

Campus Community News

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A Greener Campus

First of all, CCN would like to welcome everyone back from their summer holidays and offer greetings to all newcomers to our community. We hope you will all enjoy the experience of working and (for those opting to rent CU accommodation) living on the university campus.

As anyone can see, development of the campus continues apace, as new buildings sprout from the hillsides, replacing the majestic trees and lush vegetation we once took for granted. This is a shame, but no doubt, the necessary price of progress – a bigger university needs more facilities for both its students and its faculty.

This does not mean, however, that we can ignore the environmental impact of these projects. As members of this community, we can all contribute to the shaping of our campus and to the protection of our environment. The University's "Green Campus" initiative provides information and a conduit for those who wish to learn more about CU's environmental policies and make a contribution to maintaining and improving the campus environment.

According to the Green Campus website and newsletter, some of the methods the university has adopted in its efforts to achieve sustainable development include using renewable energy and solar power, energy conservation through the use of insulated glass panels and the placement of recyclable 'eco-glass' paving blocks throughout the campus, which can be easily removed and replaced when underground repairs are carried out.

As for those trees and vegetation, the university promises compensatory planting for felled trees and to fell only where absolutely essential. It also promises a programme of landscaping as each building project is completed.

To learn more, visit <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/greencampus/en/> and http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/greencampus/en/communication/sc_spring07.pdf

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Campus Notices

The Chinese University is once again running its Hepatitis Awareness Campaign, so if you haven't had your jabs yet, check out the poster below and get protected.

預防肝炎運動
HEPATITIS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

疫苗注射 Vaccination
展覽 Exhibition (2 - 12/10/2007)
健康諮詢 Health Counselling

抽血檢驗 BLOOD TEST

日期 Date	驗血費用 Blood Test charge
4 - 5 / 10 / 2007 (9:00am - 5:30pm)	甲型肝炎抗體 Hepatitis A virus antibody \$70
甲型肝炎：可選擇直接注射 Hepatitis A : Optional pre-vaccination blood test	乙型肝炎抗體及抗原 Hepatitis B virus antibody and antigen \$90
乙型肝炎：必須驗血 Hepatitis B : Pre-vaccination blood test required	

疫苗注射 VACCINATION

每針 per dose	日期 Date
甲型肝炎：只需兩針 Hepatitis A : 2 dose regimen \$230	11 - 12 / 10 / 2007 (第一針 1 st Dose)
乙型肝炎：共三針 Hepatitis B : 3 dose regimen \$70	8 - 9 / 11 / 2007 (第二針 2 nd Dose)
混合甲乙型肝炎：共三針 Combined Hepatitis A&B : 3 dose regimen \$220	10 - 11 / 4 / 2008 (第三針 3 rd Dose)
	時間 Time: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

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Want to Advertise? Mail ads to Mrs. Storey or email them to the Editor (details above). It's just \$50 per commercial ad and personal ads are absolutely free. Please send all submissions by Sept 19th for the October issue.

Children's Page

One of the three Kingdoms of ancient China was the Shu Dynasty (221 AD - 263 AD). The province we now know as Sichuan was, at that time, known as 'Shu'. Artefacts from this ancient culture will be on display at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Shatin until Sept 9th.

Visit the museum to see bronze heads and masks, gold and jade jewellery, ceramics, weapons, armour and even a gold sceptre. Learn about this highly developed ancient civilization of the Yangtse River Basin.

Museum Opening Hours: Mon, Wed and Sat - 10am to 6pm; Sun and Public holidays – 10am to 7pm; Closed Tuesdays. Admission price: \$20 (except Wednesdays \$10); half price for seniors, full-time students and the disabled. For enquiries: call 2180 8188.



Mid-Autumn Festival

You've already seen the moon-cakes on sale in the various food outlets. Soon, lanterns will be hanging in the stores and markets and children will be choosing between paper and plastic as Hong Kong celebrates the 15th night of the 8th moon (Sept 25th in the Western calendar) and we all turn our heads to the skies in the hopes of seeing fullest, brightest moon of the year.



But... Did you know that every year, around 3 million moon-cake tins are made, leaving us with over 750 tonnes of waste tin to add to our landfill problem. Not to mention all those little plastic bags and plastic knives they put inside the tins for hygiene and convenience. Would you like to help reduce the waste from this Moon-cake Madness? Well, you can – visit the Friends of the earth website at <http://www.foe.org.hk/> and click on the "Moonkick Action" and "Recycle your Moon-cakes boxes" links. Much of the information is in Chinese but non-Chinese readers can get involved too; just contact FOE (Tel: 2528 5588; Fax: 2529 2777 or E-mail: foehk@foe.org.hk and ask them how you can help

Arts Calendar - Charlotte Weiss

Welcome back if you've been away or if you've managed to survive the long hot summer in Hong Kong. As we begin another university year, save some time to check out the cultural scene in Hong Kong. I want to emphasize again that Hong Kong offers one of the best performing and visual arts centres in the world for the money. I attended some events at the Bergen (Norway) International Music Festival this summer and was reminded of the difference in price for tickets in most other cities.

In a basic introduction, I've listed contact numbers and web sites for the major venues below. It's easy to buy tickets and even book in advance to enjoy a truly fantastic artistic experience. If you live on campus or nearby, many events take place at Shatin Town Hall. Another major venue is Tsim Sha Tsui's Cultural Centre, a direct trip via the KCR to TST East, Exit J through Sogo and up the stairs to the Cultural Ctr. complex. Chinese University's Music Department also offers many free concerts with a very high standard – they are held in a beautiful little concert hall, the Lee Hysan, found in Chung Chi's main administration building.

In a world of ever-increasing reliance on high-tech and sound bites, try to escape every so often to take in some "real" music, dance, or visual arts. (Note: LCSD refers to the *Leisure and Cultural Services Department*, the government sponsor of most arts events in Hong Kong)

PHONE NUMBERS AND BOX OFFICES:

APA BOX OFFICE INQUIRY: 2584-8514

HK TICKETING: 311-288-288 --this number is for APA (Academy for the Performing Arts) events which are located near the Convention Centre in Wan Chai. HK Ticketing has outlets around town including all Tom Lee Music stores

URBTIX RESERVATIONS: 2734-9009 --URBTIX outlets are in Shatin Town Hall, City Hall in Central, and the Cultural Centre in TST as well as in other town halls. You can book any event three days in advance by phone and pick up the tickets at any URBTIX outlet within that time period.

USEFUL WEB SITES and general information:

*Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts (APA, Wan Chai):

www.hkapa.edu

The APA is Hong Kong's conservatory for the arts –it offers many free concerts and exhibitions throughout the year that showcase the students as well as the teachers' talents. Other non-APA events such as theatre and ballet often take place in APA's Lyric Theatre, one of my favourite venues in town.

Arts Calendar (2)

*Hong Kong Arts Centre (Wan Chai): www.hkac.org.hk The Hong Kong Arts Centre offers many locally-produced events – you'll also find the Agnes B. Theatre where many "Art House" films are shown.

*Hong Kong Cultural Centre (Tsim Sha Tsui) and Hong Kong City Hall (Central): www.hkculturalcentre.gov.hk

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These are the two main venues for LCSD's performances and naturally offer the biggest variety in town. You can find brochures describing all upcoming events at any URBTIX outlet as well as advance tickets (see above).

***Hong Kong International Film Festival** (ongoing throughout the year):

www.hkiff.org.hk The actual film festival takes place around Easter each year but has expanded to include regular mini-festivals with themes centered on a particular director or film genre. The films are usually shown at either the Agnes B. Theatre (HK Arts Centre), the Space Museum (TST's Cultural Centre), the Science Museum Lecture Hall (HK Science Museum in TST East) or the HK Film Archive Theatre (Sai Wan Ho). Also see: www.lcsd.gov.hk/fp for special film series; for example, a Luis Buñuel retrospective will be featured in September.

MAJOR PERFORMING GROUPS:

City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong (www.ccohk.com)

City Contemporary Dance Company (www.ccdc.com.hk)

Hong Kong Ballet (www.hkballet.com)

Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra (www.hkco.org)

The Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra (www.hkpo.com)

The Hong Kong Sinfonietta (www.HKSL.org)

Here's a brief glance of some of the upcoming events for September:

(tickets available for following events at URBTIX outlets or by advance reservation at 2734-9009 - tickets must be picked up within 3 days of booking)

In Shatin Town Hall:

• 21-22 September 8pm

Forever Young by Lucnica - The Slovak National Folklore Ballet Auditorium



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Arts Calendar (3) At Other Venues:

•8-9 September (3:00pm)

Beethoven x 5 Pianists, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at City Hall Concert Hall

(Note: This features all 5 Beethoven Piano Concerts performed by young prize-winning pianists from Hong Kong)

• 10 September Summer Fling by the Katterwall Choir at the Fringe Club (in aid of the Liangshan Leprosy Project)

•15 September

Great Violin Concertos: Daishin Kashimoto Plays Beethoven, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, at City Hall Concert Hall

•21-22 September

Majestic Drums IX, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

(Note: Hong Kong's Chinese Orchestra, one of the best in the world, is celebrating its 30th anniversary. The opener is part of their ongoing Drum Festival Series and features the Shanxi Jiangzhou Drum Troupe, Hands On'semble (Uzbek) and Ronald Chin. I attended their opener last year, a fun night for the family, full of colour and sound. We all received a little Chinese drum to participate in one of the works and believe me, there was never a quiet moment the whole night!)

•27 & 29 September

Der Rosenkavalier opera in concert, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (Note: This is the HK Phil's opening gala featuring a star-studded cast of singers including Hong Kong's own Warren Mok)

SPECIAL EVENT:

•20-30 September

Circus (presented by Virgin Atlantic), an Australian contemporary circus extravaganza at APA's Lyric Theatre (tickets available through HK Ticketing – see above for details)

Chinese University Women's Organization Coffee Morning

Friday September 7th, 10 30am in the **Basement Recreation Room, Residence 14, CUHK**. All are welcome, and CUWO would especially like to encourage newcomers to come along. The CUWO booklet, "Settling In and Finding Out" will be available. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and get some of those burning questions answered

****Note**** The coffee morning is held on the first Friday of every month. **Next month**, on Friday Oct 5th, there will also be a coffee connoisseur from Starbucks to speak on the varieties of coffee worldwide.

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**Chinese University Women's Organization (CUWO) and the
Office of the Arts Administrator of CUHK
Talent Quest**

More than 40 youngsters and adults on campus displayed their artistic talents one Saturday evening in late June. They tried out their artistic endowments at the Talent Quest, jointly organized by the Chinese University Women's Organization and the Office of the Arts Administrator of CUHK.

Aged from 4 to 54, the performers demonstrated their talent in many art forms – such as solo and duet performances using voice, piano, violin, cello, flute and drums and in modern dance, rap, folk music and choir singing.

One noteworthy ensemble is the Xiao Huo Zi (literally means 'the kiddo') choir, made up of fourteen four to five year olds from the Hong Kong Institute of Education HSBC Early Childhood Learning Centre Kindergarten in Taipo. Dressed in costumes mimicking farm animals, the children had a great time singing 'Old Macdonald had a farm'. Their second song '世上只有爸媽好 (Count on your parents)' was a hit too, with mums and dads chanting along on stage behind each of their children. It was really touching when the children presented props of flowers taller than themselves to their parents at the end. Truly a CUWO event indeed!

Organizer Joan Tsui hopes this sort of event can be held more often, instead of once a decade. As noted in the programme brochure, CUWO needs more new blood, especially young mothers on campus, "We would very much like to have such an event every year, but that's impossible for the time being. As a matter of fact, we are really fortunate this time to have volunteer help from Flora and Tania Lee, grown-up daughters of retired CUHK staff member Clara Lee. The concert wouldn't have been possible without them."



CUWO would also like to thank all the staff at the Office of the Arts Administrator, especially its director, Hardy Choi, and of course, all the mums and dads who helped and participated in making the show a huge success!!

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