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NUS Chinese Orchestra 新加坡国立大学华乐团



The NUS Chinese Orchestra (NUSCO) was set up in 1973 to promote the lifelong appreciation of Chinese orchestral music amongst its members and audiences alike. Its company of over 100 talented musicians, comprising undergraduate and postgraduate students include many who have played in Chinese orchestras from an early age, some of whom have won top accolades in national music competitions and together, NUSCO has grown to become a prominent youth Chinese orchestra in the local music scene.

Under the direction of Music Director, Moses Gay, NUSCO members regularly train in a holistic curriculum that cultivates a growth mindset and prepares them for the challenge of performing both traditional and contemporary pieces. Such technically demanding works include The Great Wall Capriccio, The Ballad of Lan Hua Hua, and most recently, Symphonic Poem: Battle of the Red Cliff.

NUSCO seeks to develop a lifelong appreciation for Chinese orchestral music amongst youths in the hope that they would be inspired to strengthen their involvement in and support for the artform.

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NUS Chinese Orchestra



Seek

《三月天•寻》

寻 (seek) – a process of search for a new musical direction for the art form; a process of search for our roots; a process of self-searching and self improvement.

Seek 《三月天。寻》aims to encapsulate old and new. With a wide range of repertoire from traditional works to contemporary works, we are seeking a new way to present Chinese Orchestra music, while at the same time, playing classic pieces in search of our roots.

Even in uncertain times, we continue to seek musical excellence and self growth. Our carefully curated programmes challenge our members musically. Despite being held back by a smaller orchestra size, we have seized the opportunity to develop our skills further, always seeking improvement, in the pursuit of excellence.

We continuously seek to achieve our goals: to develop a lifelong appreciation for Chinese Orchestra music amongst youths, and work towards inspiring youths to advocate for greater engagement within the Chinese Orchestral scene and contribute to the growth of the community.

Music Director and Conductor 音乐总监与指挥 Moses Gay En Hui 倪恩辉

Hailed by The Straits Times as an "excellent young conductor", Moses Gay's first foray into conducting began at the precocious age of 15, where he earned great praise from renowned Chinese conductor Ku Lap Man. Since then, he has developed into an outstanding musician, graduating with First Class Honours from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and obtaining a Master's Degree in Orchestral Conducting at the China Conservatory of Music, both on full scholarship.



He also has an extensive experience beyond Chinese orchestral music, having conducted the Moravian Philharmonic Orchestra in the Czech Republic and the Berlin Sinfonietta in Germany, amongst many others. He is currently the Associate Conductor of the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO), Singapore's only professional Chinese Orchestra.

As an individual erhu performer, Moses has been invited to Rennes, France to perform the Red Plum Capriccio Concerto with the Orchestre Symphonique de Bretagne and to helm a workshop in erhu performance at the Institut Confucius de Bretagne. He has also been honoured to receive coaching from famed erhu doyenne Min Hui Fen and erhu master Zhang Shao. Moses owes his musical journey to Zhang Yu Ming, to whom he expresses his heartfelt gratitude.

Programme 节目 (2pm Concert)

Dianxi Folk Tunes
1st Movement - Awa Mountain
《滇西土風三首 I - 阿佤山》

Composer: Guo Wen Jing

郭文景 曲

This piece features ancient melodies and creates a primitive atmosphere of Yunnan, China. In particular, this movement recounts the history of the Va people of Awa Mountain, who carried out many traditional religious activities.

Dabo River Caprice 《达勃河随想曲》 Composer: He Xuntian 何训田 曲

Using motifs inspired by Middle Eastern music, He Xuntian uses the melodious *xiao* to depict the lively landscapes of Baima Tibetans.

A Trip to Lhasa 3rd Movement - Sky Burial 《拉萨行 III - 天葬》 Composer: Kuan Nai-chung

关乃忠 曲

Written in 1984, Kuan Nai-chung used contemporary western harmonies and instruments in the composition to depict the landscape and cultural practices in Tibet. The sheng sets a mysterious and sacred atmosphere that escalates to a cacophony that chronicles the funeral practice used in Lhasa, Tibet.

Lyrical Variations 《抒情变奏曲》 Composer: Liu Changyuan 刘长远 曲

Liu Changyuan uses the western form of variations in this three-movement work. With the 15 variations, the composer uses unconventional tonalities to express the emotions of joys and sorrows.

Programme 节目 (7.30pm Concert)

Train Toccata 《火车托卡塔》 Composer: Liu Yuan

刘湲 曲

Arranger: Jiang Ying

姜瑩 编曲

Arranged by Jiang Ying from the original Western Orchestra version, this piece uses the western Toccata form with virtuosic passages and harmonies. The music draws from the full chromatic palette of Western music in depicting a rushing locomotive, but it also maintains a distinctly Chinese flavor.

Winter 《冬》 Composer: Lu Lianghui

卢亮辉 曲

Written in a sonata form, 冬 is Lu Lianghui's last of a series of works representing the Four Seasons. It evokes the festive scenes of a snow-filled landscape and is composed of four segments.

Caprice of Nature 《然界畅想》 Composer: Sulwyn Lok

骆恩卫 曲

Sulwyn Lok is an NUS Alumnus and a talented local composer. His composition depicts the multiple facades of Mother Nature, who is ever so enigmatic and dynamic.

The Legend of Shadi-er

Composer: Liu Yuan

《沙迪尔传奇》

刘湲 曲

This symphonic poem recounts the story of the eponymous Shadi-Er. An excellent composer and singer of folk-song, Shadi-er was a member of the Weiwuer people of Xinjiang during the Qing dynasty. He was an excellent composer and singer of folk-song, using this art as a weapon against the Qing government.

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