

Immediate release

A Festive Rhapsody with a Twist!

In collaboration with China Cultural Centre, the annual festive rhapsody series returns after a year hiatus with local singer and songwriter Nathan Hartono

Singapore, 29 Jan 2021 – 2020 concludes a special year as Ding Yi Music Company brings back your favourite celebratory concert – Happy Chinese New Year Concert 2021, happening on 27 Feb 2020 (Sat), 3.30pm and 7.30pm at the China Cultural Centre Theatre. As we bid farewell to the year 2020 and welcome the new year afresh, Ding Yi presents festive tunes to bring blessings to the audience in the new normal.



Conductor Wong De Li, Dedric (left) and singer Nathan Hartono

Ushering in a new year of the Ox, this concert presents traditional festive melodies in modern and youthful interpretations, producing a unique music experience to share positivity, love and our special appreciation to our audiences who accompanied us during the challenging times. This showcase features local singer and songwriter Nathan Hartono's first collaboration with Chinese chamber music, along with two of the ensemble's young and talented female musicians, Chia Wan Hua (*erhu*) and Tan Jie Qing (*yangqin*). The dynamic line-up will perform a musical array of a different Chinese New Year classics.

Ding Yi composer-in-residence Phang Kok Jun, *Eternal Shanghai Divas* by young composer Sulwyn Lok and a special surprise item by Nathan Hartono.



Huqin musician Chia Wan Hua (left) and *yangqin* musician Tan Jie Qing (right)

Young composers give their take on their reinterpretations of Chinese classic tunes, taking Chinese chamber music to the jazz, pop, contemporary and even rock genre. The lunar new year often includes a special "lohei" tradition, as we continue to stay safe in our celebrations, why not watch a concert with a special commission piece on "lohei"? It will be an aural celebration of tossing yusheng!

About Ding Yi Music Company

“Best known for putting contemporary spin on classic chamber orchestra music alongside more traditional performance” – The Straits Times

Established in 2007, Ding Yi’s mission is to advocate and promote its unique Singaporean identity and sound – Ding Yi Chinese chamber music by producing iconic programmes locally and overseas, proudly flying our Singapore flag high, leaving footprints in many important international music festivals. Ding Yi is also a proud recipient of the third Chinese Cultural Contribution Award in 2019 and NAC Major Company Scheme since 2016. For more information, please visit www.dingyimusic.com.

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FAST FACTS

Happy Chinese New Year Concert 2021

《欢乐春节 – 新春音乐会 2021》

27 Feb 2021, Sat

3.30pm & 7.30pm

China Cultural Centre Theatre (Level 4)

Ticketing agent: SISTIC

Standard price: \$28

SISTIC Ticketing:	https://www.sistic.com.sg/events/happy0221
Ding Yi Website:	https://www.dingyimusic.com
Ding Yi Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Youtube):	@dingyimusic

Images and other information can be downloaded through these links for media use

1. Ding Yi logo
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wt5pyjd3psnej5q/AABAtPr25TnavlJzrQ1UBt2Qa?dl=0>
2. Ding Yi group photo(s)
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/nqt5fw6tqnskjy/AACfLI2wTRUEvwqbOSulGRxna?dl=0>
3. Ding Yi Bio
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/0kxyjtcn9ipmvmw/AABiOIAITj_IaiDi8UnwtNV9a?dl=0
4. Conductor photo(s) and Bio: Wong De Li, Detric
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Wong De Li, Detric – Assistant Conductor



Wong De Li, Detric is Assistant Conductor of Ding Yi Music Company, leading Ding Yi's exploration in infusing new forms and genres in Chinese chamber music. Wong holds a Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting from the China Conservatory of Music (Beijing), under the tutelage of renowned Professor Yang Youqing, and guidance from Tsung Yeh, Music Director of Singapore Chinese Orchestra.

Wong is a recipient of the National Arts Council Arts Scholarship, and a two-time recipient of the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Arts and Cultural Bursary. In 2013, he was selected to participate in the Conducting Masterclass, led by conducting maestros Professor Zhang Guoyong and Qu Chunquan, organised by the Taipei Chinese Orchestra. He staged his conducting recital with the China Conservatory of Music Middle School Youth Chinese Orchestra with conductor Gu Guanren in 2016, and currently holds the title of Conductor at the Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra. In 2019, Wong was appointed as one of the panel members for the five-year

SG Youth Action Plan. In 2020, he was appointed as the Principal Guest Conductor of the Chengdu *Tianziguoyue*.

Wong's role in Ding Yi has fulfilled his teenage aspirations of being a conductor, which he was inspired by Singapore Cultural Medallion recipient Dr Tay Teow Kiat. and he aspires to bringing Ding Yi to new heights of artistic excellence with a uniquely Singaporean direction.

More info: <https://www.dingyimusic.com/conductor>

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Alongside with soloists, Chia Wan Hua and Tan Jie Qing, the concert is conducted by Ding Yi assistant conductor Wong De Li, Dedric. Embrace and celebrate this new year in a safe and festive mood!

1hr 10min (no intermission)

PHANG KOK JUN 冯国峻

Liangxiao Jazz Ballad 《爵士良宵》^

SULWYN LOK 骆思卫

Eternal Shanghai Divas 《永恒时代曲歌后之《璇光莉兰》》*^

arr. EDMUND SONG 宋俊杰 编曲

The Longest Movie 《最长的电影》*

LAW KIN PONG 羅健邦

Another Plum Blossom 《梅花新弄》*

*Commissioned by Ding Yi Music Company 鼎艺团委约

^World Premiere 世界首演

Wong De Li, Dedric, conductor | 黄德励, 指挥

Nathan Hartono, singer-songwriter | 向洋, 创作歌手

Chia Wan Hua, *erhu* | 谢宛桦, 二胡

Tan Jie Qing, *yangqin* | 陈洁卿, 扬琴