



RTHK Radio 4
Results of “2018 Top 10 Music Headlines”

Rank	Top 10 Music Headlines	Percentage
1.	The HK Sinfonietta announces that the 2019/2020 season will be Yip Wing-sie's final season as Music Director of the Orchestra. To date, she has been in the post for 16 years and will stay on as Conductor Emeritus of the Orchestra from 2020.	52.6%
2.	The HK Phil sells tickets for the additional performance of ‘Joe Hisaishi in Concert’ through a ticket ballot and real-name ticketing system. It is the first organization in the local arts scene to take an unprecedented measure to prevent touting.	49.8%
3.	The Central Police Station compound is revitalized and opened to the public as Tai Kwun. On a 13,600 square-metre site, it comprises 16 historic buildings, outdoor spaces and a new art gallery and auditorium, to provide more art space for Hong Kong.	47.7%
4.	Hong Kong Sinfonietta organizes the 1st Hong Kong International Conducting Competition, attracting 310 applications from 49 countries and regions. Hungarian contestant Gabor Kali is the First and Orchestra prizewinner.	44.5%
5.	Thirteen-year old violinist Wong Pui-ying comes first in the IV Yankelevitch International Violin Competition (age 9-15) in Russia.	42.8%
6.	The Hong Kong Harmonica Association leads a delegation of over 130 participants to the 12th Asia Pacific Harmonica Festival. They break a record by winning 30 awards, including nine Champions, eight First Runners-up and 13 Second Runners-up.	42.7%
7.	Nine programmes of historic concerts, including the London Philharmonic’s 1962 Hong Kong debut to launch the new City Hall, are featured in Radio 4’s ‘Concert Hall Classics’ programme to celebrate the 90th anniversary of broadcasting in Hong Kong.	39.7%
8.	The HK Association of Cantonese Opera Scholars and the London College of Music Examinations co-organize the first-ever graded examinations for Cantonese Operatic Singing. Candidates are examined by appointed local examiners and the two organizations will issue certificates to successful candidates.	38.7%
9.	First Cantonese musical scored with full orchestra ‘The Passage Beyond in Concert’, makes a debut CD release on DECCA, taking the Cantonese musical by Leon Ko and Chris Shum on to the international music scene.	37.7%
9.	With the finale of ‘Götterdämmerung’, the HK Phil concludes its four-year journey of Wagner’s ‘Ring’ Cycle, opera-in-concert performance of the ‘Ring’, which is also the first to be recorded and released on CDs.	37.7%