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Music Maestros tune it up at Palais Renaissance

SINGAPORE, 2 NOVEMBER 2015 – This November and December, Palais Renaissance will be taking the ordinary shopping and dining experiences up a notch with weekly musical performances held in partnership with *Steinway Gallery Singapore*, Asia's first standalone Steinway & Sons boutique. **Palais Musical Nights with Steinway SPIRIO** will begin on 7 November 2015 and held every Saturday from 6.30pm to 8pm at Basement 1. For two months only, Palais Renaissance will be transformed into a *salon de musique*, with performances by some of Singapore's most acclaimed vocalists and musicians. With the festive season just around the corner, **Palais Musical Nights with Steinway SPIRIO** seeks to provide a respite for shoppers and diners, lifting spirits and fuelling the soul, with critically acclaimed groups **VOCO** and **MUSA** fronting the respective months' performances.

7 November 2015

VOCO



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The first performance in November will see **VOCO**, Singapore's first independent all-female choir, taking to the stage. Founded by Darius Lim, the ensemble will portray their passion and dedication in spreading the essence of Singaporean and Asian music, while also exploring music of the world. Having performed in Finland, Malta, Malaysia, London and Wales, the choir hopes to delight listeners while inspiring a deeper understanding of our nation's cultural and musical heritage.

14 November 2015

Sin Jin How & Low Shao Ying



Sin Jin How (left) and Low Shao Ying (right)

On 14 November, accomplished flautist *Sin Jin How* will be joined by classical pianist *Low Shao Ying* to create a combined symphony of melodies. Having performed for the Star Awards and Good Morning Singapore, Sin is a regular with the Singapore Lyric Opera (SLO) orchestra and frequently works with the People's Association and Esplanade for outreach programmes.

As a professional classical pianist, composer, songwriter and music arranger, Low's myriad of talents has seen her perform numerous solo items with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. A number of her compositions have also won international awards.

21 November 2015

Carol Gomez & Jordan Wei



Carol Gomez (left) and Jordan Wei (right)

Let the sultry tones of *Carol Gomez* embrace you as she takes the stage with renowned pianist, *Jordan Wei*, in a set heavily influenced by blues and jazz on 21 November. Hailing from a family of musicians, Gomez was a contestant in Channel 5's music competition 'Live The Dream' 2007, where she claimed a Top 4 spot. With a forte in Latin Jazz, Contemporary Jazz as well as old and new Pop, Gomez continues to shine in the local scene with her light and unique tone.

Wei, recognised as one of Singapore's most sought after and versatile pianist, graduated from Middlesex University in London with a Masters in Jazz Composition and Performance. He has worked with many local and international artists such as David Tao, Elva Hsiao, JJ Lin, Wang Lee Hom, and even Nicholas Tse. In addition to being a multi-instrumentalist, Wei has also composed and arranged for JJ Lin's Timeline World Tour.

28 November 2015

Meah Tze Chuan & Sim Yi Kai



Meah (left) and Sim Yi Kai (right)

Known for her emotional and soulful performances, acoustic and electric violinist *Meah Tze Chuan* will pair up with lauded Singaporean pianist *Sim Yi Kai* on the last Saturday of November. With her dazzling stage personality and infectious energy, Tze started playing the violin at the age of seven and attained her Grade 8 certification from the Associate Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) just five years later. Apart from orchestral and chamber works, Tze also enjoys performing for theatre productions.

Described by globally renowned Russian pianist Professor Alexey Sokolov as “a deep and sensitive musician with a noble, delicate tone quality”, Singaporean pianist Sim was awarded the Second Prize in the Open Category at the 2006 international IBLA Piano Competition by an international panel of professors from Russia, Italy and Japan. After a competitive nationwide audition at the Metropolitan Opera at Lincoln Centre, Sim was invited as an artist for the Fall Island Vocal Arts Seminar in New York, working with the likes of mezzo-soprano Stephanie Blythe and pianist-composer Alan Smith.

5 December 2015

MUSA



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In line with December's Pedestrian Night, indulge in the unique stylings of *MUSA*. Formed in mid-2015, *MUSA* comprises of Chinese instrumentalists twin sisters Su-Min and Su-Hui, as well as composer-in-residence, Dayn Ng. With certifications and degrees from various musical schools from around the world, *MUSA* believes in exploring various genres of music such as World, Fusion, Experimental, Pop and Traditional. Incorporating Chinese Music in a contemporary style, *MUSA* strives to entertain the audience with a delicate blend of style, while preserving the traditional roots in which they honed their craft.

12 December 2015

Stella Wu & Iris Koh



Stella Wu (left) and Iris Koh (right)

Dubbed the “Piano Girls” for their piano-led, high energy and accessible performances, cellist *Stella Wu* and pianist *Iris Koh* boast strong technicality in their music with a fusion of pop and various other influences. Hailing from Taiwan, Wu performs extensively with orchestras in Taiwan, France and Singapore, both as a soloist and an orchestral player.

Koh, a songwriter, musician and entrepreneur, has spent her entire life honing her craft and perfecting her art. Winning a scholarship as a keyboardist at Yamaha Music School when she was just 11, she has performed with Yamaha in numerous high profile events, infusing her pop stylings with classical touches.

19 December 2015

Duana Chan & Song Ziliang



Duana Chan (left) and Song Ziliang (right)

Song Ziliang, on the piano, has been described by The Straits Times as ‘grandly good’ following his debut in Singapore in 2010. On the other hand, violinist *Duana Chan* holds the National Arts Council-Shell Scholar, the nation’s highest honour for scholarship in the arts.

Chan, who graduated from the University of Cambridge where she was a music scholar and instrumental Awards holder in violin and chamber music performance, is a three-time prize winner in the violin category at the National Music Competitions. With a full history of performances and education in the arts, Chan continues to strive for excellence within the local performing arts scene in Singapore.

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Song graduated from the Royal College of Music, London, with a Masters of Music in Performance, and also studied at the Moscow Conservatory with the distinguished Mikhail Petukhov. He firmly believes in bringing music to the masses, and has an array of awards from international competitions and has performed at venues including the Victoria and Albert Museum, London and the Moscow Conservatory.

26 December 2015

Imelda Teo & Benjamin Boo



Imelda Teo (left) and Benjamin Boo (right)

Imelda Teo, vocalist, will round up the Musical Nights at Palais Renaissance with another appearance by Singaporean wunderkind, *Benjamin Boo*. Possessing a multitude of talents, Teo sings, acts, writes and teaches her creative craftwork that she has been marketing for years. As a stay-home mother, she passionately develops her vocations in singing, writing and craftwork while prioritising her duties to her family. The ability to drive her forward stems from the belief that enjoying what one does is crucial to excelling at it, both personally and professionally.

Boo, recognised as one of Singapore's most outstanding piano prodigies, has been performing since the age of seven. At the tender age of 10, he was invited to perform at famous pianist Richard Clayderman's sell-out concert at the Singapore Indoor Stadium and he was also Singapore's youngest pianist to accompany the award winning Yodogawa Technical High School Band at the age of 12.

Palais Musical Nights with Steinway SPIRIO will feature the new **Steinway SPIRIO**, the world's finest high resolution player piano. Utilising a proprietary high-resolution software system, the **Steinway SPIRIO** is able to capture the true essence and soulfulness of the artist's performance, thus making the Steinway & Sons experience available to listeners regardless of playing ability, providing an unrivalled musical experience indistinguishable from a live performance.

Come celebrate the gift of music this holiday season with us at Palais Renaissance! For more information, please visit www.palais.sg.

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About Palais Renaissance

Located at the premium shopping district of Orchard Road, Palais Renaissance has established itself as an exclusive shopping destination that provides an intimate respite amidst the hustle and bustle of the city.

With 32 shops and a retail space of about 50,000 square feet, Palais Renaissance is a treasure trove for the who's who of the local and expatriate community, trendsetters and well-heeled travellers who traverse the hallways for a taste of luxury living and deluxe lifestyle offerings. Housing an assembly of exclusive boutiques and choice names, Singapore's definitive address to luxurious offerings can be found Only at Palais.

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