



KIN SZETO, conductor

Pursuing a strong interest in classical orchestral music, Szeto Kin began his conducting training at the HKAPA as a student of Perry So, First Prize winner of the Fifth International Prokofiev Conducting Competition and former Associate Conductor of Hong Kong Philharmonic. His other conducting mentors include maestros Donald Schleicher, Markand Thakar, Kirk Trevor and Tomas Netopil. In his early career, he trained with Ho Man Chuen, a renowned conductor and pedagogue in Hong Kong. Drawing upon his experience with Chinese music, Szeto pursues a distinct and extraordinary conducting style.

In 2013, Szeto founded the Hong Kong University Student Union Chinese Orchestra and hold the position of founding conductor till 2016. He also served as the conductor assistant of the Diocesan Boys' School Chinese Orchestra. During his tenure, he coached the orchestra through many performances and successfully captured numerous awards, including 1st prize (Chinese orchestra category) in the Hong Kong Music Festival, "Golden Band" as well as the "Grand Prix (overall champion)" in the 6th Bratislava International Youth Music Festival.

Born in Hong Kong, Szeto graduated from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts with a degree, double major in Erhu and Gaohu. His teachers include maestro Wong On Yuen and professor Yu Qi Wei. He is an unprecedented contestant to enter the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts' Concerto Competition as a conductor.

As a recipient of the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme and the Ithaca College Scholarship, Szeto is now pursuing his Master degree in Music, majoring in orchestral conducting, at the Ithaca College under the mentorship of Professor Octavio Más-arocas. Szeto is the co-director of the Ithaca College Sinfonietta and guest conductor of the Ithaca's Flute Ensemble. He is also a graduate assistant for the college orchestras and conducting classes. In addition, Szeto was awarded the title of "Hong Kong Scholars" and "Hong Kong Ambassador" by the Hong Kong government for his supreme performance in the industry.