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### **Opera Hong Kong Artistic Director Dr Warren Mok Honoured for Outstanding Contribution in Arts**

**Hong Kong, 12 June 2024** -- Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) has honoured Dr. Warren Mok, BBS, MH, Opera Hong Kong's Artistic Director, with the "Award for Outstanding Contribution in Arts" at the 18th Hong Kong Arts Development Awards.

For several decades, Warren Mok has been dedicated to cultivating opera audiences and nurturing young talents, making significant and wide-ranging contributions to the local arts scene.

Since his European début in 1987 at the Deutsche Oper Berlin, Warren Mok has become a world-renowned Chinese tenor and has performed at leading opera houses globally. In 2003, he founded Opera Hong Kong and has served as its Artistic Director for 21 years. He has produced over 50 diverse and high-quality operatic works, including *La Traviata*, *Carmen*, *The Magic Flute*, *The Chinese Orphan*, and *Poet Li Bai* to the delight of Hong Kong audiences. Dr Mok's musical talent and passion for opera have not only enriched Hong Kong's cultural life but also inspired countless young musicians.

Under his leadership, Opera Hong Kong has trained 22 local singers, taken opera to nearly 156 primary and secondary schools and reached over 35,000 students. Dr Mok's efforts have broadened the artistic horizons of young people and offered more opportunities for outstanding young singers from mainland China and Hong Kong to thrive in the world of opera.

In his acceptance speech, Warren Mok noted that the award will inspire him to continue promoting opera as well as nurturing the next generation of opera talents: "There are many talented opera singers in Hong Kong, and what they need is the opportunity to be coached professionally and gain experience in performing to audiences. This will help them greatly in developing their talent," he said. Dr Mok also emphasised that in addition to being a personal recognition, the award is also a source of encouragement and support for the entire opera community in Hong Kong.

Opera Hong Kong extends its heartiest congratulations to Dr Mok on this award from HKADC, and our deep appreciation for his outstanding contribution in developing opera as a flourishing art form in Hong Kong.

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Dr Warren Mok, the recipient of the Award for Outstanding Contribution in Arts



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### **About Warren Mok, BBS, MH**

A world-renowned Chinese tenor from Hong Kong, Warren Mok has performed in leading opera houses throughout the world. His operatic repertoire exceeds 60 roles including Cavaradossi in *Tosca*, Calaf in *Turandot*, Rodolfo in *La bohème*, Radamès in *Aïda* and many others. In recent years, Mok has been very active in promoting opera and classical music in Hong Kong, Macao and on the Mainland. He is currently the Artistic Director of Opera Hong Kong, Fujian Grand Theatre and Zhuhai Huafa Grand Theatre, and was also the Artistic Director of the Macao International Music Festival.

Dr. Mok is currently a member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and conferred an Honorary Doctorate by The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in 2021, Honorary University Fellowship by Hong Kong Baptist University in 2019, Officer of the Order of the Star of Italy by the Government of Italy in 2018, Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government in 2011, World Outstanding Chinese Award in 2010, and both Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana (Knight of the Star of Solidarity of Italy) by the Government of Italy and Chevalier dans L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Art and Letter) by the Government of France in 2008. In 2012, China's Three Tenors — Warren Mok, Dai Yuqiang and Wei Song toured the world to promote Chinese culture. In 2015, Mok was appointed as a member of Beijing Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. He was also a former member of Zhuhai Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.

### **About Opera Hong Kong**

Founded in 2003, Opera Hong Kong (OHK) is Hong Kong's first professional opera company. Over the years, the company has gone from strength to strength under the artistic direction of Warren Mok, the internationally acclaimed Hong Kong tenor. OHK has elevated opera in Asia's world city, with many world-class productions covering all major works in the operatic canon and has collaborated with opera houses and festivals including Teatro dell'Opera di Roma, Taormina Opera Festival, Theater Erfurt, Opéra de Nice, National Centre for the Performing Arts and the Shanghai Opera House.

In 2019, OHK was selected by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council as one of the three recipients of the coveted "Eminent Arts Group Scheme". The Scheme's consecutive five-year funding has become a boost to further the company's development. In 2024, OHK was named as a recipient of the "Eminent Arts Group Scheme" for a further five years.

OHK is committed to promoting the city's brightest, young opera singers. In 2015, OHK launched the Jockey Club Opera Hong Kong Young Artist Development and Education Programme (the Programme), a three-year opera training programme designed to nurture ten young local artists. The success of the Programme led to its renewal by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust for another three years from 2019 to 2022. In 2024 OHK launched the inaugural "LKSFOHK Young Artist Overseas Fellowships" Programme, generously sponsored by the Li Ka Shing Foundation, to provide short-term international residencies for six selected young artists who are Hong Kong residents to elevate their vocal artistry.

OHK also places a strong emphasis on education and community activities. Opera school tours, summer schools and master classes are held regularly to reach young audiences. The music centre in Wanchai provides a wide range of courses for early-age children to adults in addition to Children Chorus classes. The OHK Chorus and the OHK Children Chorus were established in 2004 and 2008

respectively and are recognised contributors to the local choral scene.

The recent development of the Greater Bay Area has created an environment for OHK to initiate more collaborations and bring the art of opera to a wider audience.

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