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***Beyond Environmental Arts Festival 2023* Coming in July** Offers an array of free green arts activities tailored for age 5 and above Learn from nature and embrace its beauty



High-resolution photos: <https://tinyurl.com/BEAFestival2023>

(14 June 2023, Hong Kong) – Exploring Hong Kong’s natural environment is an unexpected delight. In spring, blossoming flowers cover the treetops; in the heat of summer, one can take a dip in the many beaches dotted along our coastline; in autumn, one is greeted by swathes of bushy Chinese silver grass and bright maple leaves; and in winter, the crisp mountain air sets the perfect stage for hiking.

Beyond Environmental Arts Festival (BEA Festival) enters its second year. Through this year’s theme of “Back to Nature”, BEA Festival offers a series of fun and free activities for students and the general public at 7/F, BEA Tower, Millennium City 5, Kwun Tong from 4th to 9th July, 2023 (Tuesday to Sunday). The first four days are reserved for students, while the sessions on 8th and 9th July (Saturday and Sunday) are open to the public. The festival includes a theatrical performance, creative arts workshops, installation art exhibitions, choir performance and dance video screening designed to promote environmental awareness and sustainable living through the arts, encouraging participants to appreciate the beauty of nature and take action in protecting planet Earth.

Free arts workshops and theatrical performance

Organised by Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation, sponsored by The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation and powered by The Bank of East Asia, Limited, this year’s *BEA Festival*

presents a theatrical performance *A Guide to Be Wild*, a choir performance by members of Earth Echoes, and five craft and experiential workshops: Bamboo Weaving Workshop, Natural Painting Workshop, Bird Ornament Workshop, Mini Dried Floral Wreath Workshop, and Wild Notes: Making Music with Nature's Instruments Workshop. There will also be an exhibition featuring eight artworks, including a wooden sculpture of a buffalo *Three-way Relationships*, *Eco Print: Solar Terms* created with recycled plants, and a woven bamboo artwork *Bamboo Staff and Straw Sandals*, as well as the dance film *Conversation with Nature* filmed on site at Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, and highlights from the *Land Art Experience Day*.

Free Online Registration

All *Beyond Environmental Arts Festival* activities are free-of-charge. Online registration for public sessions via POPTICKET (<https://bit.ly/BEAFestival2023>) is now open. Participants can enjoy installation art exhibitions, theatrical performance, choir performance by Earth Echoes and join one of the arts workshops. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and programme updates, please visit the official Festival page on the HKYAF www.hkyaf.com, and follow the HKYAF [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages @hkyaf.

Editor Notes

BEA Festival 2023 – Public Sessions Details

Date: 8, 9 July 2023 (Sat, Sun)

Time: 10:30am – 5:00pm (5 sessions in total)

Venue: 7/F, BEA Tower, Millennium City 5, 418 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon

All activities are free of charge and suitable for persons aged 5 and above.

Each ticket admits one person. Advance online registration is available at POPTICKET <https://bit.ly/BEAFestival2023>. A deposit of HK\$50 is required for registration and is refundable in full after attendance.

More information: www.hkyaf.com ([Facebook](#) / [Instagram](#) @hkyaf)

BEA Festival 2023 Activities

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| <p>Bamboo Weaving Workshop</p> <p>Bamboo is a versatile plant that can be used to make all kinds of two- and three-dimensional objects.</p> <p>In this workshop, art instructors from Breakthrough Art Studio work with participants to create colourful images using simple bamboo weaving techniques. Join us and try your hand at making your own bamboo art!</p> |  A photograph showing several pieces of bamboo art. One is a white card with a red and pink leaf design. Another is an orange card with a blue and green leaf design. There are also some dried leaves and a small green bamboo plant. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'BAMBOO WEAVING WORKSHOP' with a bamboo stalk icon. |
| <p>Natural Painting Workshop</p> <p>Some common plants and flowers, such as beets, turmeric, red cabbage and butterfly pea flowers, can be used to create colourful pigments for dyes, ink, paint and even food colouring.</p> <p>In this workshop, artist Candice Keung shows participants how to use natural dye watercolours to create greeting cards decorated with images of Hong Kong's native flowers. Join us for an eco-friendly art experience!</p> |  A photograph showing several pieces of art made with natural pigments. There are three cards with different floral designs. A palette with various colors of natural pigments is visible. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'NATURAL PAINTING WORKSHOP' with a bamboo stalk icon. |
| <p>Bird Ornament Workshop</p> <p>About one-fifth of the bird species found in Hong Kong are resident species — birds that stay and breed in Hong Kong all year round. But how much do you know about them?</p> <p>In this workshop, artist Molly Wong introduces two common resident birds, the fork-tailed sunbird and the red-whiskered bulbul, and demonstrates how to use plywood to assemble and create colourful bird ornaments.</p> |  A photograph showing two colorful bird ornaments. One is a blue and green bird, and the other is a black and white bird. They are made of plywood and are perched on a branch. At the bottom, there is a logo for 'BIRD ORNAMENT WORKSHOP' with a bamboo stalk icon. |

Mini Dried Floral Wreath Workshop

Fresh flowers are captivating but the everlasting beauty of dried flowers can capture a moment in time.

In this workshop, artist Kumi Cheng shows participants how to assemble dried flowers, leaves, pinecones and other plant materials to create personalised mini floral wreaths, perfect for decorating your home.



Wild Notes: Making Music with Nature's Instruments Workshop

Learn how to play one-of-a-kind musical instruments made from natural materials.

In this fun jamming session, the musicians of Museek Studio help participants explore the soothing sounds of instruments like the rainmaker and ocean drum, and share information about their history and cultural significance.



Theatrical Performance: A Guide to Be Wild

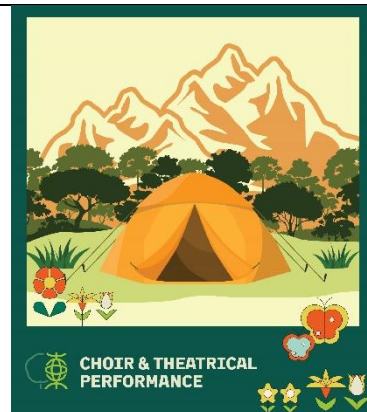
Experience the magic of nature through a fun-filled show performed by four professional HKYAF actors. Armed with Grandpa's "Guide to be Wild" adventure map, the group sets out to find the wild within and discovers the many wonders of the natural world.

This captivating journey will leave audiences feeling refreshed, renewed and reconnected with the great outdoors. More than just a performance, the production emphasises the importance of protecting our environment and inspires audiences to take action and make a difference in their community.

Earth Echoes

Led by professional musician Ivy Hung, the delightful performance brings together the incredible talents of BEA volunteers, community members, and gifted HKYAF youth singers, who will be performing two Cantonese pop songs centred around the theme of raising public awareness of environmental protection.

The choir's harmonious melodies will take the audience on a journey of wonder and inspiration, showcase the beauty and power of music to bring people together, and support the important cause of treasuring Earth.



About Beyond Environmental Arts Festival

Organised by Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation, sponsored by The Bank of East Asia Charitable Foundation and powered by The Bank of East Asia, Limited, the “Beyond Environmental Arts Festival” was first introduced in 2022. The programme aims to raise public awareness of various environmental, social and governance topics through visual and performing arts activities. Each year, a series of fun and engaging activities will be offered to the public for free to promote sustainability to the next generation and demonstrate how small changes to our everyday life can make a huge difference for our planet. For more information and programme updates, visit the official Festival Page at HKYAF website www.hkyaf.com, and follow the HKYAF Facebook and Instagram pages @hkyaf.

About Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF) is a charity that provides access to high quality, non-competitive free-of-charge arts experiences for all young people aged 5 to 25. Established in 1993 by Lindsey McAlister OBE, JP, HKYAF organises inclusive and inspirational projects that reach out to youngsters of all cultures, backgrounds, languages and abilities, and actively creates opportunities for those who are disadvantaged and underprivileged. Each year, HKYAF reaches over 800,000 people through its projects, exhibitions and performances.

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