

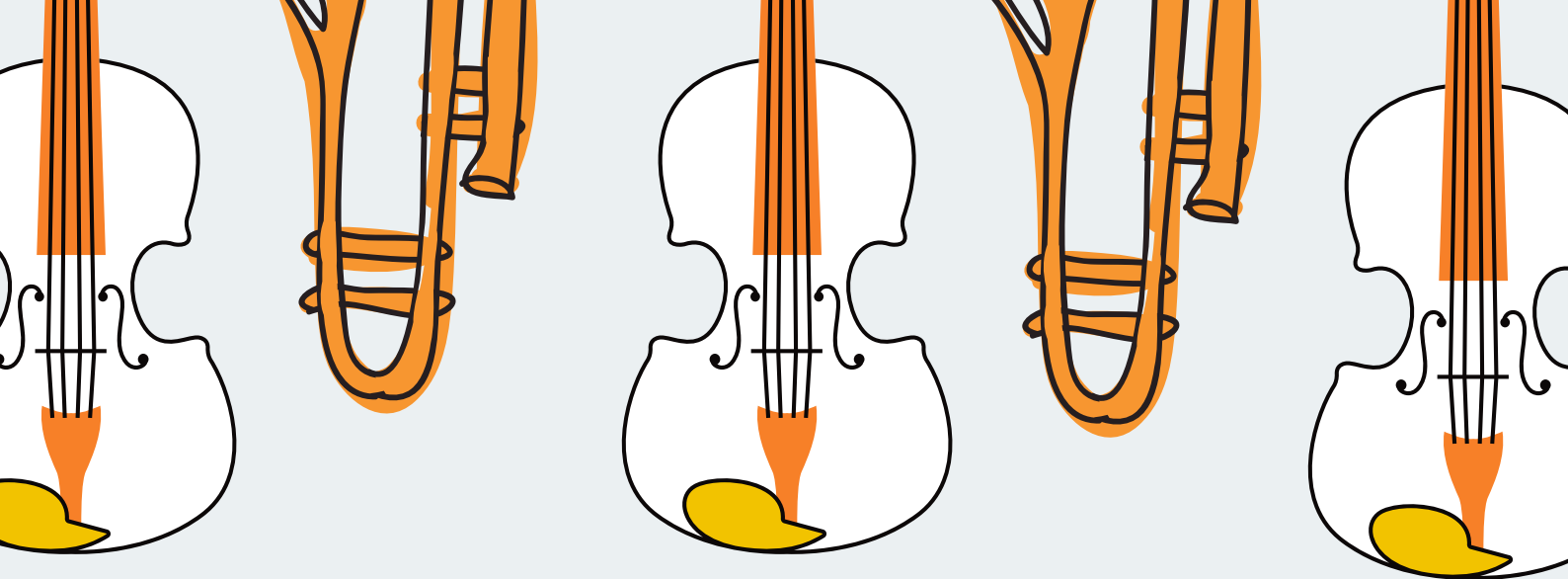
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singapore's orchestra for young children

SEEDS OF SYMPHONY

4 Jan 2026

430pm

Esplanade Recital Studio



Programme

Edvard Grieg - Holberg Suite, Op. 40, I. Praeludium
KPO String Virtuosi - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

David Popper - Tarantella, Op. 33
Madeline Grace Sim, KPO Virtuosi - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

Max Bruch - Double Concerto in E minor, Op. 88, I. Allegro moderato
Jesper Tai & Chang Zi Yi, KPO Virtuosi - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart - Piano Concerto No. 21, K.467, II. Andante
Jovienne Lu, KPO Virtuosi - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

Intermission

Antonio Vivaldi - Concerto for Two Violins in A minor, RV 522, I. Allegro
Isaac Ooi & Azriel Chai, KPO Haydn Orchestra - Conductor: Amanda Kye Tan

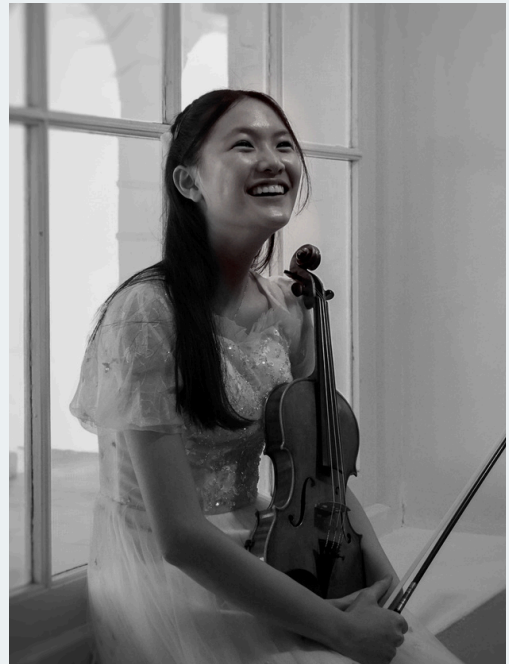
Gioachino Rossini - String Sonata No. 1 in G major
KPO Chamber Orchestra - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

Henri Vieuxtemps - Violin Concerto No. 5 in A minor, Op. 37
Siew Xuan Ying, KPO Youth Orchestra - Conductor: Koh Kai Jie

Performers

Siew Xuan Ying (born 2008) is a Singaporean violinist whose musical journey began at the age of two. Her earliest encounter with the violin took place in a group performance, where she first explored the instrument through its open strings. This early exposure quickly developed into a deep and lasting passion for music, laying the foundation for her continued artistic growth.

At the age of four, Xuan Ying gave her first solo performance, presenting Tchaikovsky's Neapolitan Song at The Republic Cultural Centre (TRCC) in 2012. Her early promise quickly led to further opportunities. In 2013, she was selected as one of the featured young artists in Symphony 92.4FM's Young Talents Project, culminating in a performance of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A minor at the Gala Concert held at the MediaCorp TV Theatre.



Xuan Ying has since appeared in numerous concerts and music festivals across Singapore. In 2015, she performed François Schubert's Bagatelles, Op. 13 No. 9 "L'abeille" at the Esplanade Recital Studio as part of the Masterclass Series with Professor Zhang Manqin. She later participated in the Young Musicians Festival at Library@Esplanade in 2017, performing Sarasate's Introduction and Tarantella, Op. 43.

In June 2019, Xuan Ying attained the Music Performance Diploma (ATCL) from Trinity College London. She is a multi-time prizewinner at international music competitions and festivals, including the Vienna Virtuoso Festival International Music Competition and the Singapore Raffles International Music Festival, where she has received top prizes and outstanding performance awards across multiple categories.

At the age of fourteen, Xuan Ying was admitted into the Young Artist Program at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore. She was subsequently admitted into the Conservatory's Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree programme at the age of sixteen, and is currently pursuing her undergraduate studies under Associate Professor Zuo Jun, Head of Violin Studies. In June 2025, she appeared as a soloist with the Janáček Philharmonic Orchestra and the Danube Symphony Orchestra alongside KidsPhilharmonic@sg.

Xuan Ying has further refined her artistry through masterclasses with distinguished violinists, including multiple sessions with Professor Dora Schwarzberg in Vienna. With a strong artistic voice and growing passion for music, she continues to shape her identity as a performer, bringing both technical assurance and expressive depth to the stage.

Performers



Chang Zi Yi (b.2008) is a 17 year old violist from Singapore. She started playing the violin at 3, and viola at 9. She was accepted to School of the Arts Singapore at 13, and is currently pursuing a diploma in Music Performance (Viola) at Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. Currently she is studying viola performance under Marietta Ku, a member of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Apart from solo performances, Zi Yi enjoys playing in chambers and is also a member of various ensembles. She has been a member of the Singapore National Youth Orchestra since 2022, played in a quartet with Singapore Symphony Orchestra members, and performed with ReSound. Zi Yi has also participated in numerous music festivals, both locally and overseas, and attended masterclasses with Mr Nikita Pogrebnoy, Professor Kirsten Doctor and Professor Yi-Fang Huang



Jesper Tai (b. 2008) is a violinist recognised for his versatility and leadership. He is a multiple prize-winner at the Singapore Raffles Music Festival in both solo and chamber categories and received Platinum Prize and Best Concerto Award at the 2024 Global Genius International Music Competition. Jesper is a member of the Singapore National Youth Orchestra and has performed with many orchestras in Singapore, including the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. He has previously served as concertmaster of the Singapore National Youth Orchestra and guest concertmaster of the Last-Minute Artist Orchestra. He is currently concertmaster of the NYP Symphony Orchestra under Music Director Dr Leonard Tan. Jesper is also the second violinist of the recognised Bencoolen Quartet. He studies with accomplished violinist and chamber musician Matthias Oestinger.



Born in Singapore in November 2018, Jovienne Jiuyu Lu is a young pianist and emerging composer. She currently studies piano with Professors Pan Yiming and Ying Shizhen, and studies music composition with Professor Karst de Jong. She began formal piano lessons at the age of three with Ms. Sylvia Ng, achieving ABRSM Music Theory Grade 5 (Distinction) at four and ABRSM Piano Performance Grade 8 at five. A frequent participant and prize-winner in both international and local competitions, Jovienne has performed at venues including the Musikverein in Vienna and the Esplanade in Singapore, where she premiered one of her original works. In addition to formal concerts, she performs regularly at recitals, music salons, and charity events, presenting classical repertoire as well as her own compositions. Jovienne has been a full-time student at Tanglin Trust School since the age of three.

KPO String Virtuosi

Violin I

Alpheus Tan
Andy Chao
Athena Zhou
Emmy Nguyen
Kieran Wee
Lizzy Gao
Zeldyr Tan

Violin II

Tara Nadyne
Chan Ying Ting
Hailey Yam
Richard Zhu
Valerie Ta
Zann Lee

Viola

Kuah Ying Ching^
Ethan Ong^

Cello

Madeline Grace Sim
Ina Ng
Hou Jiayi^
Judy Tsai*

Double Bass

Lee Siyuan*
Ian Ng



Madeline Grace Sim, 7yo



Isaac Ooi, 7yo



Azriel Chai, 10yo



Arissa Yap, Emcee



Jarrell Quah, Emcee

KPO Haydn Orchestra

Violin I

Alicia Low
Alina Low
Azriel Chai
Emma Han
Isaac Ooi
Zach Ang

Violin II

Annarosa Vespasiani
Ben Chan
Lucas Lai
Priscilla Lim
Zoe Tan

Cello

Elijah Han
Lola Tan

^Guest Musician
*Instructor

KPO Chamber Orchestra

Violin I

Arisa Yap
Candice Zhang
Claire Tanatchanok
Jarrell Quah
Kirsten Lee
Kong Weihua
Laurent Lim
Leia Lim
Stanley Lu
Will Chen

Violin II

Beth Chan
Cheryl Lim
Daphne How
Dominic Wee
Harry Ni
Lauren Lu
Ng Hui En
Raymond Zhang

Cello

Jude Isaac Tay
Phoebe How
Xavier James Thean
Zoey Alexandra Lim

KPO Youth Orchestra

Violin I

Alpheus Tan
Andy Chao
Athena Zhou
Chang Yuwei
Chen Naixuan
Emmy Nguyen
Kieran Wee
Lizzy Gao
Noah Pedersen
Sarah-Anne Chan
Zeldyr Tan

Violin II

Tara Nadyne
Chan Ying Ting
Hailey Yam
Koen Chua
Lim Li Xin
Reyen Fann
Richard Zhu
Valerie Ta
Zann Lee

Viola

Annamaria Vespasiani
Hugo Zhang
Chang Zi Yi^
Ethan Ong^
Kuah Ying Ching^

Cello

Madeline Grace Sim
Ayden Heung
Joshua Natanel Tsai
Koh Ri Kyi
Liang Chen Meng
Ina Ng
Hou Jiayi^
Judy Tsai*

Double Bass

Lee Siyuan*
Ian Ng

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KPO Winds

Flute

Ryan Cheu
Beh Kang Zhi

Trumpet

Chua Jia Le
Chua Hui Hong

Oboe

Hugues Malphettes
Muhammad Nur

Horn

Khalisma Khamis
Kennzo Loke Jon

Clarinet

Ho Swee Tze
Rohidh S

Percussion

Triston Foo

Bassoon

Ang Jun En
Li Ruidan

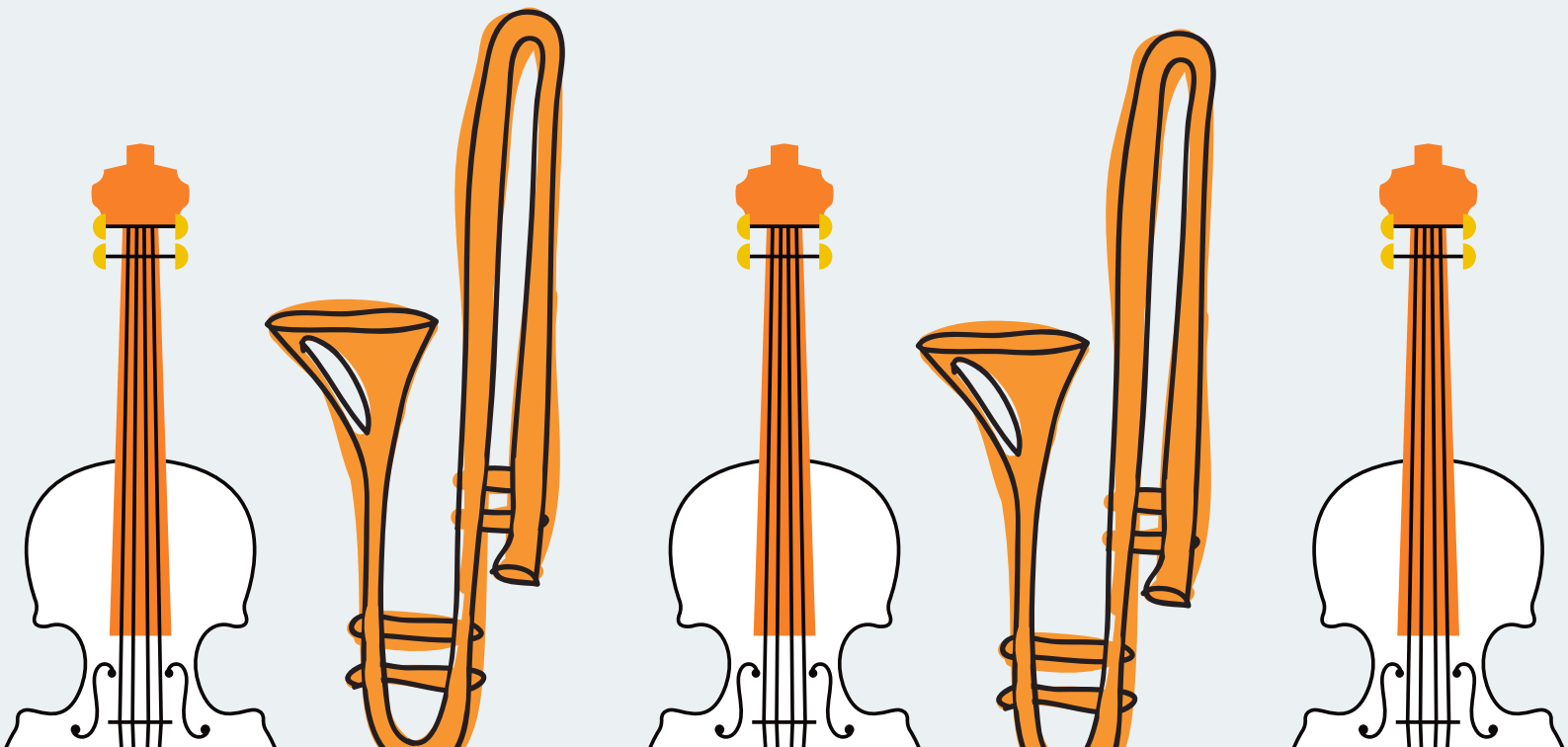
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