### LA MUSICA RASA SAYANG

with Tengku Irfan



Sunway Conservatoire of Music • Sunway School of Arts • Yamaha Music Malaysia Sunway University Ensemble • Sunway University Choir

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### SPECIAL GUEST TENGKU IRFAN

Malaysian-born Tengku Irfan has appeared around the world as a conductor, pianist, and composer, and praised by The New York Times as "eminently cultured" and possessing "sheer incisiveness and power." Irfan has performed with orchestras worldwide with conductors Claus Peter Flor, Neeme Järvi, Kristjan Järvi, Robert Spano, Osmo Vänskä, George Stelluto, Jeffrey Milarsky, among others. His compositions have been premiered by highly-acclaimed orchestras and ensembles, including the New York Philharmonic, and have won international awards including three ASCAP Morton Gould Awards in 2012, 2014, and 2017.

In 2015, Irfan made his conducting debut with the MusicaNova Orchestra. Few years later, he conducted the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra for concerts and tours. During the MPO Gala concert in August 2018, he was appointed as the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra Youth Ambassador. In 2021, he was the runner-up and audience prize winner of the Los Angeles Conducting Competition.

Recently, Irfan was chosen to become the assistant conductor of the National Youth Orchestra of the United States, and toured with them in July 2023 while working alongside eminent conductor Sir Andrew Davis.

Previously, Irfan was a double major in piano and composition at the Juilliard School, where he studied with Yoheved Kaplinsky for piano, and Ira Taxin and Robert Beaser for composition. Currently, he is studying orchestral conducting with David Robertson at Juilliard. He is a proud recipient of the Juilliard School Kovner Fellowship Award.





## SUNWAY CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC

We are a music school within the School of Arts at Sunway University, which started in April 2022. We are teaching music to students between ages 5 to 18 years old. The music instruments covered are - Piano, Classical Guitar, Cello, Violin and Vocals. Along with that, our students also attend Theory of Music, Music Appreciation and Musicianship classes. Activities involving students include recitals and concerts, which are regularly held.

SCM has staged several performances such as:

- 1. The Joy of Music series in July, Oct and Dec 2022, April and July 2023
- 2. Christmas Joy Concert 20 Dec 2022 (collaboration with Sunway University Choir)

**Director:** Professor Snezana Panovska

Manager: Mr. Charles Tan

PERFORMERS!



Ms Lyubomira
Stankova



**Austen Zhang** 



Tammy Lee



Isaac Lee

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Lyubomira Stankova was born in Varna, Bulgaria and graduated National Music Academy "Pancho Vladigerov" Sofia with a Master in violoncello and Professional qualification in chamber music . She is laureate in numerous music competitions and international festivals and participated in master classes with Prof. Frank Bartolomey, Prof. Robert Cohen, Prof. Aleksandyr Hulshof, Prof. Xenia Jankovic, Prof. Young-Chang Cho. She performed with many distinguished musicians in Bulgaria, Austria, Czech republic, France, Macau, China, Hong Kong etc. as a soloist and part of chamber ensemble. She is currently in Malaysia working performances, recordings, master classes, educational programs and teaching at Sunway Conservatoire of Music.



Born in 2013, **Austen Zhang** has indulged himself in piano and music for more than 6 years. From simply shaking bells and tapping xylophones to fluently playing waltzes and Impromptues, Austen has put great effort on practicing and has transformed to a young pianist, with his mentor Professor Panovska at the Sunway Conservatoire of Music.

He has won Chopin competition Gold prize in piano in Malaysia 2022, Poland General Consular award in Hong Kong 2023 as well as conferred as Young Musician of the year 2023 in the Alice Smith School. With passion and dedication to music, Austen would like to bring more wonderful piano performances to everyone.



Tammy Lee is 11 years old. She started learning the piano as a hobby when she was 6 years old. Today, music is her biggest priority. She participated in her first competition when she was 7 years old, and gradually achieved more in different competitions. When she was 9 years old, she was awarded a distinction in her grade 8 piano exam. She is currently a student of Sunway Conservatory of Music, under the guidance of Professor Snezana Panovska.



Born in 2013, **Isaac Lee** started playing the piano at the age of 6. He decided to take up cello as his second instrument which he described as the sound that is 'closer to his heart'. After half a year attending the Sunway Conservertoire, Isaac participated in Chopin Competition in 2022, for which he was awarded a bronze in the Cello category. Playing ensemble with others is one of his favourite activities now as it gives him a new dimension of experiencing music as he is intrigued by the many voices that come together in his cello journey.

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# SUNWAY UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Sunway University Choir was formed in 2010; with Mr. Rockie Siew as their consultant and Ms. Lai Suk Yin as the trainer cum conductor. The Choir is supported by the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation and Sunway University. The Choir holds annual recitals and has performed at various events such as music festivals, graduation ceremonies, conferences and campus-wide activities.

Sunway University Choir's most recent achievements include a Gold Diploma B Award in the Malaysian Choral Eisteddfod Choir Competition 2022, and a Distinction granted by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, in the ABRSM Examination 2019. The Choir has performed in collaborations with the Malaysian Institute of Arts Choir, TAR UMT Choir and the Cardiff University Chamber Choir; not forgetting regular partnerships on campus with Sunway University Ensemble and Sunway Conservatoire of Music.

**Choral Instructor:** Ms Lai Suk Yin **Teacher Advisor:** Ms Chia Yeng

#### **SOPRANO 1**

Lee Tia Yee Xiao You

#### **TENOR**

Ariff Syazwan Bin A Raeff Wong Darren Ooi Zhi Yao
Hoo Dickson
Law Jun Hui
Leong Yen Loong
Lim Jun Zhe (Jason)
Nicholas Tan Jun Wei
Wan 'Aizat' 'Afifi Bin Wan Mohd Azlan

#### **SOPRANO 2**

Ang Shi En Lee Shu Nuan Tee Hui Qi Toh Jin Hang Wong Qin Ru Wong Yen Yi

#### **ALTO**

Chia Yeng Kok Hui Ming Shanice Chan Tzy Shin Jennifer Jane Binti Ambrose Nicole Agnes Lee

#### **BASS**

Boh Chui Jie Brendan Yap Kar Lun Joshua Gnow Meng Foong Teoh Kay Ment

### **SUNWAY UNIVERSITY ENSEMBLE**



United by a love of music, the Sunway University Ensemble is made up of musicians encompassing Sunway's students of diverse backgrounds pursuing studies in various programmes at the university. Since May 2008, under the covering of the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation, the ensemble has successfully upheld its core value of nurturing well-rounded students and as a catalyst for fostering excellence in musical talent. They have been invited for numerous performances e.g Sunway University's graduation ceremonies, the National Annual Corporate Report Awards, the Star Education Fund's 20th Anniversary Celebration, British Malaysian Chamber of Commerce 60th Anniversary & Business Excellence Awards 2023 Gala Dinner.

Artistic Consultant: Mr. Rockie Siew

#### **VIOLIN 1**

\*Ham Kav Li Lai Hoong Wai Jesse Surya Sukandra Chloe Tiong Sie Ning Tan Xin Yi Na Zu Wayne Chan Bei Yan

#### **FLUTE**

Khor Jia Ming Yap Xin Yi Tan Yuen Yee Narmadtha a/p Paremeswaran Loo Wen Hui

#### OBOE

Tan Jun Hoe Kuek Wern Choong

#### **VIOLIN 2**

\*Gertrude Hii Xuan Yu Chen Zoey Hew Jia Le Koong Xin Wei Lim Hong Liang Olivia Sia Ya Xuan Teoh Chai Ling

#### **CLARINET**

Yap Ven Wei Lew Hsuen Yee Brien Chia Yong Chee Xuan

#### **SAXOPHONE**

Zainul Firdaus Aidan Tan Kay Jien Eugene Liaw

#### **VIOLA**

\*Asvraf Hakimi Elton Ting Velenna Teoh Nigel Ang Kelvin Tan

Ryan Lee Audrey Ling Zoe Lin

#### TRUMPET

#### **TROMBONE**

Tee Kai Sheng Heng Jun Qian Andrew Wai Tai Li Hao

\*Tana Hei Mun Lim Huei Qing Abigail Mah Isabelle Yau

**CELLO** 

#### **EUPHONIUM**

Sky Yeow

#### **TUBA**

Wei Chen

**DOUBLE BASS** 

\*Wong Kay Rou

Alvin Ona

#### **HORN PERCUSSION**

Shu Kee Alvin Ong Jan Shen Thum Yong Jie Derek Haves Hing Ray Ong Ven Xin Sandra Leona

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### YAMAHA MUSIC MALAYSIA

Yamaha's history began when its founder, Torakusu Yamaha, repaired a broken reed organ in 1887. Shortly thereafter, he successfully completed the first reed organ to be built in Japan.

Since then, Yamaha has continued to produce high-quality products by blending traditional craftsmanship with advanced digital technology. The quality of sound produced by a Yamaha musical instrument reflects the long years of accumulated technical expertise and the skilled craftsmanship of the company.

With our unique expertise and sensibilities, gained from our devotion to sound and music, Yamaha is committed to creating excitement and cultural excitement and cultural inspiration together with people around the world.

In summary, we at Yamaha Music Malaysia have been a proud witness of the achievements of these young musicians we see today. We have seen their journey with us at Yamaha Music Schools and we are happy to note that they are flourishing now in their areas of studies whilst yet keeping the joy of music alive through the amazing Yamaha Electone Stagea.

Asst. General Manager: Ms Patricia Leow Managing Director: Mr. Jin Katagiri



**Ethan Cheng** 



Megan To



**Eunice Yong** 



Kok Jyn



Yap Yi Zhe



Teoh Yu Ann



Ng Xin Yee





**Teoh Yu Ann** has been learning the Electone for less than 24 months. Today he will be performing on the Yamaha Electone alongside Ms Lyubomira Stankova (Cello), a well-known movie theme, entitled "Pirates of the Caribbean".



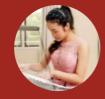
Megan To Yi An is very happy just sharing her winning piece, "The Battle" which she performed at the Yamaha Electone Concours 2022 in Japan. She composed this piece having been inspired by the movie, Mulan. Through that movie, Megan learned about love, selflessness, and the courage to stand up for what is right by representing her father to fight for her country. Megan feels happy to perform on stage today and she hopes you will enjoy her performance.



**Ethan Cheng How Jack** comes from a family of talented musicians and has been a keen participant at the Yamaha Electone Festival competitions. His passion is to spread the joy of music, performing on his favourite music instrument, the highly versatile, state-of-the Art, Yamaha Electone Stagea.



Yap Yi Zhe - Or Master Yap, as many at Yamaha Music School likes to refer to him. His piece entitled "Spring Harvest" was composed for his participation at the Yamaha Electone Festival 2019. You will hear familiar festive sounds and joyous moments as he takes you along on his journey, accompanied by his mesmerizing performance on the Electone.



**Eunice Yong Ying Xuan** brings with her years of performing experience and participation at various concerts organized by Yamaha and more. She is currently pursuing her tertiary education at a music university in Malaysia and her lecturers often shower praises of her performance abilities and the skillsets for her orchestration and arrangements



**Ng Xin Yee** is a humble and quiet young lady who has had experiences in representing Yamaha Music Malaysia to Hong Kong for the Asia-Pacific Electone Festival in the year 2017. Besides playing the Electone, Xin Yee herself is an all-rounded musician, having also very skillful at the Piano, along with great talent in song writing, music arranging and more. Xin Yi is also pursuing her BA (Honours) in Music Performance at Sunway University.



**Kok Jyn** is one young lady blessed with many talents. Her love for music extends through the playing of the Electone and now she's mastering the art of guitar playing and singing. Her recent achievement was having emerged as the 2nd prize winner amongst many other contenders at the Asia-Pacific Electone Festival, performing her own composition, "Luv Me"

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#### La Gazza Ladra

Composed by: Gioacchino Rossini Performed by: Kok Jyn & Austen Zhang

#### **Voyagers Dream**

Composed by: Eunice Yong Ying Xuan
Performed by: Eunice Yong Ying Xuan & Ng Xin Yee

#### Shostakovich; Prelude for 2 Cellos

Composed by: Dmitri Shostakovich
Performed by: Ms Lyubomira & Isaac Lee

#### **Spring Harvest**

Composed by: Yap Yi Zhe Performed by: Yap Yi Zhe

#### Piano Concerto in D Major

Composed by: Franz Joseph Haydn

Performed by: Tammy Lee and Sunway University Ensemble

#### **Palladio**

Composed by: Karl Jenkins

Performed by: Sunway University Ensemble

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#### Ravel; Le jardin feerique

Arranged by: Tengku Irfan

Performed by: Sunway University Ensemble

#### **Ave Verum Corpus**

Composed by: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Performed by: Sunway University Choir & Sunway University Ensemble

#### **INTERMISSION**

#### Carpenter's Medley

Arranged by: Toshio Mashima

Performed by: Sunway University Ensemble

#### **Arsenal**

Composed by: Jan Van der Roost

Performed by: Sunway University Ensemble

#### **Pirates Of The Carribean**

Composed by: Hans Zimmer

Performed by: Ms Lyubomira & Teoh Yu Ann

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#### The Great Battle

Composed by: Megan To Yi An

Performed by: Ms Lyubomira & Megan To Yi An

#### **Come Again**

Composed by: John Dowland

Performed by: Sunway University Choir

#### Setangkai Mawar

Arranged by: Yeo Chow Shern

Performed by: Sunway University Choir

#### Medley of Baba and Portuguese Songs

Arranged by: Yeo Chow Shern

Performed by: Sunway University Choir

#### **Music Brings Us Together**

Words and Music by: Russell Robinson

Performed by: Sunway University Choir and Yamaha Music Malaysia

# LA MUSICA RASA SAYANG PROGRAMME FINIALE

#### Rasa Sayang

Arranged by: Tengku Irfan
Lyrics by: Lim Ann Lay
Performed by: All Performers

Rasa sayang hey, rasa sayang sayang hey, Hey lihat nona jauh, rasa sayang sayang hey.

Muzik dimain di atas pentas, bersama-sama kita berpakat,

Kemahiran tiada batas, setiap satu amat berbakat.

Nilai itu warisan lama, ada nasihat berwawasan, Hormatilah kerjasama, hidup damai sentiasa aman.

Simpan pekasam dalam peti, takut diambil oleh Si Nani, Sambil kita bersatu hati, serata dunia jadi harmoni.

Persembahan gagah bergema, tentu riang hati semua, Terima kasih dapat bersama, lain kali kita bersua.

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

#### FEEDBACK FORM



We hope you enjoyed today's show!

Your feedback will help us improve our performance in future. Fill out the form with your honest feelings and thoughts. We welcome all comments and feedback.

## THANK YOU