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Young Violin Virtuoso Chloe Chua Headlines SSO's Concerts In 2023

A memorable musical experience awaits in 2023 as the SSO presents concerts featuring Artist-In-Residence Chloe Chua, a Gala concert showcasing the artistry of soprano Sumi Hwang, acclaimed pianist Paul Lewis, a joint fundraising concert with the Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore (FRCS) and a slew of free community concerts



Singapore, 3 January 2023 – The **Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO)** has programmed some not-to-be-missed concerts in 2023, starting with performances by Artist-In-Residence **Chloe Chua** as she presents a new take on Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in **Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 4** on 12 and 13 January, and Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3 in **Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 3** on 31 March and 1 April, with the SSO's Music Director **Hans Graf** at the helm of both concerts. Fans of Chloe who have longed to watch the young Singaporean virtuoso take on a Romantic work should not miss **Bruch Violin Concerto and Mahler 5** on 2 and 3 March, where she will perform Bruch's famous Violin Concerto. Mahler's mammoth Fifth Symphony concludes the concert, led by acclaimed Dutch-Maltese Maestro **Lawrence Renes**.

For those who missed **Chloe Chua's** beautiful performance of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Locatelli's spectacularly difficult *Harmonic Labyrinth* last year, here's your chance to catch the filmed concert in **The Four Seasons with Chloe Chua**, premiering on **SSO LOUNGE** on 16 March. The SSO will also be launching its highly-anticipated album of this programme on 10 March. The CD album by premier Dutch label Pentatone Records will be available on sale at an exclusive early Singapore release at the **Bruch Violin Concerto and Mahler 5** concert on 2 and 3 March. This is **Chloe Chua's** debut international release, produced by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra and msm-productions (Singapore).

Lovers of large-scale Romantic works will be glad that the SSO is performing Richard Strauss' valedictory *Death and Transfiguration*, selections from Mahler's *Das Knaben Wunderhorn* and



Rückert Lieder featuring rising South Korean soprano **Sumi Hwang**, and Brahms's Third Symphony in **SSO GALA: Mahler's Wunderhorn with Hans Graf and Sumi Hwang** on 20 January, conducted by Maestro **Hans Graf**.

Acclaimed pianist **Paul Lewis** is set to enchant the audience in **Paul Lewis Plays Mozart Piano Concerto 25** with this popular favourite on 16 and 17 February. The concert, which is dedicated to SSO Founding Patron Dr Goh Keng Swee, finishes with veteran American conductor **Robert Spano** and the SSO performing Schumann's exultant *Rhenish Symphony*. **Paul Lewis** will return for a recital in **VCHpresents Chamber: Schubert's Piano Sonatas with Paul Lewis** on 18 February where he will perform three piano sonatas by Schubert.

On 24 and 25 February, join renowned pianist **Chiyan Wong** as he performs Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 17 with preeminent Chinese-American conductor **Xian Zhang** in a programme titled **Mozart's Starling**, where Mozart's stately 39th Symphony and the intriguing *L'Éloignement* for string orchestra by contemporary Chinese-French composer Qigang Chen will complete the evening's programme. The concert on 24 February marks the second **SSO-FRCS Joint Fundraising Concert**, in conjunction with World Understanding and Peace Day, widely commemorated by Rotarians. The continued collaboration between both charities aims to raise \$200,000, with proceeds to be assigned to SSO and FRCS equally.

Experience a repertoire of popular classical tunes in the month of March as Associate Conductor **Rodolfo Barráez**, together with the SSO, presents a similar line-up of pieces for **SSO Lunchtime Concert** on 9 March at the Victoria Concert Hall, **SSO In Your Community** on 10 March at The Republic Cultural Centre Theatre, Republic Polytechnic, and **Music in the Meadow** on 12 March at The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay. Admission to these concerts is free, with registration required for the **SSO Lunchtime Concert** and the **SSO In Your Community** concert.

On 18 and 19 March, prepare for a fun-filled time with the family and kids in **Concerts For Children: Journey Around The World** as conductor and presenter **Jessica Gethin** and the SSO take the audience on a journey to explore the soundscapes of music from across the globe.

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ABOUT THE SINGAPORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Founded in 1979, the Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO) is Singapore's flagship orchestra, touching lives through classical music and providing the heartbeat of the cultural scene. In addition to its subscription series concerts, the SSO is also known for its outdoor and community appearances. The orchestra also presents intimate chamber performances in the VCHpresents series, the annual Singapore International Piano Festival (SIPF) and the biennial National Piano and Violin Competition (NPVC) at the Victoria Concert Hall, Home of the SSO. The SSO is part of the Singapore Symphony Group, which also manages the Singapore Symphony Choruses, and the Singapore National Youth Orchestra. The mission of the Group is to create memorable shared experiences with music. Through the SSO and its affiliated performing groups, we spread the love for music, nurture talent and enrich our diverse communities.

The Singapore Symphony Orchestra was nominated and clinched third place in the prestigious Gramophone Orchestra of the Year Award 2021. In 2022, BBC Music Magazine named the SSO as one of the 21 best orchestras in the world.



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ABOUT VCHPRESENTS

The VCHpresents series by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra is a showcase of the finest musicians from around the world: master instrumentalists and acclaimed ensembles in diverse programmes both traditional and unexpected. The series is presented at the Victoria Concert Hall in various formats: Chamber, featuring world-class artistes and familiar faces from the Singapore Symphony in the intimate setting of chamber music; Intimate Moments, which offers a harmonious concert to listen and converse with a select musician of the Singapore Symphony family; and Organ, featuring the VCH Klais Organ as it brings organists from around the world to perform a magnificent range of music, from traditional organ soliloquys to transcriptions of orchestral showpieces, contemporary compositions and collaborations with other instruments, plus family programmes tailored to introduce classical music to the young ones.

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ABOUT SSOLOUNGE

Launched in September 2021, the SSO's streaming platform SSOLOUNGE allows audiences to watch live and pre-recorded masterworks of great composers, as well as premieres of classical performances from the comfort of their own screens. From reliving the best of Mozart's concertos to revelling in the passages of lyrical grace from Romantic works, SSO fans and concertgoers can enjoy access to a repository of digital premieres and archived concerts. SSOLOUNGE comes with two subscription options: the 12M Premium All-Access Pass offers exclusive access to archived concerts, as well as 3-month unlimited access for new releases, and the Single Access Pass which allows the user to view one concert for 3 months.

Visit the SSOLOUNGE platform [HERE](#)

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<Full list and details of the highlights of SSO'S January – March 2023 programmes can be found in the Appendix below>

APPENDIX

Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 4
Thursday & Friday, 12 & 13 January 2023, 7.30pm
Victoria Concert Hall



Witness Singapore sensation Chloe Chua's new take on Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4, over five years since her prize-winning performance in 2017 at the Zhuhai Mozart Competition, when she was 10. This instalment of our Artist-In-Residence's Mozart recording cycle with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra also features Bizet's only Symphony, written when he was a 17-year-old student at the Paris Conservatoire, and Debussy's dreamy *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*.

This concert is dedicated to Tote Board.

Dedicated to:



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Improving Lives

Concert Title:

Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 4

Date & time:

Thursday & Friday, 12 & 13 January 2023, 7.30pm

Venue:

Victoria Concert Hall

Performers:

Singapore Symphony Orchestra

Hans Graf, Music Director

Chloe Chua, Artist-In-Residence/violin*

Programme:

DEBUSSY *Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune*

MOZART Violin Concerto No. 4 in D major, K. 218*

BIZET Symphony in C major

Tickets:

\$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$28, \$15

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SSO GALA: Mahler's Wunderhorn with Hans Graf and Sumi Hwang

Friday, 20 January 2023, 7.30pm

Esplanade Concert Hall



Poetry, angst, innocence, reflection and magnificence – hallmarks of the high Romantics – are on full display in this transcendent programme led by Singapore Symphony Music Director Hans Graf. Before the sublime grandeur of Brahms's Third Symphony, Richard Strauss's valedictory *Tod und Verklärung* – the final reflections of a great artist – makes a powerful prelude to Mahler's famous orchestral song settings, featuring rising South Korean soprano Sumi Hwang.

Concert Title:	SSO GALA: Mahler's Wunderhorn with Hans Graf and Sumi Hwang
Date & time:	Friday, 20 January 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Esplanade Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Hans Graf, Music Director Sumi Hwang, soprano*
Programme:	R. STRAUSS <i>Death and Transfiguration</i> , Op. 24 MAHLER Selections from <i>Das Knaben Wunderhorn</i> and <i>Rückert Lieder</i> * BRAHMS Symphony No. 3 in F major, Op. 90
Tickets:	\$108, \$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$25 Available on www.sso.org.sg



Paul Lewis Plays Mozart Piano Concerto 25
Thursday & Friday, 16 & 17 February 2023, 7.30pm
Victoria Concert Hall



Marry jubilation with elegance, and you'll get Mozart's majestic Piano Concerto No. 25, "by common consent one of Mozart's greatest masterpieces in the concerto genre." Watch distinguished English pianist Paul Lewis in this concert hall favourite, then let the Singapore Symphony Orchestra and veteran American conductor Robert Spano take you up another level with Schumann's exultant *Rhenish Symphony*.

This concert is dedicated to the late Dr. Goh Keng Swee, founding patron of the SSO.

Concert Title:	Paul Lewis Plays Mozart Piano Concerto 25
Date & time:	Thursday & Friday, 16 & 17 February 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Victoria Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Robert Spano, conductor Paul Lewis, piano*
Programme:	KNUSSEN <i>The Way To Castle Yonder</i> MOZART Piano Concerto No. 25 in C major, K. 503* SCHUMANN Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major, Op. 97 "Rhenish"
Tickets:	\$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$28, \$15 Available on www.sso.org.sg

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VCHpresents Chamber: Schubert's Piano Sonatas with Paul Lewis

Saturday, 18 February 2023, 7.30pm

Victoria Concert Hall



“Several people assured me that under my hands the keys become singing voices, which, if it is true, pleases me very much.” So admitted Schubert once. In the hands of renowned English pianist Paul Lewis, whose performances and recordings of Schubert have received unanimous acclaim worldwide, this recital of three piano sonatas will no doubt prove the composer’s delicate, self-assured poetry in music.

Concert Title:	VCHpresents Chamber: Schubert's Piano Sonatas with Paul Lewis
Date & time:	Saturday, 18 February 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Victoria Concert Hall
Performers:	Paul Lewis, piano
Programme:	SCHUBERT Piano Sonata in C major, D. 840 Piano Sonata in A major, D. 664 Piano Sonata in A minor, D. 845
Tickets:	\$50, \$40, \$30, \$20 Available on www.sso.org.sg



Mozart's Starling

Friday & Saturday, 24 & 25 February 2023, 7.30pm
Victoria Concert Hall



There is a famous little tale of musical friendship and understanding about Mozart and his favourite pet bird, a starling who could sing a theme from his Piano Concerto No. 17. Join pianist Chiyan Wong as he performs this delightful gem with preeminent Chinese-American conductor Xian Zhang. Mozart's stately 39th Symphony and the intriguing *L'Éloignement* for string orchestra by contemporary Chinese-French composer Qigang Chen complete this programme.

24 February concert: SSO-FRCS Joint Fundraising Concert with proceeds going to both the FRCS Eldercare and Caregivers Centre and the SSO.



Fundraising Partner (24 Feb): Foundation of Rotary Clubs Singapore

Concert Title:	Mozart's Starling
Date & time:	Friday & Saturday, 24 & 25 February 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Victoria Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Xian Zhang, conductor Chiyan Wong, piano*
Programme:	QIGANG CHEN <i>L'Éloignement</i> for String Orchestra MOZART Piano Concerto No. 17 in G major, K. 453* MOZART Symphony No. 39 in E-flat major, K. 543
Tickets:	\$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$28, \$15 Available on www.sso.org.sg

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Special fundraising seats for Fri, 24 February 2023 are available for donation amounts of **\$300, \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$5,000**. To adopt these special fundraising seats, please email marilyn.tan@frcs.sg for more information. Proceeds will be recognised as donations, and Singapore tax residents will qualify for a 2.5 times tax deduction on the fundraiser. Donations and tax receipts will be processed and issued by Foundation of Rotary Clubs (Singapore) Ltd.

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Bruch Violin Concerto and Mahler 5
Thursday & Friday, 2 & 3 March 2023, 7.30pm
Esplanade Concert Hall



Chloe Chua enters Romantic musical territory with the Singapore Symphony this season with Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, music of impassioned melody and searing energy. Join our Artist-In-Residence as she performs this popular work with acclaimed Dutch-Maltese maestro Lawrence Renes. Mahler's Symphony No. 5, with the *fin de siècle* beauty of its famous *Adagietto*, makes this an unmissable programme.

Concert Title:	Bruch Violin Concerto and Mahler 5
Date & time:	Thursday & Friday, 2 & 3 March 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Esplanade Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Lawrence Renes, conductor Chloe Chua, Artist-In-Residence/violin*
Programme:	BRUCH Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26* MAHLER Symphony No. 5
Tickets:	\$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$28, \$15 Available on www.sso.org.sg

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SSO Lunchtime Concert
Thursday, 9 March 2023, 12.30pm
Victoria Concert Hall



Come experience the beauty and thrill of classical music with the compliments of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra in this one-hour free concert at the Victoria Concert Hall.

Concert Title:	SSO Lunchtime Concert
Date & time:	Thursday, 9 March 2023, 12.30pm
Venue:	Victoria Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Rodolfo Barráez, Associate Conductor
Tickets:	Free, registration is required Available on sso.org.sg

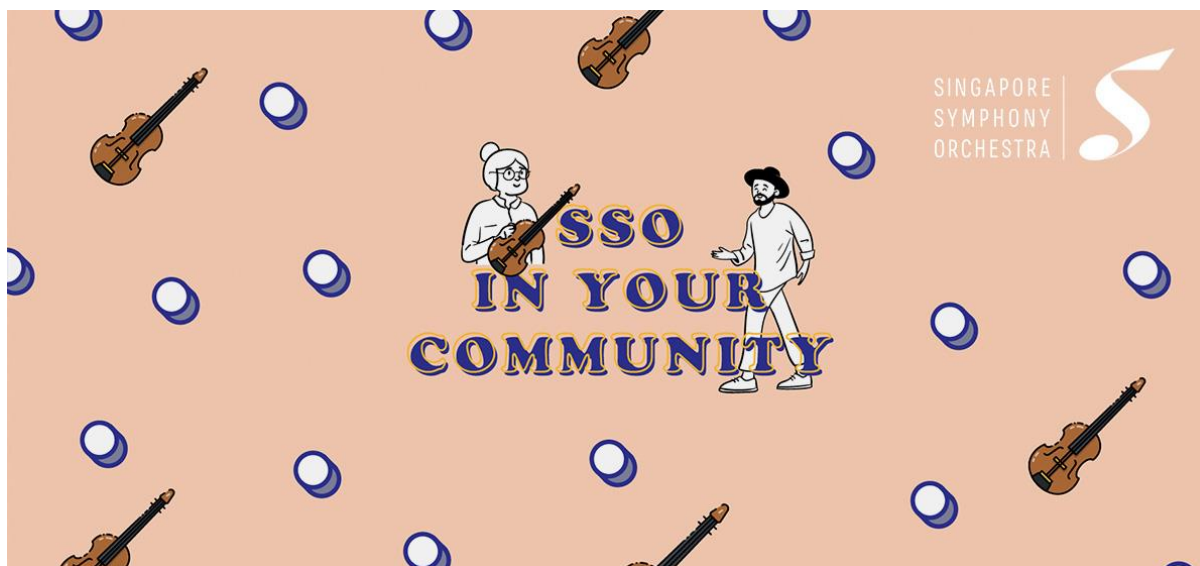
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SSO In Your Community

Friday, 10 March 2023, 7.30pm

The Republic Cultural Centre Theatre, Republic Polytechnic



If you've always been curious about classical music, come join us at this free evening performance by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. No preparation, no prior knowledge needed – just bring your friends and family – and enjoy!

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The Republic Cultural Centre

Concert Title:

SSO In Your Community

Date & time:

Friday, 10 March 2023, 7.30pm

Venue:

The Republic Cultural Centre Theatre, Republic Polytechnic

Performers:

Singapore Symphony Orchestra

Rodolfo Barráez, Associate Conductor

Tickets:

Free, registration is required

Available on sso.org.sg

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Music in the Meadow

Sunday, 12 March 2023, 6.30pm

The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay



Sunshine, nature and music – breathe in some of the best things in life with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, performing open air at Gardens by the Bay. Pets and picnic baskets welcome! This concert will also be streamed live on the SSO and Gardens by the Bay Facebook page.

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Venue Partner:



Concert Title:

Music in the Meadow

Date & time:

Sunday, 12 March 2023, 6.30pm

Venue:

The Meadow, Gardens by the Bay

Performers:

Singapore Symphony Orchestra
Rodolfo Barráez, Associate Conductor

Tickets:

Free
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The Four Seasons with Chloe Chua

Thursday, 16 March 2023, 8pm

Online @ [SSO LOUNGE](https://lounge.sso.org.sg/)



The musical poetry of spring, summer, autumn and winter comes to life with Chloe Chua, Singapore's brightest violin star. Accompanied by the SSO, Chloe performs this evergreen favourite as well as the 12th concerto from Pietro Locatelli's *The Art of the Violin*, nicknamed "The Harmonic Labyrinth" – for good reason!

An exclusive SSO LOUNGE release filmed in Apr 2022.

Concert Title: **The Four Seasons with Chloe Chua**

Date & time: Thursday, 16 March 2023, 8pm

Venue: <https://lounge.sso.org.sg/>

Performers: Singapore Symphony Orchestra
Chan Yoong-Han, leader
Chloe Chua, violin

Programme: **VIVALDI** *The Four Seasons*

LOCATELLI Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 3, No. 12 "The Harmonic Labyrinth"

Tickets: \$30 for 12M Premium All-Access Pass

\$6 for Single Access Pass

Available on <https://lounge.sso.org.sg/>

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Concerts For Children: Journey Around The World

Saturday, 18 March 2023, 11am & 2pm

Sunday, 19 March 2023, 11am

Victoria Concert Hall



Join conductor and presenter Jessica Gethin on a *Journey Around the World* with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, and explore the soundscapes of music from across the globe! This exciting show celebrates the beauty of cultural diversity, uniting people through the language of music.

Concert Title:

Concerts For Children: Journey Around The World

Date & time:

Saturday, 18 March 2023, 11am & 2pm

Sunday, 19 March 2023, 11am

Venue:

Victoria Concert Hall

Performers:

Singapore Symphony Orchestra

Jessica Gethin, conductor & presenter

Tickets:

\$32, \$25

Available on www.sso.org.sg



Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 3

Friday & Saturday, 31 March & 1 April 2023, 7.30pm

Victoria Concert Hall



Sunshine and joy return as our Artist-In-Residence Chloe Chua's Mozart cycle continues with the immensely popular Violin Concerto No. 3, framed by the Romantic ardour of Schumann. In his Fourth Symphony, Schumann sought to write a continuous symphonic drama without any breaks – witness his heroic spirit, tender musings and ultimate triumph as shaped by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra with our Music Director Hans Graf.

Concert Title:	Chloe Chua Plays Mozart 3
Date & time:	Friday & Saturday, 31 March & 1 April 2023, 7.30pm
Venue:	Victoria Concert Hall
Performers:	Singapore Symphony Orchestra Hans Graf, Music Director Chloe Chua, Artist-In-Residence/violin*
Programme:	SCHUMANN Manfred Overture MOZART Violin Concerto No. 3 in G major, K. 216* MOZART Adagio in E major for Violin and Orchestra, K. 261* SCHUMANN Symphony No. 4 in D minor, Op. 120
Tickets:	\$88, \$68, \$48, \$38, \$28, \$15 Available on www.sso.org.sg

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