

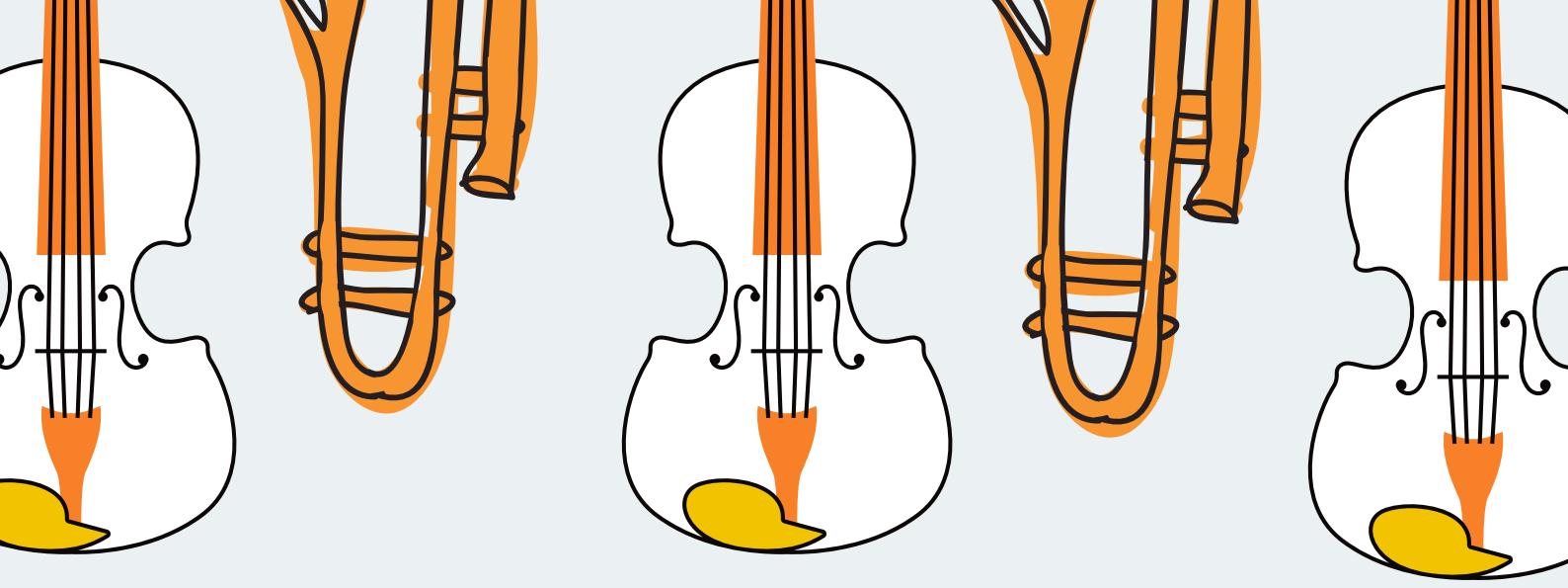
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# SEEDS OF SYMPHONY

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.

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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 Oestringer.



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

### *Cello*

Madeline Grace Sim  
Ina Ng  
Hou Jiayi^  
Judy Tsai\*

### *Double Bass*

Lee Siyuan\*  
Ian Ng

### *Viola*

Kuah Ying Ching^  
Ethan Ong^



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*

Arissa 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

<sup>^</sup>Guest Musician

<sup>\*</sup>Instructor

## 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

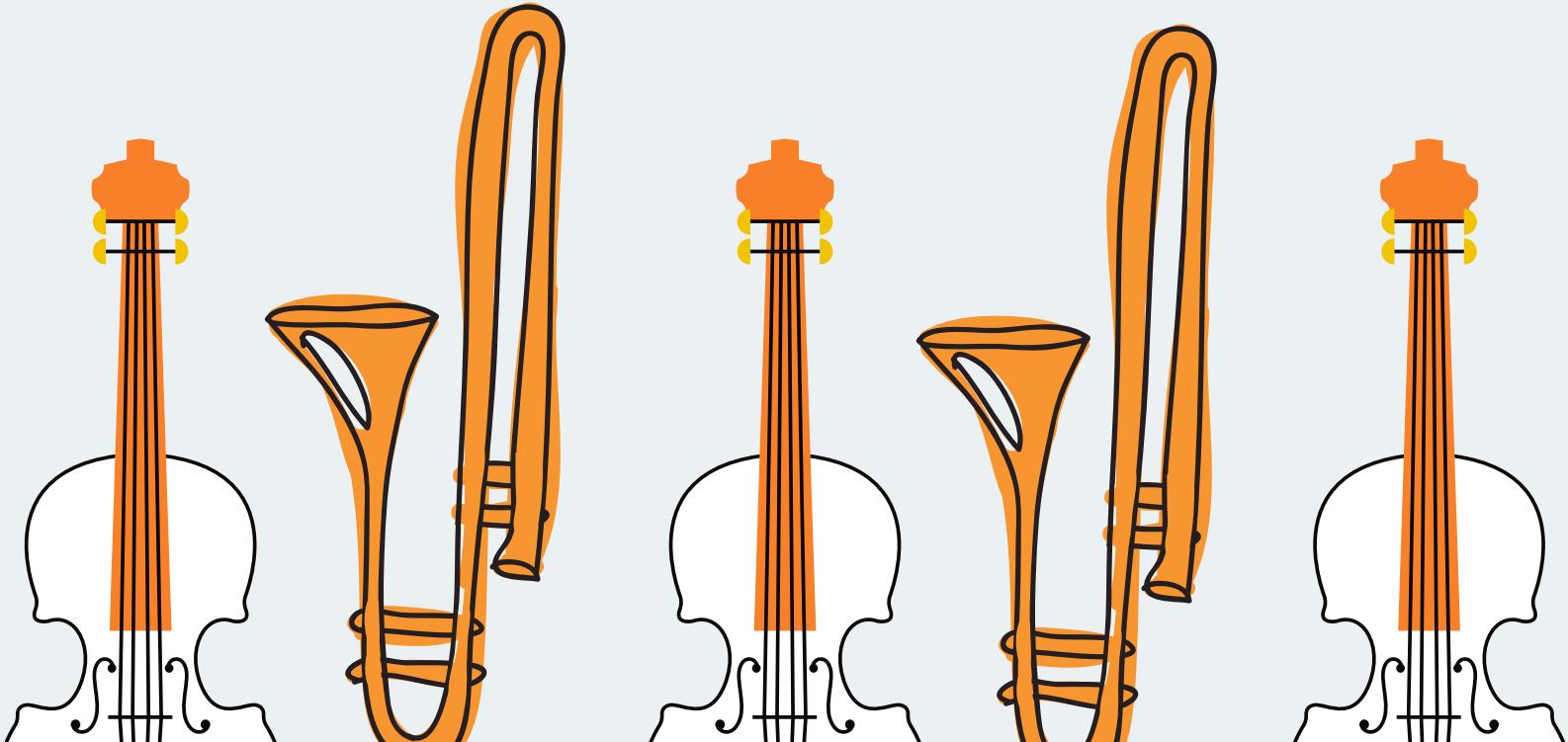
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