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Ding Yi Music Company Presents a Dazzling Lunar New Year Celebration

Featuring home-grown singer-songwriter Boon Hui Lu and the Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble (Hong Kong)

Singapore, 2 February 2024 – Ding Yi Music Company invites you to revel in the magic of the Lunar New Year at the much-anticipated annual Happy Chinese New Year Concert. After a brief two-year hiatus, this joyous event, in collaboration with the China Cultural Centre, promises an enchanting fusion of traditional Chinese melodies and contemporary pop influences.



Taking centre stage at this spectacular celebration is home-grown singer-songwriter Boon Hui Lu, whose captivating vocals will add an extra layer of brilliance to the festivities. Under the baton of Ding Yi's Resident Conductor Wong De Li, Dedric, the concert will feature mesmerising pieces including "Minnan Medley" by Wang Chenwei and "Tan-tiao Rock" by Luk Wai Chun.

A highlight of the evening is the performance of "Odyssey - A Rock Fantasia for Double Ruan", presented by Ding Yi *ruan* musician Wong Wai Kit and Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble (Hong Kong) musician Chan Sze Tung. Additionally, audiences can immerse themselves in the *huqin* Duet Medley of Guangdong Classics, skilfully performed by Ding Yi *huqin* musician Chen Ning and Hong Kong Windpipe Ensemble musician Chan Kai Him. This concert is part of the inaugural Chamber Musicians Exchange Project by Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble (Hong Kong).

"This concert is a harmonious convergence of traditional Chinese music and contemporary pop elements, bringing audience new-age Chinese chamber music," said Wong De Li, Detric, Resident Conductor of Ding Yi Music Company. "We are equally thrilled to collaborate with Boon Hui Lu, China Cultural Centre and Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble to bring this cultural extravaganza to our audience."

The Happy Chinese New Year Concert promises to be a vibrant mosaic of Chinese musical traditions and modern melodies. This jubilant celebration is designed to bridge generations, fully embracing the festive spirit of the Lunar New Year while offering a fresh perspective on new-age Chinese music.

Happy Chinese New Year Concert 2024 will be held on 17 February 2024 (Saturday), 7.30pm at the China Cultural Centre Theatre. Tickets are available for public sales at \$28 (excluding booking fees) on SISTIC [here](#). Concession tickets at S\$20 for students, senior citizens (aged 60 years and above) & NSFs. SAFRA Card members and OCBC Arts Platinum Card members enjoy a 15% discount, while other OCBC card members enjoy a 10% discount. Terms and conditions apply.

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About Ding Yi Music Company

Established in 2007, Ding Yi Music Company is Singapore's most prodigious Chinese chamber music ensemble and a coterie of accomplished Chinese instrumentalists that trademark Singapore Chinese chamber music in the traditional and contemporary field. The ensemble has captivated audiences with its distinctive approach to music-making and dedication to showcase a vast repertoire that ranges from traditional Chinese music to contemporary interpretations and cross-genre works. For more information, please visit www.dingyimusic.com.

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Concert Posters Artwork



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Featured Artists' Biographies

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	<p>Wong De Li, Dedric, Conductor</p> <p>Wong De Li, Dedric is the Resident Conductor of the Ding Yi Music Company, Music Director of the Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra and Nanyang Collective. In 2014, he received the National Arts Council Arts Scholarship Recipient. In 2016, he was featured by the Straits time Scholars' Choice and was in 2019, was a Panellist of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth Singapore Youth Action Plan.</p> <p>He graduated with Masters in Orchestral Conducting at the China Conservatory of Music, under the tutelage of Professor Yang You Qing, with the guidance of Maestro Tsung Yeh. He had earlier graduated from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) in 2007 with a Diploma in Music, majoring in Suona Performance. After his graduation, he received guidance in conducting from Singapore's renowned Chinese music educator, Singapore Cultural Medallion Dr. Tay Teow Kiat.</p> <p>In 2016-2017, Wong served as the conducting fellowship with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra. In 2016, he guest conducted and staged his conducting recital with the China Conservatory of Music Middle School Youth Chinese Orchestra. In 2018 he was invited to be the adjudicator of the Singapore National Chinese Music Competition and in 2019, guest conducted the China Sze Chuan Tian Zi Ensemble and the Suzhou Symphony Orchestra String Ensemble.</p> <p>In more recent years, he has been actively performing and representing Singapore in many international arts festivals, in countries such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, London, Wales, Canada, Australia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Cambodia. With his keen interest in traditional Chinese music, he has received the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Arts and Cultural Bursary twice, in the years 2004 and 2006. He currently serves as an executive member of the Singapore Chinese Music Federation, Vice President of the Suona and Guan Society of Singapore and the Ensemble Director of the School of the Arts Chinese Chamber Ensemble.</p>



Boon Hui Lu, Singer

Boon started her career as a child actress. She won the Star Awards for Young Talent for her role in the television drama Rhapsody in Blue in 2006. In 2012, she represented Singapore in the popular Taiwanese reality TV singing competition Million Star. She also participated in the Channel 5 reality TV singing competition The Final 1 (2013) and was among the top 40 finalists.

Since she started writing songs in 2014, she has won awards at songwriting competitions such as National Environment Agency's Eco Music Challenge and the national talent competition Impresario. In June 2016, she took part in the Workplace Safety and Health Council's songwriting competition and was picked as one of the three finalists with her song titled Safety. Your Word, Your Life.

In 2016, her compositions "Every day is a Miracle" and "Your Body Speaks" were featured on Taiwanese singer Hebe Tien's album, Day by Day. In April 2016, she signed on with Taiwanese record label HIM International Music. She starred in the Crescendo The Musical, which was performed at the Kallang Theatre, in December 2016. In 2017, Boon participated in 'Taiwan Hopestar' s talent show. Boon released her first album on 4 January 2019, Honestly Me. In 2019, Boon performed live in Singapore & Boon also won the Media's Recommended Female Songwriter of the year at the 2019 Global Chinese Golden Chart Awards.

In 2022, Boon released her 2nd album [RESET].




Wong Wai Kit, Ruan

Wong Wai Kit brought his skills on the ruan to Ding Yi Music Company in 2023. He is also a guest ruan musician with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra and the Chinese Chamber Music Ensemble and is affiliated with the Ruanxian Association of Singapore.

He began playing the zhongruan at the age of six, and was taught by respected musicians Ding Xiao Yan, Fu Yingying and Han Ying. He has also received tutelage from renowned ruan musician Feng Man Tian, Dilin from Central Conservatory of Music and musician and composer, Lin Ji Liang.

Wong won first place in the open category for zhongruan in the 2016 National Chinese Music Competition organised by the National Arts Council. In 2017, he clinched second prize in the Nanyang International Chinese Music Competition in the youth high school open category.

	<p>He graduated with Second Upper Class Honours in Music Performance from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) and the Royal College of Music in 2021. While in NAFA, he also studied orchestration and arrangements under the guidance of Dr Zechariah Goh and Americ Goh and studied conducting under Joost Flach and accomplished maestro Lim Yau.</p> <p>He is currently pursuing a master's degree in ruan performance and research on a scholarship awarded by the China Conservatory of Music, under the tutelage of renowned ruan musician Professor Wei Wei.</p>
	<p>Chen Ning, Huqin</p> <p>Chen Ning joined Ding Yi Music Company as a part-time musician before transitioning to a full-time position in 2022, excited by the prospect of exploring a diverse range of musical repertoires and learning from more experienced colleagues.</p> <p>She started learning the erhu at the tender age of 10, under the tutelage of Xu Wenjing. Her keen interest in the instrument led her to join the Chinese orchestras in Nanyang Primary School and, subsequently, Nanyang Girls' High School, where she was appointed sectional leader and concertmaster.</p> <p>Chen holds a Diploma in Erhu Performance awarded by Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) and the Central Conservatory of Music, as well as a Bachelor of Music (Honours) from NAFA.</p> <p>She has performed with various ensembles and orchestras over the years, including the Toa Payoh West Community Club Chinese Orchestra and the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra, where she was the Zhonghu Sectional Leader until 2023.</p> <p>Chen also has a professional-level DipABRSM in piano performance and is currently pursuing her LRSM in advanced performance and teaching.</p>



Chan Sze Tung, Ruan

Chan graduated from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and majored in ruan and liuqin under renowned yueqin and zhongruan performer, Professor Lui Kwanon. She has since earned her Diploma in Performing Arts (Music), Bachelor's Degree in Music (Honours) and a Master of Music Degree. She started learning zhongruan at the Music Office since 2001, where she was coached by Zhang Yanru and Fong Ka-po, and later being coached by Lui Kwan-on. During her study, she obtained several awards in the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival, and she has been awarded scholarships for her excellent academic performance, such as the EXCEL Earning Scholarship, the Musicus Society Trey Lee Scholarships, amongst others. In 2011, she and her friends formed 4x4 Plucked, which was selected as the 2011 RTHK "Young Music Makers" and participated in the recording of radio and television programme and performances. She is now the Resident Musician at the Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble, a part-time instructor and a part-time performer at Music Office and an instrumental tutor at different schools and organisations.



Chan Kai Him, Huqin

Chan Kai-him is a young huqin artist born and raised in Hong Kong. He obtained a Bachelor of Music degree with First Class Honours from the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) in 2016, with a double major in erhu and gaohu under the tutelages of Wong On-yuen and Yu Qiwei. He also benefitted from the coaching of many virtuosos such as Xiao Baiyong, Liu Yang, Jiang Cairu, Tian Zaili and Xue Ke. In 2018, he further obtained a Master of Music degree with distinction from the HKAPA, majoring in gaohu under the tutelage of Yu Qiwei. He is now a visiting student at the HKAPA majoring in Chinese conducting with Chew Hee-chiat. Chan received several scholarships for his outstanding performance, including the HSBC HKAPA China Study Programme Scholarship (2013-15), the SAPA Scholarship (2014-15), Dr George and Maisie Choa Charitable Foundation Scholarship (2014), Spring-Time Stage Productions Scholarship (2015) and Cecil Leung Scholarship (2016).

In 2015, Chan was selected as one of the "Young Music Makers" by RTHK. In the same year, he won a silver prize in the Youth Professionals Group of the International Youth Erhu Competition (Hong Kong). He is currently the Concertmaster of the Windpipe Chinese Music Ensemble and was a freelance musician of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra and the Macau Chinese Orchestra. He also represented the HKAPA and several music institutions to go on tours for artistic exchanges and performances in Belgium, the

	Netherlands, Austria, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Mainland China, amongst many other countries.
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Ding Yi Music Company Information and Materials

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