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Ding Yi Music Company's Chamber Soiree 2024 Raises More Than Half a Million in Support of Chinese Chamber Music

Singapore, 17 October 2024 – On 14 October 2024, Ding Yi Music Company held its annual fundraising charity dinner, Chamber Soiree, at PARKROYAL Collection Marina Bay, attended by more than 250 distinguished guests, including Emeritus Senior Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong and Ding Yi's Patron, Mrs Goh Chok Tong and Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth Mr Eric Chua. The event celebrated and supported Ding Yi's mission to elevate the profile of Chinese chamber music in Singapore's arts landscape.



Emeritus Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong (Centre), Ding Yi Patron Mrs Goh Chok Tong (fifth from right) in a group picture with the Ding Yi Board of Directors and management

The evening was inspired by the jasmine flower, symbolising purity, humility, and strength—qualities reflected in both the music and the evening's purpose. The event raised \$510,888, the highest amount raised since the COVID-19 pandemic. These generous contributions by more than 50 donors will ensure the continued growth of Ding Yi's contribution to Singapore's cultural heritage through Chinese chamber music.

Guests enjoyed a multisensory experience, and a series of extraordinary performances led by Resident Conductor Wong De Li, Dedic, and Chief Artistic Mentor Tsung Yeh. A standout moment of the

evening featured Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Eric Chua, who guest-conducted a captivating performance by Claire Teo, a visually impaired vocalist from ART:DIS. Adding to the heartfelt atmosphere, Patron Mrs Goh Chok Tong delivered a special vocal performance, making the night truly memorable.

“Ding Yi stands as a proud representative of many including the arts community, young and emerging talents, the rich heritage of Chinese culture, social and charitable causes and most importantly the Singapore spirit,” said Mr Lau Kam Yuen, Chairman of Ding Yi’s Board. “The overwhelming support from tonight’s event not only strengthens our mission but also reflects the growing appreciation for this art form in Singapore. With the continued generosity of our patrons, we can ensure that Ding Yi remains at the forefront of cultural enrichment and artistic excellence.”

Also highlighted during the evening was the announcement of Ding Yi’s brand-new residency for special needs artist, a pioneering initiative aimed at fostering inclusivity within the arts community. This residency program is designed to provide special needs artists with the resources, mentorship, and platform to develop their artistic talents, specifically within the realm of Chinese chamber music. By offering a nurturing environment for artistic growth, the programme aims to empower these artists to develop potential pathways as a professional musician, while also raising awareness about the importance of accessibility in the arts.

The launch of this residency marks a significant step forward in Ding Yi’s efforts to promote diversity and inclusion, demonstrating the company’s commitment to supporting artists of all abilities. Through this initiative, Ding Yi hopes to inspire both the special needs community and the wider public, reinforcing the belief that music transcends boundaries and has the power to connect and uplift all individuals, regardless of background or ability.



Chief Artistic Mentor Tsung Yeh conducts the opening piece “Steering Your Own Destiny”



Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Eric Chua, who guest-conducted “You Raise Me Up”



Claire Teo, a visually impaired vocalist from ART:DIS, performing “You Raise Me Up”



Ding Yi Patron Mrs Goh Chok Tong singing during a special performance of “Three Wishes of a Rose”



Ding Yi Music Company, with Resident Conductor Wong De Li, Dedric, performing “Jasmine Flower” at Chamber Soiree

About Ding Yi Music Company

Established in 2007, Ding Yi Music Company is Singapore's most prodigious Chinese chamber music ensemble and a coterie of accomplished Chinese instrumentalists that trademark Singapore Chinese chamber music in the traditional and contemporary field. The ensemble has captivated audiences with its distinctive approach to music-making and dedication to showcase a vast repertoire that ranges from traditional Chinese music to contemporary interpretations and cross-genre works. For more information, please visit www.dingyimusic.com.

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Photos from Chamber Soiree

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