



The Wonderful World of Love

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Life in the past few days was more hectic than usual. In addition to the routine office work, I happily answered loads of compliments and positive comments sent by fellow alumni and friends who came to our concert last Saturday (5 November 2011) night at Loke Yew Hall, The University of Hong Kong. The concert, with “The Wonderful World of Love” as its theme, was the second one presented by The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Choir (the “Choir”).

It all began with the ephemeral choir formed to perform at the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Faculty of Law in 2009. The experience of singing together as a group was awesome and that soon led to the formation of the Choir. The successful inaugural concert last year encouraged the Choir to perform again this year.

When preparation for the concert was kicked off, the first problem faced by the Choir Sub-committee set up to organize the event was to identify and secure suitable venues for practices. We were lucky that not even one practice session was skipped due to non-availability of practice venue, though members had to check Coordinator William’s email every week to know where they should go for the next practice. Our footprints can be found in the music activities room of the Music Department and the common room of the HKU Staff Association at the Main Building, the practice halls at Sheung Wan Civic Centre, the community hall of Sai Ying Pun Community Complex, as well as the halls at St. John’s Cathedral. The busy work or school life of members was the cause of another challenge. To make things easier for members who wished to practise on their own when absence from practice was inevitable, our understanding Conductors gladly posted up midi files of the songs on the Alumni web page. And then we must also try to fill Loke Yew Hall with enough people as our audience. Fortunately, we have always been blessed with many caring alumni and friends. Their unflinching support turned what might have been a daunting task to very reassuring experiences.

Every one in the Choir enjoyed the concert thoroughly. The crowd in the hall laughed heartily when MC Edwin came out with his creative and hilarious prologue. We were so proud when everyone stood up for the *Law Anthem*. Our soloist Rayne and her accompanist Cecilia surprised the audience with a powerful voice and lovely music no less captivating than those heard in opera houses and recital halls. We imagined ourselves part of the chorus singing at the 10th anniversary concert of *Les Miserables* at the Royal Albert Hall soon after we started to sing the *Medley* from this timeless musical, trying our best to keep up with the very rapid rhythm of the music and the directions of Conductor Raymond. After the intermission, Conductor Jeffrey appeared on the stage with the ensemble group, each of them wearing a lovely hair band from the Disney shop and ready to perform *Disney Dazzle* for the younger ones and those young at heart in the audience. Perhaps the not so satisfying part was fans of

Winnie Tam were disappointed that she was not able to perform because of a lengthy trial. When we finished *What a Wonderful World* which was the last song on the programme, encores were chanted everywhere. We were right to have prepared the extra song *Love Changes Everything* just in case. The ovation from the enthusiastic audience was quite unexpected but was received most appreciatively.

We are thankful that we were able to share with alumni and friends a memorable night filled with lovely songs and music. We are mindful that our success would not have been possible without the unconditional and altruistic help of many friends like Mr. Aric Hung who designed our programme, banner, poster and tickets; Ms Rachel Li of the Faculty of Law Development Office who had been by our side from day one and was our sales officer, secretary, stage manager, floor manager and receptionist; the Law Association of the students of the Faculty of Law and the student helpers who helped with the errands at the concert; our honorable guests Professor Johannes Chan and Professor Michael Wilkinson of the Faculty of Law who graced the event; and last but not least the executive committee of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (the “Association”) who were most willing to underpin and provide assistance whenever we needed it. We are most grateful to these dear friends.

Speaking for myself, I would also like to thank the members of the Choir Sub-committee from the bottom of my heart for their unparalleled dedication and support to make our dream performance possible. Credit should go to all of them for all the organization work undertaken by the Sub-committee.

The passion and hard work of the Choir members were also fundamental to the success of the concert. The members are a great pleasure to work with. I hope concerts of the Choir will become long-running events of the Association and look forward to meeting more alumni and friends at future concerts of the Choir.

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