



Apr 20-23 2006 **The Dazzling Harp Music @ Harbour City**

The First Harp Festival and Harp Marathon for Charity in Hong Kong

The harp is one of the earliest invented musical instruments dating back to BC 4000. It is the quintessential instrument of elegance and its lingering notes carry listeners into the realm of angels playing celestial music.

To bring and share this heavenly music with the community, Harbour City in conjunction with the Hong Kong Harp Chamber, are jointly organizing the first 'Harp Festival' in Hong Kong – a 4-day journey of harp performances. The finale program is an 8-hour non-stop 'Live Harp Marathon' on 23 April 2006, raising charity funds for the **Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - Hong Kong (ELCSS)**.

To celebrate the first Hong Kong Harp Festival, we are joined by overseas professional harpists and VIP guests, including **Harpist K**, also known as Jung Kwak – Asia's most captivating Electric Harpist from Korea, performing on her red-hot Electric Harp from her latest hit albums in Seoul; **Ms. Chen Yu Ying**, Principal Harpist of the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra, showcasing her latest repertoire at the World Harp Congress; **Angela Yau**, the first-generation Hong Kong performing harpist in an ensemble with **Phoebus Chan** – 'Prince Piano' of Harbour City. From the local music community, we have arranged for some rarely-seen performances, such as the 6-part Harp Ensemble (Canon-in-D) featuring the youngest performing harpist, **Nicole Chan**, a five-year old young harpist and harp ensembles with other musical instruments (cello, flute, violin).

Events of the first 'Harp Festival' include Harp & Fashion, a Fashion Parade presented by **iBlues**, and Harp & Jazz Dance, supported by **Aveda Shampure Candles**, and also feature a Charity 'Harp Tasting/Playing Zone' and a Charity 'Harp Music Listening Zone', presented by **Sony Playstation Portable and Hong Kong Harp Chamber**, on 22 and 23 April 2006 where the public are invited to make a small donation.

Details of "The Dazzling Harp Music @ Harbour City":

Day 1 – Evening Harp Concert & iBlues Spring Summer Fashion Show

Date: April 20, 2006 (Thursday)

Time: 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Venue: Atrium II, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City

Programme:

1. iBlues S/S Fashion Parade with live harp music
2. Harp solo



Day 2 – Music Gathering with “Harpist K”

Date: April 21, 2006 (Friday)

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Venue: Atrium II, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City

Programme:

1. Close-encounter with Harpist K (Meet-the-Artist session)
2. Harp solo and ensemble rehearsal
3. Harp ensemble with other instruments rehearsal

Day 3 – Harp Music Journey

Date: April 22, 2006 (Saturday)

Time: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Venue: Atrium II, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City

Programme:

1. Jazz dance performance with harp music
2. Ms. Chen Yu Ying, Principal Harpist of the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsal
3. Harp solo and ensemble rehearsal

Day 4 – 8 Hours Charity Harp Marathon

Date: April 23, 2006 (Sunday)

Time: 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Venue: Atrium II, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City

Programme:

1. Harpist K, Asia’s most celebrated Electric Harpist performs New Age Music on her own-designed electric harp
2. Ms. Chen Yu Ying, Principal Harpist of the Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra performs her selected classical harp music repertoire
3. Angela Yau, first Hong Kong harpist invited to the World Harp Congress, performs in an ensemble with Phoebus Chan – ‘Prince Piano of Harbour City’
4. Nicole Chan, Hong Kong’s youngest performing harpist plays in a six-part harp performance, led by Diana Wong, a representative of the first generation Hong Kong harpists
5. Justin Siu – Freelance-Cellist of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta to lead a Cello ensemble with the harp
6. Other ensemble performances by volunteering local harpists, harp students and guest performers, including
7. Our favorite local harpist Ann Huang (Principal Harpist of the Hong Kong Sinfonietta) to perform an ensemble with our International Guitarist guest Xuefei Yang from Beijing

Harp Tasting and Listening Zone – for Public Charity Donation

Date: April 22-23, 2006 (Saturday and Sunday)

Venue: Atrium, Level 2, Gateway Arcade, Harbour City

Programme:

1. Harp Listening Zone -- Presented by Sony PlayStation Portable (PSP) (12:00pm – 8:00pm)
2. Harp Tasting/Playing Zone – Presented by Hong Kong Harp Chamber (2:00pm – 6:00pm)