

## APPENDIX

### About the 2015 National Piano and Violin Competition

- 1 Started in 1997 by the National Arts Council, the biennial competition helps identify and develop young musical talents by providing them the opportunity to perform before established local and international adjudicators. It also aims to improve musical standards and performance levels of piano and violin in Singapore. The 2015 competition will be the competition's 10<sup>th</sup> edition and is jointly organised with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra for the first time.
- 2 The competition is open to pianists and violinists aged 25 years and below. Registration opens on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, and closes on Tuesday, 30 June 2015, at 5pm.

### Categories

- 3 The competition consists of Piano solo and Violin solo categories. Participants will compete at the Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final rounds in the following age categories:
 

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| (i)   | Artist       | 25 years and below (born in or after 1990) |
| (ii)  | Senior       | 21 years and below (born in or after 1994) |
| (iii) | Intermediate | 15 years and below (born in or after 2000) |
| (iv)  | Junior       | 11 years and below (born in or after 2004) |
- 4 The Artist category is open to Singapore citizens, Permanent Residents (PRs) and to foreigners studying, working or residing in Singapore. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior categories are open to Singapore citizens and PRs only.

### Schedule of Competition Events

- 6 All live rounds of the Competition are open to the public. Ticketing information will be released in October 2015.

| Date                        | Event                                       | Venue                                  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 28 November -<br>6 December | Piano Competition                           | Yong Siew Toh<br>Conservatory of Music |
| 1 - 6 December              | Violin Competition                          |  |
| 5 December                  | Piano & Violin Masterclasses                |  |
|                             | Violin Finals (Artist Category)             | Victoria Concert Hall                  |
| 6 December                  | Piano Finals (Artist Category)              |  |
|                             | Prize Winners' Concert & Prize Presentation |  |

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|  | Ceremony |  |
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### Awards

- 7 The top three winners of each age category will receive trophies, certificates and cash prizes.

| Cash Prizes      | Artist  | Senior  | Intermediate | Junior |
|------------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|
| <b>1st prize</b> | \$5,000 | \$2,500 | \$1,000      | \$800  |
| <b>2nd prize</b> | \$3,500 | \$1,000 | \$800        | \$400  |
| <b>3rd prize</b> | \$2,000 | \$800   | \$400        | \$200  |

- 8 Honourable Mentions of \$100 may be given to deserving finalists.
- 9 **The Goh Soon Tioe Outstanding Performer Award** was established by Vivien Goh in 2011, a Cultural Medallion recipient, to mark the centenary year of the late violin maestro, Goh Soon Tioe. For three editions of the competition (final edition in 2015), \$10,000 will be awarded to a violinist at the competition who has demonstrated outstanding qualities as a musician and performer. The winner may use the award to undertake music programmes or subsidise expenses which will assist his or her musical development in the violin. Singaporeans and PRs are eligible for this award and each awardee can receive the prize only once.

### Adjudicators

- 10 The organisers will invite international musicians to serve on the Adjudicating Panel. A panel of three adjudicators will judge each instrument category for all stages of the competition. The organisers are currently finalising the panel of adjudicators, and will announce the list at a later date.