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愛的禮讚

CONCERT IN THE PARK

A SALUTE TO LOVE 愛心園林音樂會

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Just a month before our scheduled 'Concert in the Park', as our production team was working at full speed on music content, acoustics, stage design and lighting, a devastating fire in Tai Po touched the hearts of everyone in Hong Kong. In the wake of such a tragic loss of life, we at Radio 4 took a moment to carefully consider whether it was appropriate to proceed with the event. Ultimately, we felt that in difficult times, music has a unique power to offer comfort and solidarity. With the hope of standing by our community and soothing heavy hearts, we moved forward with a concert entitled 'A Salute to Love' on the evening of 24th December at Olympic Square, Hong Kong Park.

The evening opened with the celestial voices of The Hong Kong Children's Choir (HKCC). Under the direction of Ernest Hui, the HKCC performed *You'll Never Walk Alone*, *You Raise Me Up*, and *Flying Free*. Their performance was a moving tribute, beautifully conveying a message of care and mutual support.

Following this poignant opening, the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong (CCOHK) and conductor Wilson Ng took the stage to present three popular classical pieces. The programme featured the grand finale of Haydn's Symphony No. 104, the inventive and spirited Haydn Variations by Brahms, and the deeply romantic Violin Concerto No. 1 by Bruch. Our soloist, the renowned violinist Esther Yoo, captivated the audience with her impeccable technique and a truly touching interpretation. To the sound of thunderous applause, Yoo and the orchestra closed the concert with Elgar's *Salut d'Amour* – a heartwarming encore that served as the perfect conclusion to the evening.

Radio 4 is immensely grateful for the unwavering support of all our performers. This production would not have been possible without the quick thinking and tireless efforts of our TV, set design, graphic design, and outside broadcasting teams.

Most importantly, we want to thank you – our audience – for joining us. Radio 4 wishes you a prosperous and fruitful year ahead.

「愛心園林音樂會」演出前一個月，相關的音樂、音響設計、舞台、燈光等準備工作正在全速進行之時，遇上令社會大眾心痛悲哀的災難事件。當時很多娛樂活動都宣告取消，第四台亦考慮音樂會應否如期舉行。眼見很多受災家庭陷入困境，大眾一呼百應，伸出援手。第四台也希望陪伴香港人走出陰霾，以音樂舒緩悲傷的情緒，因此決定音樂會以「愛的禮讚」為主題，於12月24日傍晚在香港公園奧林匹克廣場上演。

當晚香港兒童合唱團（香兒）率先登場。香兒在許家臻的指揮下特意選唱《從不孤單面對》、《你鼓舞了我》和《自由飛翔》，表達人與人之間的愛和關懷。然後就由香港城市室樂團接力演出，在吳懷世的領導下送上三首古典名曲——充滿活力的海頓「倫敦」交響曲選段、布拉姆斯富有古典精神的海頓主題變奏曲，以及布魯赫抒情動人的G小調第一小提琴協奏曲。協奏曲的獨奏者是遠道而來的小提琴名家柳愛莎。她的演奏技巧精準而情感深刻，贏得全場熱烈喝采。柳愛莎最後與樂團加奏艾爾加的小品《愛的禮讚》，樂曲標題與音樂會的主題互相呼應。

今次「愛心園林音樂會」順利完成，有賴各位演出者的大力支持；第四台亦感謝電視部、佈景設計、平面設計及外勤廣播組快速應變；奧林匹克廣場座無虛席，現場觀眾都帶給製作團隊極大鼓勵。

踏入新一年，祝願大家都在美好的音樂中得到力量與撫慰。

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