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1st edition of Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2020 celebrates achievements of outstanding young musicians

- Attracted a total of 335 Chinese and non-Chinese participants
- 24 years old Deborah Siok emerge as Grand category Champion
- Notable mention: 3 pairs of siblings clinch tops in respective categories

Singapore, 12 December 2020 (Saturday) – After 15 days of intense competition, the Singapore Chinese Music Competition (SCMC) 2020 officially concluded tonight. Organised by the Singapore Chinese Orchestra, the competition received overwhelming responses, attracted 335 Chinese and non-Chinese participants from all walks of life, aged between 7 to 34 years old. Doctor, Engineers, Executives, Teachers and students, to name a few, took part in the Solo (Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Grand) and Ensemble categories.

For the newly added Solo Grand category, 24-year-old Deborah Siok Li Chin (erhu) emerged as the Champion. She is also a member of the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra since 2016. In tonight's finals, Deborah Siok performed *Amannisha* 《阿曼尼莎》 and impressed audience members with her performance. 19-year-old Li Siyu (erhu) performed *Ode of King of Western Chu* 《楚颂》 and won the hearts of the audience, as she was awarded the "Audience Choice Award"; she garnered the most votes on the online voting platform. The other finalist is 20-year-old Fu Zifei (guzheng) who performed *As Thus* 《如是》. Earlier on, 16 participants made it through the preliminary and semi-finals and the 3 finalists competed for the title.

Selected finalists and the Grand category Champion performed alongside Singapore Chinese Orchestra at the SCO Concert Hall (Singapore Conference Hall) led by SCO Resident Conductor Mr Quek Ling Kiong and SCO Associate Conductor Mr Moses Gay on 11 and 12 December 2020 respectively. (Refer to Annex A for full list of winners and Annex E for notable mentions of winners.)

Other notable mentions include: 3 pairs of siblings clinch top places in respective solo categories this year and our non-Chinese participants achieved excellent results. For the ensemble category, second-time participant Reverberance clinched champion, and first-

time participants – Xin Sizhu Ensemble and The Purple Symphony won the second and third place respectively. This signals promising and sustained interest for the traditional Chinese music scene ahead.

Celebrating excellence in traditional Chinese music, the competition identifies upcoming talents. SCO Executive Director Terence Ho said: “I was moved, having sat through the entire duration of the competition. I witnessed the rapid development of the Chinese music education in Singapore. Many of our Senior and Open Category repertoires performed back then can now be performed pretty well by the Junior Category participants. And of course, many parents and teachers play an important role in cultivating interests of the younger generation.”

President of Singapore Chinese Music Federation Dr Tay Teow Kiat is also one of this year’s adjudicator. He said: “Although the Singapore Chinese Orchestra administrative team faced many challenges and restrictions organising the competition amid this COVID-19 period, the team has successfully completed this difficult task well. Not only was there an increase in the number of participants this time round, the overall performance standard has also improved significantly.”

Adjudicators also shared their thoughts on the entire competition on 10 December 2020 (Thursday). This online video featured local and overseas adjudicators who shared positive sentiments about the high level of performance standard this SCMC 2020 and they celebrated outstanding achievements of the participants. [Click here](#) for the video.

In addition, this was also the first time whereby the competition had local adjudicators present on site and overseas adjudicators tuning in via livestream. There were a total of 27 adjudicators, comprising of 18 local and 9 overseas adjudicators, judging for different categories and sections. (Refer to Annex B for the list of adjudicators and their written biographies.)

The 1st edition of Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2020 was held from 23 November to 12 December 2020. The Singapore Chinese Music Competition 2020, previously known as National Chinese Music Competition, seeks to provide an excellent platform to develop the performing skills of young musicians, raise musical standards, discover new talents, and to connect our people by supporting their lifelong interest in pursuit of Chinese music in Singapore. There is a total of S\$147,700 worth of prizes. (Refer to Annex C for the Prize categories)

The Singapore Chinese Music Competition is supported by Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, National Arts Council, Tote Board, Temasek Foundation, and in partnership with People’s Association, Singapore Chinese Music Federation, Singapore Federation of Chinese Clan Associations (SFCCA) and Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre.

To download high-resolution images of the highlight at the SCMC 2020 Finals for Grand Category & Prize Presentation Ceremony on the evening of 12 December 2020, kindly go to: <https://bit.ly/SCMC2020photos>

Click here for SCMC 2020 Prize Winners' Concert and Finals for Grand Category & Prize Presentation Ceremony [Programme Booklet](#).

For more information, please refer:

- Annex A: List of winners
- Annex B: List of adjudicators
- Annex C: Prize categories
- Annex D: Write up of SCMC 2020 Grand category Champion
- Annex E: Notable mentions of winners

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Annex A: List of Winners

Solo Section 独奏项目

- 卓越大奖得主 **Grand Category Champion**: 石礼晶 (二胡) Deborah Siok Li Chin (erhu)
- 观众投选奖 **Audience Choice Award**: 李思宇 Li Siyu
(仅限卓越组 Only for Grand category)

笛子初级组 **Dizi Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Tian Enzhi	田恩植
2 nd /亚军	Ee Anzhi	余安之
3 rd /季军	Pan Bu	潘布

笛子中级组 **Dizi Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Neo Rui Zhi	梁睿智
2 nd /亚军	Wong Zen Joi, Lionel	黄政恺
3 rd /季军	Clara Chan Xin Yi	陈心怡

笛子高级组 **Dizi Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	No 1 st prize is awarded 从缺	
2 nd /亚军	Leong Kim Yang	梁锦阳
2 nd /亚军	Vincent Santoso	刘绍伟
3 rd /季军	No 3 rd prize is awarded 从缺	

二胡初级组 **Erhu Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st / 冠军	Justus Teh Jun Yuan	郑隽远
2 nd /亚军	Zeng Haoran	曾浩然
3 rd /季军	Luo Hao En Rogers	罗浩恩

二胡中级组**Erhu Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Zeng Canran	曾灿然
2 nd /亚军	Zhou Qiao Han	周俏含
2 nd /亚军	Koh Zhi-Xuan	许智轩
3 rd /季军	No 3 rd prize is awarded 从缺	

二胡高级组**Erhu Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Amanda Toh Sze Suan	卓诗璇
2 nd /亚军	Chen Qi	陈祺
2 nd /亚军	Koh Yu Jie	侯宇婕

古筝初级组**Guzheng Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Fong Xi Nicole	冯曦
2 nd /亚军	Liu Rui-Han Rachel	柳睿涵
3 rd /季军	Liu Jiaqi	刘家旗

古筝中级组**Guzheng Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Chen BoZhen	陈博臻
1 st /冠军	Zen Tan Chiah	陈正
3 rd /季军	Ma Yining	马艺宁

古筝高级组**Guzheng Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Cheah Pei Qi	谢培颀
2 nd /亚军	Sim Kee	沈琦
3 rd /季军	Cheah Xue Qi	谢学颀

琵琶初级组**Pipa Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Peng Mingsi	彭明思
2 nd /亚军	Anne Ying Altorfer-Ong	王颖
2 nd /亚军	Li Yiran Levana	李一冉
3 rd /季军	No 3 rd Prize is awarded 从缺	

琵琶中级组**Pipa Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Liu Shuning	刘书凝
2 nd /亚军	Luo Yi En Ronnie	罗以恩
3 rd /季军	Lanice Lim Jia Jing	林佳静

琵琶高级组**Pipa Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Parveen Kaur D/O Geramir Singh	周杰麟
2 nd /亚军	Wong Hai Rong	黄海蓉
3 rd /季军	No 3 rd prize is awarded 从缺	

笙初级组**Sheng Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	No 1 st prize is awarded 从缺	
2 nd /亚军	Xu Wangshu	徐望舒
3 rd /季军	Li Laiyi	李来仪

笙中级组**Sheng Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	No 1 st prize is awarded 从缺	
2 nd /亚军	No 2 nd prize is awarded 从缺	
3 rd /季军	Tay Yu Xuan	郑宇轩
3 rd /季军	Rohan Nanduri	-

唢呐初级组**Suona Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Liu Yubo	刘宇博
2 nd /亚军	Elliot Loh	卢雋衡
3 rd /季军	Tan See Yin Celeste	陳施穎

唢呐中级组**Suona Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Liu Yu Xin	刘宇欣
2 nd /亚军	No 2 nd prize is awarded 从缺	
3 rd /季军	Loo Tong Cheng, Leonard	吕东宸

扬琴初级组**Yangqin Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Stella Sun Yucheng	孙羽程
2 nd /亚军	No 2 nd prize is awarded 从缺	
3 rd /季军	Chang Le Le	张乐乐

扬琴中级组**Yangqin Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	No 1 st prize is awarded 从缺	
2 nd /亚军	Koh Li Xin	许俐欣
3 rd /季军	Lim Jing Yue	林靖悦
3 rd /季军	Lee Zhi Xuan	李芝萱

扬琴高级组**Yangqin Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1st/冠军	Lim Sen Ji	林显智
2nd/亚军	Lim Jia Hann	林佳瀚
3rd/季军	Wang Yining Marianne	王祎宁

中阮初级组**Zhongruan Junior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	No 1 st prize is awarded 从缺	
2 nd /亚军	No 2 nd prize is awarded 从缺	
3 rd /季军	Tan XuanQi Arin	陈瑄琪

中阮中级组**Zhongruan Intermediate Category**

Rank	Name	
1st/冠军	Chong Shao Yih	张劭宇
2nd/亚军	Chow Zheng Yu Isaac	曹政宇
3rd/季军	Ng Tian Nghah Athena	黄典雅

中阮高级组**Zhongruan Senior Category**

Rank	Name	
1 st /冠军	Wang Siyuan	王思元
2 nd /亚军	Zhang Jiarui	张嘉芮
3 rd /季军	Ng Zhi Guang	黄之洸

组合项目**Ensemble Section**

Rank	Name	
1st /冠军	Reverberance	回响
2nd /亚军	Xin Sizhu Ensemble	馨丝竹
3rd /季军	The Purple Symphony	紫色交响乐

Annex B: List of Adjudicators

There were a total of 27 adjudicators, comprising of 18 local and 9 overseas adjudicators, judging for different categories and sections.

Local Adjudicators on Site (13 pax):

[Eric James Watson](#), [Ho Chee Kong \(Dr\)](#), [Huang Guifang](#), [Law Wai Lun](#), [Lim Sin Yeo](#), [Lin Gao](#), [Liu Bin](#), [Ng Seng Hong](#), [Quek Yong Siu](#), [Sim Boon Yew](#), [Tay Teow Kiat \(Dr\)](#), [Wang Chenwei](#), [Tsung Yeh](#).

Overseas adjudicators tuning in via livestream (9 pax):

[Duan Aiai](#), [Ku Pao-Wen](#), [Liu Yuening \(Dr\)](#), [Simon Kong Su Leong](#), [Xiong Yue](#), [Yang Yandi](#), [Yii Kah Hoe](#), [Zhan Yongming](#), [Zhou Dongchao](#).

Adjudicators for January 2020 Blind Listening – Grand Category (5 pax)

[Jin Shiyi](#), [Li Baoshun](#), [Moses Gay](#), [Qu Jianqing](#), [Quek Ling Kiong](#)

(These 5 adjudicators only adjudicate for the Grand category Preliminary round in Jan 2020)

Annex C: Prize Categories

PRIZES

The winners of each category for solo, ensemble, and orchestra section will receive trophies, certificates and the following cash prizes:

Solo

Award	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Award	Grand
1 st	\$800	\$1000	\$4000	Winner	\$10000
2 nd	\$500	\$800	\$2000	Finalists *	\$1000
3 rd	\$300	\$500	\$1500	Audience Choice	\$1000

*This prize money is awarded to the finalists who have not won the Grand Prize.

Ensemble

Award	Ensemble
1 st	\$6000
2 nd	\$4000
3 rd	\$2500

Certificates

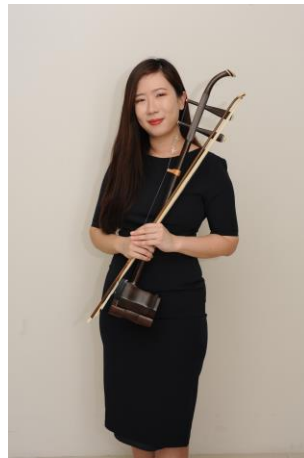
Participants will receive certificates based on their performance:

Certificate of Distinction – Awarded to the top three prize winners

Certificate of Merit – Awarded to all finalists

Certificate of Participation – Awarded to all remaining participants

Annex D: Write up of Grand category Champion Deborah Siok



Deborah Siok started learning the erhu at 9 under the tutelage of erhu master Zhang Yu Ming and furthered her studies in music performance at NAFA in 2015, graduating with a Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours in 2019. In 2018, she performed Wang I-Yu's erhu concerto "The Blue Planet-Earth" with the Singapore Chinese Orchestra and later that year clinched the First Prize in the Erhu Open category in the NCMC. In 2019 she performed Wang Danhong's erhu concerto "Amannisha" with the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra both in Singapore as well as in Suzhou, China. She is currently under the tutelage of SCO concertmaster, Li Baoshun.

Deborah is a member of the Singapore National Youth Chinese Orchestra since 2016.

石礼晶三岁开始学钢琴，2006年师从二胡大师张玉明。2015年考入新加坡南洋艺术学院华乐系二胡专业，2016年考入新加坡国家青年华乐团。2018年与新加坡华乐团演奏王乙聿的二胡协奏曲《蓝色星球-地球》并获得了新加坡华乐团的实习机会，同年也参加新加坡艺术理事会举办的全国华乐比赛并获得二胡公开组冠军。2019年毕业于南洋艺术学院，并获得了一集荣誉学位。同年与新加坡国家青年华乐团在其团的中国巡演前音乐以及在中国苏州的金鸡湖音乐厅演奏了王丹红的二胡协奏曲《阿曼尼莎》。目前师从新加坡华乐团乐团首席李宝顺。

Annex E: Notable mentions of winners

- **3 pairs of siblings in the competition clinched tops, amongst many participants**
三对兄弟姐妹在个别的项目中荣获冠亚季军，从众多参赛者中脱颖而出
 - Liu Yubo (Brother, Age 11) Suona Junior 1st Prize
刘宇博（弟弟，11岁）唢呐初级组 冠军
 - Liu Yu Xin (Sister, Age 13) Suona Intermediate 1st Prize
刘宇欣（姐姐，13岁）唢呐中级组 冠军

 - Luo Hao En Rogers (Brother, Age 11) Erhu Junior 3rd Prize
罗浩恩（弟弟，11岁）二胡初级组 季军
 - Luo Yi En Ronnie (Sister, Age 13) Pipa Intermediate 2nd Prize
罗以恩（姐姐，13岁）琵琶中级组 亚军

 - Zeng Haoran (Brother, Age 10) Erhu Junior 2nd Prize
曾浩然（弟弟，10岁）二胡初级组 亚军
 - Zeng Canran (Brother, Age 13) Erhu Intermediate 1st Prize
曾灿然（哥哥，13岁）二胡中级组 冠军

- **Non-Chinese participants achieved excellent results**
非华族参赛者取得优异成绩
 - Eurasian Pipa Player Anne Ying Altorfer-Ong won second place in the Pipa Junior Category.
欧亚族参赛者王颖获得琵琶初级组亚军。

 - Indian participant Rohan Nanduri was awarded third place in the Sheng Intermediate Category.
印族参赛者 Rohan Nanduri 获得笙中级组季军。

 - Indian participant Parveen Kaur won first place in the Pipa Senior Category.
印族参赛者周杰麟获得琵琶高级组冠军。

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About Singapore Chinese Orchestra

Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) is Singapore's only professional Chinese orchestra. Inaugurated in 1997, the orchestra made up of more than 80 musicians took on the twin role of preserving traditional arts and culture and establishing new frontiers through the incorporation of Nanyang music elements in its repertoire. SCO has impressed a broadening audience with its blockbuster presentations and is fast establishing itself among its counterparts around the world. Known for its high performance standards and versatility, the SCO is recognized through invitations to perform at numerous prestigious events locally and internationally. In line with its vision to be a world-renowned people's orchestra, SCO continues to inspire, educate and communicate through its music.

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