

Immediate release

Sharing the love this Valentine's day to battle the coronavirus

Ding Yi Music Company presents its first digital concert, Together We Stay 《鼎力相助 艺起加油》 featuring local celebrities Joanna Dong, Wang Lei, Liu Ling Ling and many others.

Singapore, 11 Feb 2020 – Ding Yi Music Company's *Happy Chinese New Year Concert 2020* 《欢乐春节 - 新春音乐会 2020》 originally scheduled on 8 Feb 2020 was cancelled in view of the on-going novel coronavirus situation and the heightened Disease Outbreak Response System Condition (DORSCON) .

Ding Yi remains committed to delivering quality music amidst trying times that the world and Singapore is currently facing. Through this digital concert, Ding Yi hopes to spread love, encouragement and positivity to the society at large. Many celebrities and friends of Ding Yi have readily indicated their participation in this meaningful initiative.



**From Left: Principal Conductor Quek Ling Kiong, Ding Yi Music Company, Assistant Conductor Wong De Li, Detric*

"We have seen much unrest and negativity arising from various news sources since the onset of the novel coronavirus situation. As a local arts company, we hope to do our part in spreading warmth and positivity through what we do best." said Elvia Goh, General Manager of Ding Yi.

Together We Stay 《鼎力相助 艺起加油》 will be launched on 14 Feb 2020 (Fri), 7.30pm on Ding Yi's Facebook page (@dingyimusic). It will be conducted by Ding Yi Principal Conductor Quek Ling Kiong (郭勇德) and Ding Yi Assistant Conductor Wong De Li, Detric (黄德励) featuring local celebrities like Joanna Dong (董姿彦), Wang Lei (王雷), Liu Ling Ling (刘玲玲) and more.



Featured artists of the concert

**From Left: Joanna Dong, Wang Lei, Liu Ling Ling, Jiaming 88.3JIA DJ and Tay Kexin*

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 Stay 《鼎力相助 艺起加油》

14 Feb 2020, Fri

7.00pm

Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/dingyimusic/>)

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/AACfLl2wTRUEvwqbOSulGRxna?dl=0>

3. Ding Yi Bio

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

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/8rqla1bftqi2m42/AADhChK_qoCPnLNxEs_fEnXla?dl=0

5. Conductor photo(s): Wong De Li, Dedic

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

6. Artists photo(s) and Bio

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ANNEX II

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

Quek Ling Kiong – Principal Conductor



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 aspired to be a conductor in his teen years, and his interest was ignited again by the renowned Chinese music educator and Singapore Cultural Medallion recipient Dr Tay Teow Kiat. With his master's degree in orchestral conducting at the China Conservatory of Music in Beijing, under the tutelage of renowned Professor Yang Youqing and guidance from conducting maestro and Music Director of Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) Tsung Yeh, he aims to push Ding Yi up to new heights of artistic excellence and to develop a unique Singaporean musical direction.

In 2013, Wong was selected to participate in the Conducting Masterclass by renowned conducting maestros Prof Zhang Guoyong and Qu Chunquan, organised by the Taipei Chinese Orchestra. While in 2015, he was again selected to attend the Conducting Workshop

by Tsung Yeh, organised by SCO.

As a 2014 National Arts Council (NAC) Arts Scholarship recipient and a two-time recipient of the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Arts and Cultural Bursary in 2004 and 2006, he has performed in many countries such as China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Cambodia.

In 2016, Wong staged his conducting recital with the China Conservatory of Music Middle School Youth Chinese Orchestra with reputable conductor Gu Guanren. In the same year, he assumed the conductor role for the Cultural Symphony Orchestra and was also featured as an outstanding NAC scholar in the 2016 *Straits Times Scholars Choice*.

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

Joanna Dong – Guest vocalist

A familiar face in Singapore's entertainment scene, Joanna is a bilingual multi-hyphenate who sings, acts and hosts. Primarily a jazz vocalist, Joanna—the first artiste signed to Singapore label, Red Roof Records—is passionate about sharing her love for the genre with Mandarin-speaking audiences.

A Mandarin Jazz artiste, Joanna's creative musical dabbling has seen her rearranging Hokkien songs into contemporary jazz styles with the Peace Kopitiam Jazz Band (2012–2014). She has also cheekily reworked dirty lyrics into Christmas ditties with alternative Christmas band, Naughty "Noor" Nice (2010–2015). In 2015, Joanna collaborated with fellow Singapore Idol alum, Sezairi Sezali, on the first Mandarin and Malay pop track, 'Starlight', for Sing, Love, a SG50 musical project by Red Roof Records. In July 2016, Joanna released '独当一面' with the label.

Apart from singing, Joanna has also performed in various theatre productions, such as 'Liao Zhai Rocks!' in 2016. In 2007, she landed the principal role of Rose in 'If There're Seasons...', a musical based on the music of Xinyao pioneer, Liang Wen Fook, and won Best Supporting Actress in the ST Life! Theatre Awards for her performance.

Joanna's pursuit of growth has proven to be rewarding. Joanna has hosted various popular Channel U infotainment programmes, such as 'Homeward Bound', 'Life Extraordinaire', and 'Unique Towns'. Joanna's hosting skills were recently recognised through a nomination for best female host at the Macau Rainbow TV awards in November, 2016. The whimsical and cheeky artiste is fast becoming a household name as she seeks to grow and constantly rediscover herself.

Liu Ling Ling – Guest vocalist

Singer-host-actress, best known to many as the "Ah Jie" of the Getai scene. She is also a versatile actress and featured in many local TV productions as well as critically acclaimed films such as 881 and 12 Lotus which has brought her international fame. With more than 30 years of experience as a Getai performer, her hosting and performances have never failed to create the greatest impact on her audiences.

Wang Lei – Guest vocalist

Singer-host-actor, Wang Lei has an unrivalled position as the "Ah Ge" or "big brother" of the Getai scene. He is most famously known for his impersonation of Taiwanese Hokkien Singer Chen Lei. Known for his quick-wittedness and great rapport with his audiences, Wang Lei performed at 147 shows in a single month at his peak. He has also featured in various films such as Where Got Ghost? and My Papa Rich.

ABOUT THE CONCERT

Together We Stay 《鼎力相助 艺起加油》

Join us in our first digital concert broadcasted on Facebook starring local personalities Joanna Dong, Wang Lei, Liu Ling Ling and more. Conducted by Ding Yi Principal Quek Ling Kiong and Assistant Conductor Wong De Li, Detric in this digital concert, Ding Yi hopes to spread love, encouragement and positivity to the society at large.

LAW KIN PONG

*Another Plum Blossom**

*Commissioned by Ding Yi Music Company

(45min (no intermission))

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