

## Company profile

### The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong

The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong was founded in the Qing Dynasty during the reign of the Emperor Guangxu (1875-1908). With a history of 130 years, it has always been a professional organization for Cantonese opera performers in Guangdong Province. It has undergone many changes and regroupings, and has been previously known as The Chinese Actors' Association, Association for the Development of Cantonese Opera and the Guangdong Professional Union for Cantonese Opera Performers respectively.

In 1953, the Union's Hong Kong branch registered itself under a new name, the Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong, to be represented as a professional organisation for Cantonese opera performers in Hong Kong.

The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong aims to develop the art of traditional Cantonese Opera and to protect the rights and welfare of fellow performers, caring for the old and weak, assisting the widowed and orphan, and to perform ceremonies to pay respect to the Chinese saints. Over the past fifty years, it has not only deliver welfares to members, but also actively participated in charitable events in the community. Also whenever there is any big natural disasters happened in Hong Kong or homeland China, The Chinese Artists Association of Hong Kong would immediately organizes charity performance to raise fund for support. Examples are: " Loving Heart for the Disaster Victims", " Warmth for Taiwan", "Loving Heart for South Asia", " Together to warm Sichuan".

Its associated organisations include the following:

1. The Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Sun Wo Tong Company Ltd.
2. Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Artists Club Ltd.
3. The Hong Kong Po Fook Tong Cantonese Opera Musicians' Association Ltd.
4. Theatre Lighting and Scenic Artists Association Ltd.
5. Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Hop Ho Tong Ltd.
6. Hong Kong Cantonese Opera Luen Yue Tong Ltd.
7. The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong Limited [ Registered Charitable Organization ]

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