

Musicus Society Limited

Young Artist Audition

I. Introduction

Musicus Society Limited (www.musicussociety.org), a registered charity with an aim to promote music and its education through cultural collaboration, is inviting musicians to audition for its Young Artist program, a new initiative supported by the Tung Foundation and the BOCHK Charitable Foundation.

Musicus Society Limited was founded in 2010 under the vision of Artistic Director and renowned cellist, Trey Lee. One of the Society's missions is to provide local talents with opportunities to work and perform with established artists. Through its annual Musicus Fest, community concerts at local heritage sites and year-round outreach educational activities, the Society has supported and presented a considerable number of young Hong Kong musicians.

Applicants who pass the audition will be:

- Enlisted and promoted as a Musicus Society Young Artist
- Invited to perform in selected Musicus Society's concerts or outreach events in 2018 and 2019
- Offered performance fees and necessary expenses based on the type(s) of performance involved

II. Application details

- Eligibility
 - Applicants must be born in 1988 or after;
 - Applicants must have the right of abode in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or have resided in Hong Kong for three consecutive years;
 - Applicants should be current students at music conservatories/equivalent institutions; or recent graduates (who have graduated in or after 2016) from music conservatories/equivalent institutions;
 - Applicants are required to produce documentation of their HK citizenship in support of their application.
- Instruments
 - The 2018 audition welcomes applications from pianists, string players, flutists and clarinetists
- Audition requirements
 - Pianists are required to upload live and unedited video recordings of:
 - One movement from a standard concerto from Classical/Romantic period, with accompaniment (piano or orchestral);
 - One contrasting solo piano work (or excerpts from a complete work) under 10 minutes



- String players, flutists and clarinetists must upload live and unedited video recordings of:
 - One movement from a standard concerto from Classical/Romantic period, with accompaniment (piano or orchestral);
 - One contrasting solo work or accompanied work (or excerpts from a complete work) under 10 minutes, with accompaniment if applicable
- Submission
 - Applicants are required to upload audition videos fulfilling the above requirements through his or her personal YouTube account. The audition videos should be of good sound quality. Previously recorded live performance(s) may be used if made within 12 months prior to the submission deadline. No editing on the video is permitted.
 - To apply for the audition, applicants must first complete and submit an online application form (available at www.musicussociety.org/en/Inspires/Inspires.html) which include links to the above YouTube videos; followed by submission of supporting application materials to the email at education@musicussociety.org
 - Supporting application materials include:
 - Documentation of Hong Kong citizenship or copy of HKID;
 - A valid student ID / Graduation diploma or certificate from the current/most recent institution attended; and
 - A letter of recommendation from a teacher or mentor
- Application deadline
 - All applications and supporting materials must be sent by Friday, **31 May, 2018**. Applicants will be notified of the results in June 2018
- Interview
 - Musicus Society Limited may notify applicants of interview schedule (if one is necessary).
- Review Process
 - Each application will be reviewed by the following artistic panel:
 - Trey Lee, Artistic Director of Musicus Society
 - Panel Members: Vladimir Mendelssohn, Artistic Director of Kuhmo Chamber Music; June Shillman, Board member of Chicago Symphony Orchestra and former Board member of La Jolla Music Society; and/or such other persons of outstanding status in classical music.

Please read the Terms of Application below before submitting an application. For enquiries, please contact Dr Jennifer To at (852) 3758 2746 or education@musicussociety.org

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Terms of Application

This program is only open to online application. Applicants must accept and agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements set out above.
2. If the applicant does not provide sufficient information, Musicus Society Limited (hereinafter "The Presenter") may not be able to process his or her application.
3. The Presenter will notify applicants of the application result by email.
4. The personal data provided will be used by the Presenter for processing any application and will be held for statistics, correspondence and publicity purposes.
5. Successful applicants will be notified in writing by the Presenter for the engagement schedule of concerts, rehearsals, outreach events. Such times may be varied by the Presenter at its discretion. Applicants must punctually attend undertaken or assigned engagements in person at all times.
6. Successful applicants shall make himself/herself available for media interviews, press conferences and 'meet the artist' session(s) where reasonably requested, and other events which may be arranged by the Presenter for publicity and promotional purposes.
7. The Presenter shall have the right to use any YouTube videos, essays, photos, video and sound recordings submitted by any applicant or otherwise taken during the program activities participated by the applicants, for non-commercial purposes or for any publicity and promotional purposes of the Presenter and/or its sponsors, partners, and/or collaborators. The Presenter shall own all the rights including copyrights of any photograph, audio and videos taken with the successful applicants during the engagement.
8. The Presenter reserves the rights to determine the final performer roster for all of its concerts and outreach events.
9. The Presenter reserves the right to withdraw the applicant's offer or terminate any engagement with the applicant should he/she fail to observe the conditions set out by the Presenter, and the general professional conduct applicable to performing artists worldwide.
10. The content of these activities does not reflect the views of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
11. The website for online application is compatible with Internet Explorer (version 9 and above), Firefox, Chrome and Safari.
12. All decisions of Musicus Society Limited shall be final and binding on the applicants, and cannot be disputed.