kong
- As a founder of the Hong Kong HarpFest, we have raised ~US\$100,000 for the needy in 2006 & 2007
- The founders and members of FOTH are all volunteers offering pro-bono work

Nov 23- Asian Harp Festival Presents Tribute to ‘Josef Molnar’ Updated Sept 28, 2008

Who Introduced the Harp to Asia Region



Josef Molnar, Austria - Japan

Josef Molnar Member of the Corporation - World Harp Congress

- Born in Austria 1929. Studied the Harp at the Vienna Academy of Music
- Introduced the harp to Japan in 1952, as he was invited to Japan by the NHK Symphony Orchestra. Inspired other Asian regions to take on the harp instrument
- Encouraged Japanese composers to write for the instrument and he is the author of the first Japanese harp tutorial publication
- Chairman of the Nippon Harp Association. Taught at the Tokyo University of the Arts, Ueno Gakuen University, Kunitachi College of Music and Toho Gakuen School of Music
- Almost all current teachers in Japan can trace back their harp origins to Josef Molnar’s teaching work

2008 Asian HarpFest will present an Achievement Award to thank for his inspiration to what we do today

Dedicate his life to a very unique profession at the time when there was no support available

Make direct influence to many people in the community he serves

Create such long-lasting ripple effects to harp societies that he probably could not imagine in the first place

→ If we believe what we do is important to our community, we need not to worry how it takes its course later

Nov 23 **Charity Harp Marathon** Raising Money for the Underprivileged Children's Education in Hong Kong

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Charity Harp Marathon 2006/2007 at Harbour City



6-hr Live Harp Marathon as a 'finale' event of the Asian Harp Festival

- Nov 23, 2008 (Sunday), public performance at Harbour City
- Everyone gets together to support a COLLABORATED charitable performance
- Overseas and Local Performing volunteers from **Rising Stars Representatives**, **Young Concert Artists**, **Harp Amateurs** and **Harp Kids**
- Legendary Master Appearance

Plus Closing Charity Concert by leading Asian Harpists

- ShuHsin Chen, Shannon Chieh, MenLu Chiu (Taiwan); Jung Kwak (Korea); Barbara Sze, Amy Tam (Hong Kong), Katryna Tan (Singapore); Ann Yeung (USA)
- and other instrument's guest artists from the region

Friends of the Harp (FOTH) - A registered charity in Hong Kong:

All proceeds will go to support a Harp Scholarship Program for Underprivileged Children

Program aims to provide subsidized training opportunity to over 80+ underprivileged children in Hong Kong p.a.

Led by Dr. Katherine Yau - Co-founder of FOTH, Founding Director of the HK Academy for Performing Arts

Scholarships offer open invitation to any individual students and through participating School Partners

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Nov 22 **Rising Stars Showcase** Public Performance

Youth Winners from around Asia

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Each participating country will be represented by a maximum of two rising stars:

- One **Senior Rising Star** born after Nov 20, 1985 (Age 22 or below)
- One **Junior Rising Star** born after Nov 20, 1991 (Age 16 or below)

2008 Rising Stars are chosen By Invitation

- Recent Winners of National or International Harp Competition - Asian Nationalities
- Confirmed participations include
Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Hong Kong
- List of Rising Stars Showcase 2008 is being announced on our website



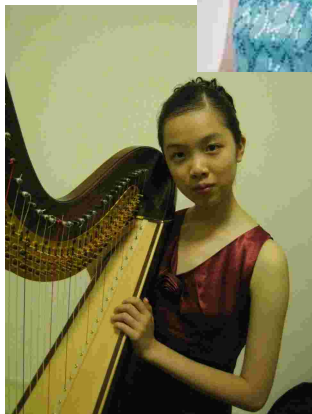
Woojin Lee, 11 yrs old
Korea



Rieko Sato,
Japan

2009 Rising Stars will be chosen By Taped-Audition - An OPEN application

- Audition Application Deadline: July 31, 2009
- Audition Details will be finalized and announced by Jan 31, 2009
- Successful candidates will receive individual notification by no later than Sept 30, 2009



Chia Chi Chang, 13 yrs old
Taiwan



Yun Chai Li, 11 yrs old
Singapore

Note: Please visit our website for announcement update

General Information and Visitor Information

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REGISTRATION FEES

Category / Program	Paid by 30 Oct 2008	Paid after 30 Oct 2008
A. Festival Pass(Access to all events) - Registrant	USD 250 /HK\$2000	USD 300 /HK\$2400
- Accompanying person(s)	USD 125 /HK\$1000	USD 150 /HK\$1200
B. Concert Ticket – Nov 21, 2008	USD20/30/50(HK\$160,\$240,\$400)	Same as the left-side quoted price
C. Day Pass – Nov 22, 2008 Registrant	USD 150 /HK\$1200	USD 180 / HK\$1440
- Accompanying person(s)	USD 75 /HK\$600	USD 90 / HK\$720
D. Day Pass – Nov 23, 2008 - Registrant	USD 150 /HK\$ 1200	USD 180 / HK\$1400
- Accompanying person(s)	USD 75 /HK\$600	USD 90 / HK\$ 720

For special tutorial/ private classes fees and application information, please visit our website (Preliminary Registration Page)

Venues

Nov 21 evening Opening Concert

Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T. www.cuhk.edu.hk/mus/lhc.html
(15-mins walk away from 'University' Railway Station OR take a fare-paying shuttle ride service from Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, departing 18:00 for Harpfest)

Nov 21 pm , 22 & 23 am Workshop Series

Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong www.hkfyg.org.hk (1-min walk away from Quarry Bay MTR station exit 'C')

Nov 22 pm & 23 pm Rising Stars Showcase, Meet Legendary Harp Masters, Young Concert Artist Concert, Charity Harp Marathon, Closing Concert

Atrium Hall 2, Harbour City, Tsimshashui, Kowloon (5-min walk away from Tsimshatsui MTR station) www.harbourcity.com.hk

INSURANCE

The Asian Harp Festival Committee will not be responsible for any medical expenses, loss or accidents incurred during the festival. Participants are strongly advised to arrange their own insurance to cover medical and other expenses including accident or loss

FLIGHT & ACCOMODATION

You are kindly invited to arrange for your own flight and hotel reservation. A suggested list of hotels is posted up in the site already: asianharpfest.org

VISITOR INFO & GETTING AROUND HONG KONG

www.discoverhongkong.com

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Bank Draft (In US\$ or in HK\$):

Made payable to:

Friends of the Harp Ltd

Mentioning: 'Asian Harp Festival 2008 – name of first delegate on Registration Form'

Name and Address of Bank:

Bank of East Asia

10 Des Voeux Road, Hong Kong

SWIFT code: BEASHKHH

(1) Free entrance to Nov 22 and Nov 23 afternoon events at Harbour City (Venue Sponsor) ie NO registration is required for watching and enjoying Rising Star Showcase and Charity Harp Marathon. The registration requirement is for the rest of the program, including Opening Concert and Workshop entrances (Limited seats for these events)