



MEDIA RELEASE

Suntec Singapore brings you an afternoon of Classical Music with Symphony 92.4FM

Singapore, 24 April 2008 - This Friday, the lobby of Suntec Singapore, Asia's leading convention and exhibition centre, will be transformed into a concert hall.

Mediacorp's premier classical music station Symphony 92.4FM will hold its first lunchtime road show this year at the lobby of Suntec Singapore. Highlights of the road show includes an exhilarating 45-minute percussion performance by the talented students of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music—Asia's International Conservatory. The talented young musicians will perform a line up of ensemble pieces that include *Paul Smadbeck Rhythm Song (1981)*, *Astor Piazzolla Histoire du Tango* and *Thomas Gauger Gainsborough (1965)*.

Ms Jean C Tan, Assistant Programme Director of Symphony 92.4FM is excited about working with Suntec Singapore for the first of a series of road shows this year. "We believe that Suntec Singapore is an excellent choice of venue as it draws the right kind of audience that the station is trying to reach out to. We also needed the indoor space that only Suntec Singapore could offer, to showcase the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Percussion Ensemble in their first road show performance with Symphony 92.4FM."

"Suntec Singapore has always been a proud supporter of the arts and we are delighted to be able to play our part in giving these young and rising talented musicians of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music a venue for their ensemble," said Ms Anjna Nihalani, Director of Marketing and Communications of Suntec Singapore. "We sincerely hope the public will take the opportunity to come by and enjoy a selection of classics with these talented musicians."

The Conservatory Percussion Ensemble is made up of local and international students from Singapore, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan. Blending a variety of musical backgrounds and cultures, this young but virtuosic ensemble has displayed remarkable achievements in all its performances. The performance will be led by director Mr. Jonathan Fox, Principal Timpanist and Principal Percussionist of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Through a sometimes hard-hitting, sometimes delicate, but always entertaining approach to music, the Conservatory Percussion Ensemble exhibits an unquestionable joy of performing whether it is classic contemporary music or works with pop culture references. The specific repertoire chosen for a given semester depends greatly upon the make-up of the ensemble, bringing listeners a variety of musical genres, every time.

The Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music is a state-of-the-art facility for training professional musicians. It offers the Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree, with majors in Performance (Piano and Orchestral Instruments) and Composition. Students attend a four-year full-time music degree programme with an emphasis on music performance and music academics. The talented musicians have entertained audiences the world-over and have also collaborated with the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) for their “Conservatory Lunchtime Concerts at ACM”.

Suntec Singapore opened since 1995 has made its mark in hosting a myriad of iconic events of diverse nature within its premier convention facility. It's versatile and flexible space spanning over 100,000 square metres has received a host of accolades and awards and has been recognized as one of the leading convention centres in Asia. A long time supporter of the arts, Suntec Singapore has committed itself to various artistic activities towards the arts scene in Singapore. The venue has been recognized as a long time supporter for the arts, through its recipient of the prestigious Patron of the Arts Awards bestowed by the National Arts Council, three times in a row.

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About Suntec Singapore

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located at the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of versatile floor space over six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 20,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants and the region's newest centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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