

Notice on Hosting the 2nd China International Youth Music Festival Instrumental Competition

Building on the success of the 1st China Children's Choir Festival in 2023, and with the joint support of organizations such as the China 21st Century Friendship Promotion Association, the Hong Kong Musicians Association, and the Shenzhen Federation of Literary and Art Circles, the second edition of this event has been successfully upgraded and expanded into an international grand festival. It is officially named the **China International Youth Music Festival** and will be held in **Shenzhen from July 15 to 20, 2025**.

The 2nd China International Youth Music Festival will closely integrate music competitions, performances, and exchanges. The event will feature an International **Instrumental Competition, International Choral Competition, International Concerts, Masterclasses by Renowned Artists, and Educational Forums**, with more than **70 domestic and international experts** providing professional guidance. Outstanding orchestras and choirs from around the world will have the opportunity to showcase and exchange performances at the festival's concerts.

The festival aims to provide a **high-quality music performance platform** for orchestras and choirs worldwide, a **scientific and competitive** stage for participating teams, and a **rigorous learning and exchange platform** for conductors. Through various activities backed by academic rigor, the event fosters international cultural interactions and promotes the development of youth music in China.

Organizational Structure

Organizers:

China 21st Century Friendship Promotion Association

Hong Kong Musicians Association

Shenzhen Federation of Literary and Art Circles

Beijing Poly Theatre Management Co., Ltd.

Undertaker:

Shenzhen Poly Theatre Performance Management Co., Ltd.

Supporting Organization:

Chinese Society of Education

Instrumental Activities of the Festival

1. International Youth Symphony Concert

2. International Instrumental Competition

- (1) Symphony Orchestra
- (2) Wind Orchestra
- (3) String Orchestra
- (4) Chinese Traditional Orchestra

3. International Orchestra Masterclass

4. Cultural & Public Welfare Activities

- (1) Public Music Lectures
- (2) Master Classes in Communities
- (3) Grand Music Gala

5. Team Development Activities

- (1) Award Ceremony
- (2) Cultural Tours
- (3) Expert Guidance
- (4) Customized Itineraries

Sample Schedule for Instrumental Competition Participants (July)

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
14th	Team Registration	Jury Committee Meeting, Rehearsal of Key Pieces, Mock Evaluation	
15th	Stage Rehearsal & Competition	Masterclass, Cultural Tours	International Youth Symphony Concert
16th	Stage Rehearsal & Competition	Masterclass, Cultural Tours Award Ceremony	International Youth Symphony Concert
17th	Cultural Tours	Departure of Domestic & International Orchestras	

Event Highlights

- Hosted in **Shenzhen**, offering participants an opportunity to experience the vibrancy and energy of

a modern Chinese metropolis.

- Participants can engage in a variety of activities including competitions, performances, expert guidance, and international masterclasses.
- Highly qualified **international jury members** with academic expertise and extensive experience in youth orchestra training.
- A **five-step judging process** ensures fairness and professionalism, including committee meetings, key piece study sessions, mock judging, and rule familiarization.
- No fixed quota for awards—prizes are determined based on performance level. Conductors will receive feedback for further artistic improvement.
- Comprehensive on-site guidance and support to ensure the best performance conditions for each orchestra.
- High-quality hospitality services** covering accommodation, meals, cultural exploration, and artistic programs, offering an exceptional and enriching experience.

Competition Categories & Requirements

Category	Type	Age Group	Min. Performers	No. of Pieces	Performance Duration
I	Symphony Orchestra	6-12	≥40	1	≤10 mins
II	Symphony Orchestra	11-18	≥40	1	≤10 mins
III	Symphony Orchestra	6-18	≥40	1	≤10 mins
IV	Symphony Orchestra	17-35	≥40	1	≤10 mins
V	Wind/String Orchestra	6-12	≥30	1	≤10 mins
VI	Wind/String Orchestra	11-18	≥30	1	≤10 mins
VII	Wind/String Orchestra	6-18	≥30	1	≤10 mins
VIII	Wind/String Orchestra	17-35	≥30	1	≤10 mins
IX	Chinese Traditional Orchestra	6-12	≥40	1	≤10 mins
X	Chinese Traditional Orchestra	11-18	≥40	1	≤10 mins
XI	Chinese Traditional Orchestra	6-18	≥40	1	≤10 mins

XII	Chinese Traditional Orchestra	17-35	≥40	1	≤10 mins
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Scoring Criteria

The competition adopts a **100-point quantitative scoring system**, assessed in three categories:

- **Ensemble Technique (30%)** – precision in articulation, rhythm accuracy, and technical execution.
- **Tone Quality & Intonation (30%)** – balance, tuning accuracy, and purity of tone.
- **Musicality (40%)** – artistic expression, style interpretation, structural treatment, and innovation.

Performance is graded into four tiers: Excellent (85-100), Outstanding (70-84.9), Good (50-69.9), and Fair (0-49.9). Detailed scoring rules can be found in the **Competition Scoring Guide**.

Awards & Recognition

1. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Trophies are awarded for each category; the **highest-scoring Gold Award team** will be named category champion.
2. All participating teams receive official certificates including orchestra name, conductor's name, honors achieved, and jury signatures.
3. Certificates of Recognition for music instructors.
4. **Outstanding Conductor** certificates issued by the jury.
5. Special honorary awards may be granted at the discretion of the organizing committee.
6. Certificates for individual participants available upon request.

Fees & Registration

- **Registration Fee:** 2,000 RMB per team; **50% discount for early registration before April 30, 2025.**
- **Comprehensive Service Fee:** Covers full event services; details available in the **Team Reception Guide**.
- Scan the QR code below and the organizing committee will contact you as soon as possible.



- Teams from Hong Kong, Macao and overseas please check the "Contact Information" column below to contact the China International Youth Music Festival (Hong Kong and Macao) Organizing Committee and apply for the fee.
- After you have a clear understanding of the content of the festival, please confirm the amount and pay the festival fee according to the requirements of the "Guidelines for the Reception of Teams at the Second China International Youth Music Festival":
- **Payment Details:**
 - ✧ **Account Name:** Shenzhen Poly Theatre Performance Management Co., Ltd.
 - ✧ **Bank:** China Construction Bank, Shenzhen Nanshan Branch
 - ✧ **Account Number:** 4420 1506 6000 5251 8667
 - ✧ **Note:** Include orchestra name and contact number in the transfer remarks.

Note: After registration, please apply for the "Instrumental Performance Stage Personnel Seating Chart" from the organizing committee and fill it out and submit it. The performance site will provide large instruments such as timpani, bass drum (must bring your own drumsticks), tubular bells, piano, etc. Please communicate with the organizing committee to confirm whether large national orchestral instruments are provided. Accompaniment tapes are not allowed during competitions and performances.

Deadline

Registration closes on June 1, 2025. Due to venue limitations, spots are first-come, first-served. Teams from Hong Kong, Macau and overseas can visit the official website of the Hong Kong Musicians Association <https://www.hkmaexam.org> to view the festival notice.

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