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The initial steps towards realising the long-cherished dream of the late PETRONAS Chairman, Tun Azizan Zainul Abidin, to create a youth orchestra as a 'stage for young talents', alongside the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO), were taken on 13 January 2006. Some 500 aspiring musicians from across Malaysia auditioned and 110 – with an average age of 18 years – were selected to form the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO).

After a period of intensive training under mentors drawn from the ranks of the MPO, the MPYO gave its first public concert at Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS on 25 August 2007. It has since established a pattern of music camps held three to four times a year, culminating in performances in Kuala Lumpur and beyond. It has since toured throughout Malaysia, and performed in Singapore, Brisbane, Hong Kong and Jakarta.

Auditions are held every year to provide opportunities for talented young Malaysian musicians to join the MPYO and participate in weekly orchestral training and performances, under the guidance of the MPO musicians as tutors.

The MPYO's music repertoire ranges from symphonic to specially-commissioned works by Malaysian composers. In 2010, an innovative project called 'Jazzaar' witnessed the MPYO collaborated with jazz musicians from the USA such as Fritz Renold and Randy Brecker. In 2015, the MPYO was given the honour to perform at the opening of the 128th International Olympic Committee (IOC) Session in Kuala Lumpur.

More than just a youth orchestra, the MPYO musicians are given consistent intensive trainings under the MPO's Talent Development programme through the transfer of knowledge, skills and expertise including discipline, teamwork and leadership in orchestral setting, participation in masterclasses and workshops with distinguished soloists, regular performances and collaborations with other youth orchestras. This is part of the MPO's initiative to nurture music appreciation among Malaysians.

For more information, please email talent@mpo.com.my.

A Symphonic Splendour

Wed 28 Oct 2026, 8:00pm

02 Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
04 Gerard Salonga, conductor
05 Dylan Lee Mihn Tang, cello

PROGRAMME

SHOSTAKOVICH
Festive Overture *7 mins*

TCHAIKOVSKY
Variations on a Rococo Theme *22 mins*
Dylan Lee Mihn Tang, cello

20-mins intermission

TCHAIKOVSKY
Swan Lake - Waltz *7 mins*

KHACHATURIAN
Spartacus Suite No. 2 *20 mins*

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conductor

Gerard Salonga

Gerard Salonga is Resident Conductor of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO), a position held since 2019. He served as Assistant Conductor of the Hong Kong Philharmonic (2016 to 2018) where he was selected by Jaap van Zweden from 170 international applicants. He was Music Director of the ABS-CBN Philharmonic Orchestra in Manila (2012 to 2020). In 2021, he began his term as the Music Director of the Orchestra of the Filipino Youth (OFY).

He has assisted and covered distinguished conductors such as Jun Märkl, Hans Graf, Yu Long, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Mark Wigglesworth, Junichi Hirokami and Leonard Slatkin, and has conducted the Philippine, South Denmark and Thailand Philharmonics, Shanghai Opera House Orchestra and Chorus, Kunming Nie-Er Symphony, Evergreen Symphony of Taiwan, Queensland Camerata, Orchestra Victoria, Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the Bangkok and Singapore Symphonies. He has conducted in iconic venues such as the Sydney Opera House and Royal Albert Hall.

Gerard conducts a wide range of repertoire covering symphony, ballet, opera, pops and family programme, and the *Harry Potter, La La Land, Marvel's Infinity Saga, Raiders of the Lost Ark, Star Wars* and *Ratatouille* films in concert series in Asia Pacific and Australia. His orchestral arrangements have been performed by the Boston, Cincinnati and New York Pops, the BBC, the Winnipeg, Indianapolis Malmö, Guangzhou, Sydney and Singapore Symphonies, Royal Philharmonic, Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Sinfonietta Riga and Vietnam National Symphony.

Gerard has collaborated with artists such as Lea Salonga, Lang Lang, Sumi Jo, Wang Leehom, Joseph Nolan, Cecile Licad, Tengku Irfan, Paul Archibald, Hacken Lee, Anthony Lun, Elisa Chan, Michael Ball, Blake, Il Divo, Danielle de Niese, TaikOz, Ksenija Sidorova, Shen Yang, Llŷr Williams, James Ehnes, Jan Lisiecki, Charles Yang, Peter Dugan and The Beach Boys.

In 2012, he was honoured as one of The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM), the Philippines' highest civilian award to achievers under 40. In 2021, he was named one of the recipients of the SUDI National Music Awards by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

In 2026, he conducted performances in Shanghai, Singapore, Bangkok and Manila. He made a return visit to the Hong Kong Philharmonic and made his debut with the Melbourne Symphony. He was Artistic Advisor and conductor for the ASEAN Youth Orchestra Festival Kuala Lumpur in June with a landmark performance of Mahler's Symphony No.1 with 85 musicians from seven countries.



cello

Dylan Lee Mihn Tang

Dylan Lee Mihn Tang has been praised for his poetic and engaging performances. He completed his Master's studies with Professor Julius Berger at the Leopold Mozart Zentrum in Augsburg, Germany, and his Bachelor studies from the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore where he studied under full scholarship with Ng Pei-Sian. Before returning to Kuala Lumpur, he was based in Basel, Switzerland, where he studied in the School of Excellence postgraduate programme at the Musik-Akademie Basel under Danjulo Ishizaka.

Dylan is the Co-Principal Cellist of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra at Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS; he was the soloist with the MPO in Tan Dun's *Crouching Tiger Concerto* in the MPO's *Celestial Serenade* in 2024. He has also performed the Schumann Cello Concerto with the Uzbekistan State Symphony Orchestra as the Grand Prize winner of the Global Music Partnership Concerto Competition. He won first prize in the 2019 Andreas Stein Wettbewerb. Other highlights include his collaboration with Christian Altenburger in a Meißterkonzert at the Mozarteum Summer Academy.

In the world of contemporary music, Dylan has premiered chamber music works by young composers from the Asia Pacific region, performing in Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong as a founding member of the contemporary music quintet, Ensemble GO.

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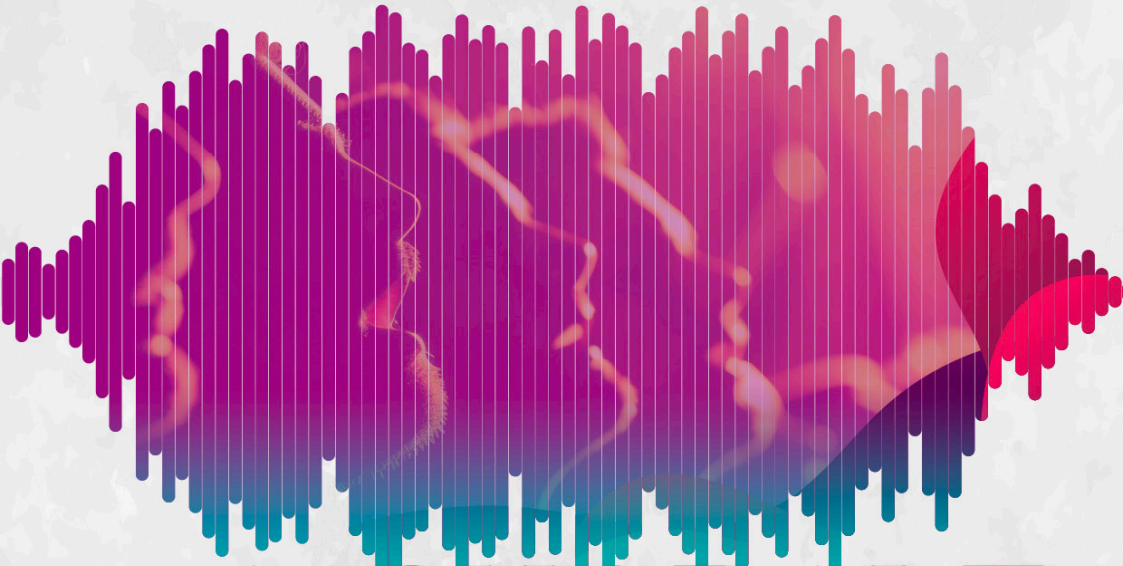
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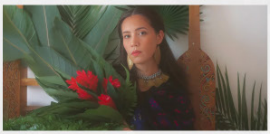
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