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VOICES OF SINGAPORE FESTIVAL 2021: “WHEN WINTER FADES”, DEBUT CONCERT OF VOS CHORAL SCHOLARS



Above: Official Poster of “When Winter Fades”

31 AUG 2021, SINGAPORE: Voices of Singapore Children's Choir is proud to present “When Winter Fades”, the first full concert by the Choral Scholars to be held on 9 September 2021 at the historical Chijmes Hall. The Choral Scholars are a select group of singers from the VOS Children’s Concert Choir trained under the direction of Artistic Director, Darius Lim. The concert is a part of the Voices of Singapore Festival 2021, with this year’s edition being presented in a hybrid format for the first time, featuring both digital and on-site programmes. It is also the first public live performance staged by VOS since the circuit breaker.

Designed to take audiences on a journey of music and life from stories of the cold and tranquil winter to the fiery warmth of summer. The one and a half hour show will consist of an assortment of arrangements from solos to larger groups, highlighting the individual and shared talents of these young artists. The Choral Scholars will perform an array of pieces across contemporary, musical theatre and classical genres.



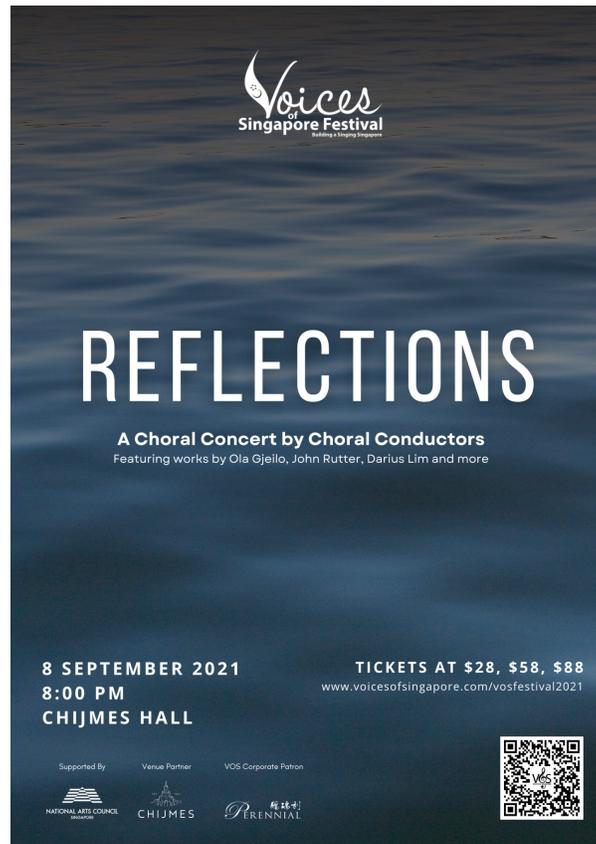
Above: Voices of Singapore Festival 2021 Official Poster and Festival Lineup

This year marks the sixth installment of the inaugural Voices of Singapore Festival. Four days of choral concerts, performances and workshops will take place live at the historical Chijmes Hall and also take place virtually, online. The festival aims to create meaningful choral music-making experiences for all its participants and performers. Another major highlight of the festival would be *Reflections*, a choral concert starring choral conductors from the local scene as performers live on stage, performing works by Ola Gjeilo, John Rutter, Darius Lim and more.

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Tickets for both concerts can be purchased on a pay-as-you-wish basis for \$28, \$58 or \$88.
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Above: Official Poster of "Reflections"

Adhering to a maximum capacity of 140 safely distanced audience members, Chijmes hall will undergo sanitisation and screening processes such as PET testing of all unvaccinated adults and children, to ensure that all audiences have a safe and pleasant experience. Audience members who require a PET Test can do so at Fullerton Health Raffles City where they can receive a discounted rate upon showing their e-ticket for the event.

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About Voices of Singapore:

Voices of Singapore is a not-for-profit arts organisation with a mission to support communities through singing and music making - to Build a Singing Singapore.

Voices of Singapore has a range of active performance ensembles with over 500 singers, including an education wing that provides top-quality singing education through the VOS Children's Choir. It hosts the annual VOS Festival, Singapore's largest non-competitive choral festival which brings together a wide range of singing ensembles from all over the country. VOS has spearheaded community projects such as the Singapore Virtual Choir's rendition of "Home", bringing together 900 Singaporeans located in 26 different countries, and collaborated with partners such as HealthServe, Mediacorp, National University Health System and Singapore General Hospital on projects that bring communities together through physical and digital platforms. VOS' ensembles have been engaged to perform at the opening of the Singapore State Courts, and the 40th Anniversary of the Speak Mandarin Campaign.

With a belief that music should be made accessible to all, VOS also seeks to engage children with special needs through the Starlight Music-making Programme, which is supported by the Temasek Trust Oscar@sg Fund.

About the Conductor:

Singaporean Composer-Conductor Darius Lim is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Voices of Singapore. He has risen to prominence in the national and international music scene with more than 40 national and international awards in choral and composition competitions.

An internationally published composer (Edition Peters, Walton Music, Pana Musica) and established conductor, he is most known for his unique infusion of lyrical, dramatic, instrumental, and theatrical elements in both the choirs he directs as well as his choral music. Darius has adjudicated choral competitions, given lectures on choral conducting as well as choral masterclasses in Asia, America, and Europe. He has held former posts as President of the Choral Directors' Association of Singapore, Associate Choirmaster of the Singapore Symphony Children's Choir, Music Director of Singapore Eurasian Association Choir, and Music Director of the National University of Singapore Society Choir.

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A former student of BBC Chorus Director Neil Ferris and Dr. Sarah Tenant-Flowers, Darius Lim graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama (UK) with a Masters in Choral Conducting (with Distinction). He currently holds multiple hats in the music industry including Deputy General-Secretary of the National Instructors & Coaches Association as well as the nominated Singapore representative on the board of the Asia Pacific Choral Council.