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COMPUTER MUSIC CONCERTS AT HKUST

Secondary school students as well as teachers and visitors to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology are invited to sample some of the latest developments and compositions in the burgeoning field of computer music later this month in a series of free computer music concerts.

The series of four one-hour concerts, each of which will include an introduction and a question-and-answer session, starts on 27 April with "Sight and Sound: Computer Music with Videos". Other concerts will feature computer music by women, and music and composers from Hong Kong.

"This will just be a taste of the huge variety of computer music," says Dr Lydia Ayers, who is organizing the concerts. "Computer music is many things, and it's impossible for one concert series to cover all of it."

Audiences can expect to see and hear multi-media pieces incorporating computer music played back on a tape, and live performers playing along with a recorded tape. "This last one is a little bit like karaoke," says Dr Ayers. "But the musical style is completely different and in our concerts the performer will not necessarily be a singer."

"Computer music straddles the traditional boundaries between technology and art and is drawing increasing interest from composers, musicians and the general public," says Dr Ayers. "This is a great opportunity for students and the general public to sample it for themselves." Details are as follows:

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| 27 April 1996(Sat) | <i>Sight and Sound: Computer Music with Videos</i>
Leung Yat Sing Lecture Theatre (LTF), 2-3 pm |
| 4 May 1996(Sat) | <i>Widening the Margins: Computer Music by Women</i>
Leung Yat Sing Lecture Theatre (LTF), 2-3 pm |
| 11 May 1996(Sat) | <i>Journeys and Dreams: Computer Music from Hong Kong,</i>
Program I
Exposition Hall, 2-3 pm |
| 18 May 1996(Sat) | <i>Wind and Ghosts: Computer Music from Hong Kong,</i>
Program II
Exposition Hall, 2-3 pm |

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