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#### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As usual, Christmas has sneaked up on us and it's time to race around hunting for presents, organizing the food and planning the parties and general merriment that make this season so popular.

We hope this issue will offer some useful ideas and information to make the Holiday Season a thoroughly enjoyable one. You can start off with the Chinese University Women's Organization's Mulled Wine event, to help get your Christmas spirit moving. Next, our resident arts expert has put together a veritable bus-load of entertainment delights that should appeal to old and young, Eastern and Western tastes - there is something there for everyone. In a more mundane vein, our list of "Last Posting Dates" may help avoid yours being the card that arrives on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Finally, just in case you take those New Year's Resolutions too seriously, we also include information on a programme at the Prince of Wales Hospital, focusing on knee, back and shoulder care.

When the festivities are all over and you stand, staring in disbelief at your bulging closets and over-stuffed cupboards, Campus News humbly suggests a pre-Chinese New Year clear-out; box it and bag it - and we will be more than happy to receive your unwanted treasures for our fund-raising. Chinese New Year Flea Market in January – details inside this issue.

And finally, during this season of giving, we would like to thank all our readers for giving so generously to the Sylvia Shive Memorial Foundation, which is now flourishing. We have an update on the Foundation in this issue.

## WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS **AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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### Last dates for posting of Christmas airmail

To ensure that airmail items are delivered before Christmas, Hong Kong Post recommends that customers post their items on or before the dates listed below. More information is available at Hong Kong Post's website at www.hongkongpost.com. Enquiries may also be directed to the Hong Kong Post general enguiry hotline at 2921 2222. **Note** the earlier posting dates where you see the dove  $\mathcal{Y}$ 

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The Campus News Chinese New Year Flea-Market will be held on Saturday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm in the Basement Recreation Room, Residence 14, CUHK. Tables are just \$50 for general stalls or \$100 for commercial stalls. Call Joan Tsui on 9353 1944 or e-mail Gillian Kew at gilliankew@yahoo.com to book a table or make enquiries.

**Great Bargains** Hot and cold drinks New goods And More...

Homemade goods **Books and Toys Used goods** 



Do you have unwanted goods you would like to donate? Can you spare a little time to bake a cake or some cookies? All contributions gratefully received! You can drop them at the door before the fair or bring them along on the day. Just call Stella on 2603 6353 or Frances on 2693 0435 so they can be put safely inside the room.



Profits from the fair will go towards producing Campus News for another year.

Notices

#### **Chinese University Women's Organization**



CUWO will hold its Christmas Mulled Wine Party on Fridav December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Recreation Room of Residence 14, CUHK. This popular annual event will include mulled wine, light bites, live performances, carol singing and a Christmas raffle, CUWO invites all to come along and join in the festivities!

The December CUWO Coffee Morning will be held on Friday. December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am, Basement Recreation Room, Residence 14, All Are Welcome to come

along, get into the Christmas spirit and help us decorate the Christmas tree. For more information on CUWO events. call Joan on 9353 1944.

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#### **University Swimming Pool**



The pool is closed From December 1<sup>st</sup> for winter maintenance. Residents will be informed in due course, of the re-opening date.

CCN Christmas Break - There will no issue of Campus News in January, but we will be back to welcome in the Year of the Rat, in February, 2008. Meanwhile, please send us your letters, articles and advertisements (details on page 11) and have a very



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#### Making and Studying Porcelain, East and West.



 Date:
 Tuesday, December 11th

 Time:
 4:00pm to 7:00pm (Seminar 6pm – 7pm)

 Place:
 Lecture theatre,

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 Lecture theatre,

Institute of Chinese Studies, CUHK Limited seating: For reservation, please call 2609 7394 or email ics@cuhk.edu.hk

**Programme includes:** Tea Reception and Special viewing of *Ethereal Elegance: Porcelain Vases of Imperial Qing* at the Art Museum.

James C. Y. Watt is Brooke Russell Astor Chairman of the Department of Asian Art, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Professor Watt has served as Curator of the Department of Asiatic Art at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (1981–1985), Chairman of the Board of Studies in Fine Arts (1977–1980) and founding Director of the Art Museum, Institute of Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (1971–1981).

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Dream... Grown Up Christmas List...Oh Happy Day.... What The World Needs Now...

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm

Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre, 345 Queen's Road Central Tickets: \$200 (\$180 concessionary) available from all URBTIX outlets

Telephone credit card booking 2111 5999 Ticketing Enquiries: 2734 9009

Kassia Choirs are supporting Amnesty International's "Stop Violence against Women" Campaign this December.



#### An Acorn of Education - Joan Tsui



As I was preparing this story of the Sylvia Shive Foundation, thoughts of acorns kept coming into my mind. Proverbs and nursery rhymes about acorns -- Great oaks from little acorns grow... The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn (Ralph Waldo Emerson) -- perfectly

exemplifies the life of the Chinese University Women's Organization's beloved past chairperson Sylvia Shive, as well as the Memorial Fund in her name. Sylvia Shive devoted her life to teaching young people in Asia, and in Charlotte Weiss's words: "establishing strong ties wherever she lived and immediately sent out long branches reaching out to everyone she met"; the fund established to commemorate her individual contribution to education has had a similar effect.

From the tiny acorn of US \$20,000, collected last year (of which CUWO contributed HK\$7,000.00) under the Sylvia Shive Memorial Fund, the project has flourished 70 times to reach US \$1.4 million, facilitating 48 young people to take part in the Fulbright /HKIEd English Language Teaching Assistants Program. Among other contributors to the programme (the Lee Hysan Foundation, one anonymous donor, the U.S. Fulbright Program, and Hong Kong University Grants Committee matching funds), the Sylvia Shive Memorial Fund was but a fraction (a little less than 3 percent) of the total.

"Yet the Shive Fund was the founding seed of idea; a thought that snowballed into this project". Sylvia's husband Glen Shive explained that the Fulbright Program contributed in service. These services include recruiting students from US institutions, providing health insurance and supplying the administrative costs in Hong Kong. The programme runs for three years and each year it enables 16 recent U.S. graduates from major institutions to take part in a one-year programme at the HK Institute of Education (HKIEd) and a Guangdong primary school. The participants teach conversational English and offer language and cultural enrichment activities for HKIEd students. During the holidays, they will travel to Guangdong to teach conversational English in the local primary schools. The first batch of young people arrived this September. It is hoped that they will also take part in the cultural life of

the Chinese University and the Campus Community. To that end, the Chinese University Women's Organization has extended an invitation for them to join the December coffee morning (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>) and the annual mulled wine Christmas party, to be held this year on December 14<sup>th</sup>, in the Recreation Room of Residence 14, CUHK.





## Taking care of your joints - Joan Tsui



Have you experienced pain when raising your arms or stretching your feet? If you are over 45 years of age, it's very likely that you've suffered from these annoying ailments. You might want to consider joining a group physiotherapy class that incorporates assessment, education, exercises as well as pain control all in one go.

Quality Physiotherapy Services is developing two one-hour exercise programmes on Saturdays at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Non-Chinese speakers are also welcome.

Julia Chow, the firm's executive director says both programmes target participants who have been diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the knee or "frozen shoulder" (adhesive capsulitis). "For both classes, the initial session costs \$100. Our registered physiotherapists will have to access each individual's conditions, and appropriate exercises will be assigned."

Subsequent sessions range from five to nine group exercise classes, consisting of education video, advice on self-care. In addition, resistance exercises using sandbags, pulley set and exercise elastic bands will be introduced to improve muscle strength and flexibility. The cost of each group exercise session is \$60.

The cost of the entire program ranges from \$460 for 6 sessions and \$700 for ten.

There's also a 45-minute hydro-therapy session for individuals suffering from back, knee and shoulder problems. Exercises in water will be taught to improve muscles strength and control. The session is also conducted in the Prince of Wales Hospital and costs \$300.

Interested parties can call Quality Health Care at 2975 2388.





## Arts Calendar - Charlotte Weiss



It's that time of the year again – festive music and big shows all in the name of the "holiday season" abound. You won't have any problem finding something to attend from a Christmas show for the kids to a sophisticated New Year's performance à la Vienna Philharmonic.

A few highlights for the season are listed below to whet your appetite for the long holiday; however, you will once again have a rare opportunity to hear great chamber music and piano works over the course of seven nights! I've written in the past about the *Chopin Society of Hong Kong*, a first-rate organization headed by Andrew and Annabella Freris, who bring world-famous musicians to Hong Kong. This time they've put together a series of chamber music concerts with the *London Chamber Orchestra String Quartet* who will perform with such renowned pianists as Gary Graffman, Pascal Rogé, and classical guitarist, Alvaro Pierri. A couple of international prize winning pianists will also fill the bill including the first prize winner from the Queen Elizabeth Piano Competition, 2007. All concerts are at City Hall Concert Hall and run from Sunday, 9 December until the 15<sup>th</sup>. A complete brochure, *The Joy of Music*, is available with all programme details at URBTIX and tickets are reasonably priced. The Chopin Society's concerts have been among my favourites in Hong Kong.

(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.

Also please note a special series of events under the rubric "\*Cheers". There are many events just for the holiday season for all ages; you can pick up the brochure with "Cheers!" on the cover at any URBTIX for further details.)

In Shatin Town Hall:

16 December

Silent Poems & Where Spirits and Fairies Dwell, Asian Puppet Series (Japan)

At Other Venues:

2 December

*Luo Jing's World of Zhengs,* Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

•2 December

*Jazz Up – Carol Kidd, singer and Jazz Quartet,* at City Hall Concert Hall •6 December

Jazz Up – Jacques Loussier Trio, at City Hall Concert Hall





## Arts Calendar (2)

(Note: if you've never heard Jacques Loussier, don't miss checking this trio out – he is a legendary French jazz pianist who invented --not Vanessa Mae!-- the fusion of classical and jazz in the best possible way) • 7-8 December

*Pure Sibelius,* Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

•14-15 December (2 different concerts as part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Drum Festival)

Majestic Drums X (with VIA NOVA Percussion Group – Sweden), Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (14/12) + The Final Round (15/12) •14-15, 18-20, 22-25 (7:30pm) and 15-16, 22-23, 25-26 (2:30pm) December \*Cheers: The Nutcracker, Hong Kong Ballet, at Cultural Centre Grand Theatre (Note: the ever-popular ballet with live music by the Hong Kong Sinfonietta)

• 20-21 (8:00pm) and 22 (3:00pm) December

BhuKham, The Circus of Earth and Sky, The Dakasha Sheth Dance Co. (India) at City Hall Theatre

•21 & 23 December

A Gala Evening with Kiri Te Kanawa and the HK Philharmonic, Hong Kong Philharmonic, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

(Note: here's your chance to hear the legendary diva performing some of her "top hits")

•21-30 December (with matinees on most days)

*Cyrano De Bergerac,* Chung Ying Theatre Company, at Cultural Centre Studio Theatre

•22 & 24 December

*Christmas with the Philharmonic*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra with Hong Kong Children's Choir, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

•26-27 December

\*Cheers: The Vegetable Orchestra (Austria), at City Hall Theatre

(Note: come on! with a name like that, who can resist?...and "playing" with food has never been so fun)

•28-30 December

Peking Opera Theatre, featuring Peking Opera virtuosi and Theatre of Beijing (in three stylistic Schools of Peking Opera in different programmes each night), at Cultural Centre Grand Theatre





# Arts Calendar (3)

•30-31 December

*New Year's Gala*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (Note: the Vienna Philharmonic's Strauss concert is reproduced right here in Hong Kong and is always a highlight of the season)

Upcoming in January (limited listings):

•11-12 January

De Waart meets Wang Jian, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

•13 January (3:00pm)

Sounds Great IV in Space, Hong Kong Sinfonietta, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

•18-19 January

*Huang Mengla's Scottish Fantasy*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

(Note: Huang Mengla was the Paganini Competition winner in 2002 and is one of China's finest young violinists)

•18-19 January

The Lilting Sounds of the Dizi and the Xiao, Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, at City Hall Concert Hall

•25-26 January

Yundi Li's Prokofiev, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall

(Note: a sure sell-out-and it may not be possible to get tickets already- for this superstar pianist)

•26 January (3:00pm & 7:30pm)

The Little Mermaid, (for narrator, 2 pianos and orchestra—based on the Hans Christian Anderson story + Juanita The Spanish Lobster), City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong at City Hall Concert Hall

NOTE: Counter bookings for tickets for the *Hong Kong Arts Festival* are now available at URBTIX and any available tickets after pre-booking are up for grabs. The Arts Festival begins on 13 February.

FILM: (find complete listings for below at URBTIX)

•7-23 December

Repertory Cinema 2007, Frederico Fellini, at various venues including HK Space Museum, HK Science Museum and HK Film Archive •7-16 December

*French Cinepanorama, Passion Blows Up*, at various venues including HK Space Museum, HK City Hall and HK Broadway Cinematheque



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