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Ding Yi Pays Tribute to Our Supporters in our First Live Ticketed Concert of the Year

Singapore, 4 Nov 2020 – Live and ready, Ding Yi Music Company (鼎艺团) returns with our first live concert of the year. Since the cancellation of our opening festive concert in February 2020, Ding Yi has been presenting digital content for everyone, ranging from our #dingyiwithyou initiative, educational programmes to a special concert on Teresa Teng for seniors.

Together We Stand, Live Again! 《鼎力相助·济济在艺堂!》 will be presented in the Black Box at Stamford Arts Centre, on 15 Nov 2020 (Sun), with two shows at 2pm and 5pm. The concert will be conducted by both Ding Yi Principal Conductor and Assistant Conductor, Mr Quek Ling Kiong (郭勇德) and Mr Wong De Li, Dedric (黄德励).



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Our promise to our supporters to return to the concert hall live will be realised after a long nine months without live performances due to the pandemic. This concert is a momentous event for us to put our supporters, donors, and audiences as our priority. They will have a chance to vote for their Chinese chamber music that they missed hearing live, and we will play it live! (Link: <https://bit.ly/35XWezg>) Other repertoire will include lively and upbeat songs to celebrate this safe resumption of live performances.

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

Together We Stand, Live Again!

《鼎力相助·济济在艺堂!》

15 Nov 2020, Sun 2020 年 11 月 15 日

2pm & 5pm

Stamford Arts Centre, Black Box (Level Two)

Ticketing agent: PEATIX

Standard price: \$30

PEATIX Ticketing:	https://bit.ly/2TQSF8s
Music Voting:	https://bit.ly/35XWezg
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/AABiOlAITj_IaiDi8UnwtNV9a?dl=0

4. Conductor photo(s) and Bio: Quek Ling Kiong

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8rqla1bftqj2m42/AADhChK_qoCPnLNxEs_fEnXla?dl=0

5. Conductor photo(s) and Bio: Wong De Li, Dedric

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r4payoi95j74u20/AADwqVsK7ZWtKKyi-VOcsGvUa?dl=0>

6. Concert Posters

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/54hiofw2g8g3e5i/AADKE9QpAxJ1q8ndefGYa4INa?dl=0>

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ARTISTS BIOGRAPHIES

Ding Yi Music Company

Who We Are

Traditional Chinese music alludes to something outside itself... a story, a great literary work, a poem, a painting or even an emotion or aspect of nature. To us, composing, interpreting and performing Chinese chamber music transports us to realms—from the historic to the contemporary and avant-garde, from places exotic and familiar, from the sensual to the surreal.

At Ding Yi, it is not only about the sounds we make, but also the journeys we take. Each piece is carefully crafted to transport us, and you along with us, from the cloistered chambers of an imperial age to the expansive imaginations of our modern collective soul, to touch, entertain, understand, unite and inspire.

And it is this passion and formula that have won us the accolades and support of patrons, arts institutions, and chamber music fans across Asia. The journey starts with us, but continues with you. Won't you join us as we continue to explore and create a unique sound for Singapore?



Our accolades:

- 2019,2016: National Arts Council Major Company Scheme Recipient
- 2019: Third Singapore Chinese Cultural Contribution Award (Organisation) Recipient
- 2013: National Arts Council Major Grant Recipient
- 2011: National Arts Council Seed Grant Recipient
- 2011: Silver Award at the 28th Shanghai Spring International Music Festival
- 2009: Champion at the prestigious Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod held in Wales, United Kingdom
- 2008: First Prize at the Singapore National Arts Council Chinese Music Competition



Known as the “People's Conductor”, Quek Ling Kiong is the Principal Conductor of Ding Yi Music Company, establishing the ensemble as a trailblazer in pushing the boundaries of Chinese chamber music. His core Chinese music training at the Shanghai Music Conservatory, China, and later his Western music training at the Zurich University for Arts, Switzerland, inspires him to create many profound intercultural music productions that resonate across communities. His charismatic conducting style and innovative music programming have made him an influential leader in promoting Chinese music. Of note are the two Ding Yi Music Company's iconic programs - the triennial Ding Yi Chinese Chamber Music festival and Ding Yi 's international competition and symposium for Chinese chamber music works - Composium. He is also

famous for his children's educational shows internationally. Quek is a recipient of the Singapore National Arts Council's Young Artist Award (2002); the Cultural Fellowship (2013), COMPASS Singapore's Meritorious Award (2016), and featured as one of iconic personality by Singapore Lianhe Zaobao in 2018. In 2019, Singapore Management University (SMU) established “Quek Ling Kiong Arts and Cultural Scholarship” to inspire and support undergrads to venture into management especially for traditional arts. As a guest conductor, Quek has worked with many international orchestras. In China, he worked with Shanghai Chinese Orchestra, Guangdong Chinese Orchestra, Jilin Chinese Orchestra and more. He has also conducted the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra and Macau Chinese Orchestra, and performed with the Taiwan Kaohsiung Chinese Orchestra. Quek is currently the Resident Conductor of Singapore Chinese Orchestra and Music Director of Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra. In his free time, he conducts SMU's Chinese Orchestra and lead as their Music Director. His strong beliefs in breaking down barriers for the special needs community with music lead him to be the Artistic Director and Conductor of Singapore and Hong Kong's largest inclusive orchestras - The Purple Symphony and True Colours Symphony.

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>

ABOUT THE CONCERT

Together We Stand, Live Again!

《鼎力相助·济济在艺堂》

15 Nov 2020, Sun

2pm & 5pm

Stamford Arts Centre, Black Box (Level Two)

Apart for 11 months, Ding Yi Music Company invites you to accompany us in our return to the stage as we host our first live concert of the year, Together We Stand, Live Again! Relive the electrifying atmosphere in the concert hall of a live performance, and allow us to once again connect with you at a close but safe proximity through our music. Vote for your favourite Chinese chamber music works that you've missed hearing live, and we will play it live for you!

Music connects people, as we come together as one in this new normal, let us jointly create a uniquely immersive concert experience and cherished memories together. Together, we stand!

VOTE FOR THE MUSIC YOU WANT TO HEAR LIVE!

Click here to vote!

<https://bit.ly/35XWezg>

1hr (no intermission)

Quek Ling Kiong, principal conductor
Wong De Li, Detric, assistant conductor

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