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True Colors Symphony orchestra creates an inclusive musical world at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

Reinterpretation of Disney classic song "A Whole New World"

Hong Kong, May 10, 2021 - Hong Kong Disneyland Resort is committed to promoting and celebrating diversity and inclusion, and has for the first time collaborated with True Colors Symphony (TCS), the largest inclusive orchestra in Hong Kong, to create a special reinterpretation of the classic song "A Whole New World" from Disney's animated movie *Aladdin*.

A music video was filmed in front of the Castle of Magical Dreams at Hong Kong Disneyland, which showcases the message of how collaboration in diversity can lead to endless possibilities. Local singer Phil Lam was invited to play saxophone and perform with 22 musicians from various backgrounds, ages and abilities, highlighting how music can be accessible for all to demonstrate their talent and build a more inclusive society.



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Launched in November last year, the Castle of Magical Dreams comprises towers and spires of different colors and materials, inspired by 13 stories of Disney princesses and Queens. The architectural design, which embraces the unique characteristics and cultures of every story, perfectly aligns with the performance theme and adds an extra meaning to this project.

Lai Lok Yin (pictured below) is a percussionist with autism and learning disabilities, and was one of the performers during the event. With no musical instruments at home, Lok Yin is always the first to arrive at practice to make the most of every opportunity. He also reviews music scores and rehearsal videos every night. Lok Yin's mother shared her pride in his transformation: "At first, he could not follow the beats, but now he can accurately play some difficult pieces. Everyone witnessed his improvement. I never expected him to be able to concentrate so well and quickly understand the conductors' instructions to play the beautiful music, and the most important thing is that he enjoys the music from the bottom of his heart."



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Michael Moriarty, managing director of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, also showed his support for promoting diversity and inclusion, and develop an environment of mutual acceptance and respect.

"Hong Kong Disneyland Resort started inviting community choirs to perform in the park five years ago, hoping to spread happiness and Disney magic to local talent by sharing our stage. This time round, we are excited to collaborate with the largest all-inclusive orchestra in Hong Kong to produce a music video with a gorgeous backdrop – the newly reimagined Castle of Magical Dreams, which symbolizes a shining beacon of possibility and hope for all," he said. "The orchestra will revisit the park later this month for a live performance to share the importance of inclusion to our guests, cast members and the community."

The performing group, formed by 22 TCS members, is conducted by Homer Lee, a veteran musician from Hong Kong Philharmonic. TCS is committed to promoting inclusion of abilities, ages, races and cultures. Each of its



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members are from different backgrounds, abilities and race, each with their own unique story and extraordinary musical potential. The music video has also invited singer Phil Lam to play saxophone. The video will be premiered on True Colors Symphony's Facebook page and YouTube channel tonight at 9pm.

Acclaimed "Community's Got Talent" to return in May

Since 2017, Hong Kong Disneyland has invited more than 10 schools and NGOs to perform in the park during Christmas, extending the spirit of inclusion to various corners of the community. There have been 45 "Community Choir Sing Along" performances with nearly 1,500 participants, all featuring people of diverse backgrounds, including young cancer patients, students with visual disabilities, speech impairments or special educational needs, as well as grassroots students and senior citizens.

In accordance with preventive measures for COVID-19, the park was closed until earlier this year – after which the project was immediately restarted. From May, community groups will be invited to perform in the park. This year, the programme of "Community's Got Talent" has introduced new elements and creativity, with invitations extended to from choirs to orchestras, allowing more performers with different abilities to showcase their talents.

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About Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

Hong Kong Disneyland Resort offers unforgettable, culturally distinctive Disney experiences for guests of all ages and nationalities. Filled with your favorite Disney stories and characters, Hong Kong Disneyland offers guests the opportunity to explore seven diverse lands that are home to award-winning, unique attractions and entertainment. Complete your adventure with stays at the resort's luxurious hotels. The magic doesn't end at our doorstep; as a dedicated member of the local community that cares deeply about societal well-being, Hong Kong Disneyland Resort spreads its magic through community service programs that help families in need, boost creativity among children and families, encourage the protection of the environment and inspire healthier living.

Mobile app gives the latest updates

The Hong Kong Disneyland mobile app keeps guests informed of all the excitement at Hong Kong Disneyland Resort, from operating hours to entertainment schedules. Use the GPS-enabled map to find your way around the park or make reservations for park restaurants, and make every moment count with wait times for each attraction. Magic Access members can also view block-out calendars and membership privileges, designed to make your visit even more magical.



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