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Ding Yi Music Company Welcomes Renowned Chinese Erhu Virtuoso Li Cangxiao as Its First Visiting Artist

Singapore, 8 July 2025 – Ding Yi Music Company is proud to announce its first-ever Visiting Artist, acclaimed young Chinese erhu performer, Associate Professor at the Sichuan Conservatory of Music and Visiting Scholar at Peking Universty, Dr. Li Cangxiao. She will be in Singapore from 8 July to 24 August 2024 for a seven-week residency, engaging in in-depth artistic exchange and collaboration.

As Visiting Artist, Li Cangxiao will work closely with the ensemble during rehearsals, guiding and elevating Ding Yi's performance techniques and musical interpretation. Through masterclasses with the musicians, she will also share her insights on erhu performance and innovative approaches to traditional music. She will appear in two upcoming Ding Yi concerts: "The River Remembers", a concert commemorating Singapore's 60th year of independence, where she will serve as co-concertmaster; and "Resonance", the opening concert of the Singapore Chinese Music Festival, where she will perform as erhu soloist in "Kangding Reverie", a chamber work for erhu and Chinese ensemble by young Chinese composer Liu Yuwei.



Dr. Li Cangxiao studied under renowned erhu maestro Professor Yu Hongmei and completed her undergraduate, master's, and doctoral studies at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, becoming China's first full-time PhD graduate in erhu performance. Upon earning her doctorate at age

29, she was recruited by the Sichuan Conservatory of Music, becoming the youngest associate professor and master's supervisor in the field.

She currently serves as erhu instructor at the Central Conservatory of Music's Distance Education College and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism's Talent Centre. She is also a member of the Beijing Modern Chamber Ensemble and a Resident Artist of the Chengdu City Concert Hall. She was formerly concertmaster of the Central Conservatory's Chinese Chamber Orchestra and a faculty member at Bard College (USA).

Her accolades include three wins at the China Golden Bell Awards for Music, the highest performance prize (solo and ensemble) at the Wenhua Arts Academy Awards for arts institutions, and the Ministry of Education's title of Outstanding Innovative Talent (BOB).

Li has performed extensively across the globe, holding nearly 20 solo recitals and lectures in cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, and New York. She has premiered over 50 works, many of which have received prestigious national and international awards. She has also been invited to major international arts festivals such as the Leipzig International Festival in Germany, the Mid-Autumn Festival Gala in Morocco, and the Costa Rica International Music Festival. Her tours have brought her to more than 20 countries and regions across Europe, the Americas, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Greater China, where her exceptional artistry has earned widespread acclaim.



Dr. Li Cangxiao coaching Ding Yi Music Company in rehearsal

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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