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**A Fruitful Year for Young Local Opera Talents in 2017
Opera Hong Kong to Launch Third Year of Jockey Club Young Artist Development
Programme**

The second year of the **Jockey Club Opera Hong Kong Young Artist Development Programme** (“the Programme”), accompanied by a series of training and outreach activities, has proved to be a fruitful and successful one!

The highlight of the Programme in 2016-17 is *Opera Carnival*, which is a semi-staged concert comprised of a wide range of opera arias from Italian, German, French to Russian, performed on Sep 21 and Sep 22 at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall. The two performances are a big success for the Programme in terms of artistic standard achieved, audience attendance and satisfaction.

Apart from regular vocal lessons taken from Mr. DJ Gong, Programme Director, the young artists received further vocal training from two international music coaches: Mr. Pierre Vallet from the Metropolitan Opera, and Ms. Nino Pavlenichvili who is an experienced music and diction coach in France. Opera Hong Kong Chorus also took vocal and choral training from Mr. Elio Orciuolo from the Opera of Panama.

In addition, the Programme also reached out to approximately 2100 students from 9 secondary schools, where the young artists gave interactive presentations to introduce opera and conducted masterclasses.

Furthermore, Miss Alison Lau, a participant in the Programme 2015-17, won the special prize at the 22nd Concorso Internazionale per Cantanti Lirici Spazio Musica in Orvieto, Italy.

The Programme will continue to nurture young artists to attain international level in their artistic skills, while also popularize operatic art among the general public through interactive elements in its education and outreach programmes. Participants of the Programme in 2017-18 are as follows.

- 1) Lam Wing Wing Colette, Soprano
- 2) Li Yang, Soprano
- 3) Tam Lok Hin Phoebe, Soprano
- 4) Wong Wah Sheung Joyce, Soprano
- 5) Chan Ho Yuen Dominique, Mezzo-soprano
- 6) Chong Ying Zing Samantha, Mezzo-soprano
- 7) Zhang Qian Bobbie, Mezzo-soprano
- 8) Chen Yong, Tenor
- 9) Chen Chun Yiu Alexander, Baritone
- 10) Chien Sum Ming Sammy, Baritone

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Opera Carnival



Master Class Concert with Ms. Nino Pavlenichvili & Mr. Pierre Vallet



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