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Contours *of Classical Beauty*

2026 SEASON

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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, contact talent@mpo.com.my.

Contours of Classical Beauty

Wed 15 April 2026, 8:00pm

- 02 Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
- 04 Gerard Salonga, conductor
- 05 Lim Yee Vaine, piano
- 06 Dorothy Ong Zhuo En, piano

PROGRAMME

MOZART

Overture to The Magic Flute *7 mins*

BEETHOVEN

Piano Concerto No. 1, 3rd mvt. *9 mins*

MOZART

Piano Concerto No. 19, 1st mvt. *13 mins*

20-mins intermission

MOZART

Symphony No. 39 *30 mins*

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conductor

Gerard Salonga

Past collaborations have included with renowned artists such as Lea Salonga, Sumi Jo, Wang Leehom, Wu Tong, Tengku Irfan, Hacken Lee, Michael Ball, Il Divo, Danielle de Niese, Ksenija Sidorova, Shen Yang, James Ehnes, Jan Lisiecki and The Beach Boys.

Salonga has conducted a wide range of concerts with the MPO including film, pop, symphony and family concerts. His arrangements were performed by the BBC, Indianapolis and Guangzhou Symphony Orchestras, RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops and Royal Philharmonics. He has conducted the recordings of the Hong Kong Philharmonic for Sony Classical as well as the Sønderjyllands Symfoniorkester for Danacord.

For musical theatre, he has led *Carousel*, *They're Playing Our Song*, *Dreamgirls*, *Baby*, *West Side Story*, *Sweeney Todd* and *Little Women* in Manila and Singapore.

He has served as a jury at competitions in Malaysia, The Philippines and Singapore, and given lectures at universities and higher learning institutions in Malaysia.

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

Gerard Salonga has held the position of Resident Conductor of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) since 2019. He has served as Assistant Conductor of the Hong Kong Philharmonic (appointed by Jaap van Zweden) and Music Director of the ABS-CBN Philharmonic Orchestra in Manila. In 2021, he became Music Director of the Orchestra of the Filipino Youth (OFY).

He has worked as an assistant to conductors such as Jun Märkl, Hans Graf, Yu Long, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Mark Wigglesworth and Leonard Slatkin. He has conducted The Philippines, Thailand and South Denmark Philharmonics, Shanghai Opera House Orchestra and Chorus, Kunming Nie-Er Symphony, Evergreen Symphony of Taiwan, and the Bangkok, Singapore and Sydney Symphonies at iconic venues including London's Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House.



piano

Lim Yee Vaine

12-year old Lim Yee Vaine began her musical journey at 5 at Yamaha Music School Malaysia and has represented Yamaha Malaysia in concerts including at Dewan Filharmonik PETRONAS. She was awarded prizes at the Steinway Malaysia Youth Piano Competition 2025 before being selected to represent Malaysia at the 7th Steinway Youth Piano Competition 2025 – South East Asia Pacific Regional Finals and won third prize at the Regional Finals in Bangkok.

Yee Vaine achieved Gold at the 8th Yamaha Junior Piano Competition in Tokyo in 2023. That same year, she received first prize at the Bangkok International Piano Competition and the 6th Steinway Malaysia Youth Piano Competition. In 2024, she achieved Gold and grand prize at the Vivace Piano Competition. She also attained the Trinity ATCL Diploma with Distinction in 2024. Since 2020, her piano compositions were consistently selected by Yamaha Japan and were featured in Yamaha Music Latin America in 2021.

She joined the UCSI Music Talent Development Program in 2024 which provided exposure to orchestra performance and masterclasses with Professor Natalia Troull. She also attended masterclasses with Foo Mei Yi, Yuka Ota, Liana Paniyeva and Dr. Poom Prommachart. In 2025, she became a member of the Malaysia Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Her current musical endeavours continue under the guidance of Ng Chong Lim. At school, she was awarded the Art and Sports Scholarship 2025 and 2026. Beyond her musical pursuits, she also enjoys playing the cello, reading, writing and dancing ballet.



piano

Dorothy Ong

Zhuo En

Dorothy Ong Zhuo En was born on 9 September 2009. In 2024, she obtained Yamaha Diploma Advanced Piano Grade 5 and Fundamental Grade 4 while in 2023, acquired the ABRSM Grade 8 Piano Performance with Distinction.

Her music experience include participation at the Yamaha Corporation Japan Remote Classical Piano Masterclasses with Professor Bernd Zack (Germany, 2023) and Professor Stephan Imorde (Germany, 2022). She also participated in piano masterclasses with Lee Jae Phang (Malaysia) and Henri Sigfirdsson (Finland), and a violin masterclass with Tan Ka Ming. She also performed at the Euroasia Outreach – A Kaleidoscope of Colors II Concert, Johor, and was a violinist in a champion ensemble group for Yamaha Electone Festival 2023.

Among the prestigious music competitions that she has participated were the 6th and 7th Steinway Malaysia Youth Piano Competition, Yamaha International Junior Piano Competition, Euroasia Malaysia Piano Competition, KAE E-Artium Piano Competition, Liszt Ferenc Piano Competition and London Young Musician Competition.

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MUSIC DIRECTOR

Junichi Hirokami

**RESIDENT
CONDUCTOR**

Gerard Salonga

SOLOIST

Lim Yee Vaine
Dorothy Ong Zhuo En

FIRST VIOLIN

Ham Kay Lyn
Sha Kah Yan
Aidan Abdul Jalil
Alistair Chew
Choy Zi Syuen
Tee Jau Jer
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Samuel Anton Theseira
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Delaney Ng
Jarrett Chin
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Wong Jia En
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Khor Yen Jin

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Wong Xiu En
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Bruckner's Fourth
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2026
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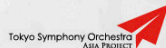


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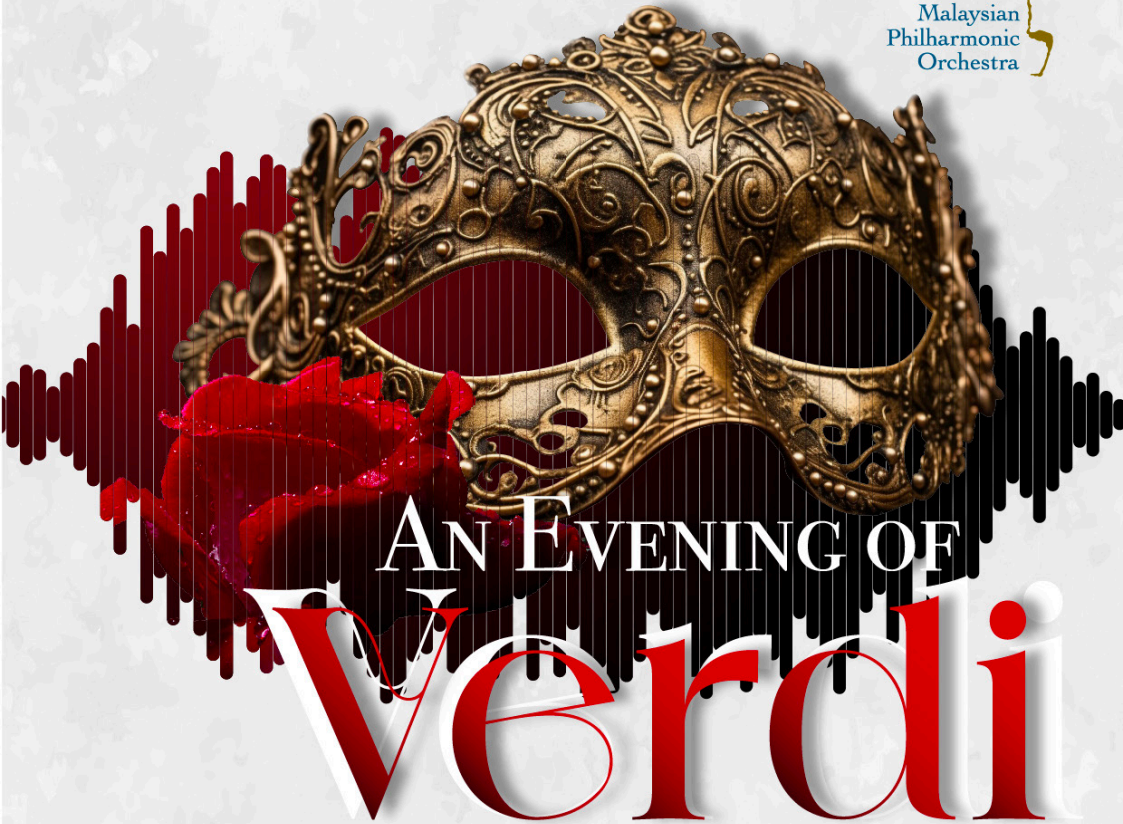
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Junichi Hirokami, conductor
Venera Gimadieva, soprano
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Charles Yang

Reloaded

**16
MAY
2026
SAT 8:00PM**

PERFORMANCE AT
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Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra
Gerard Salonga, conductor
Charles Yang, violin & vocals
Peter Dugan, piano

With breathtaking artistry, the MPO joins violinist-vocalist Charles Yang and pianist Peter Dugan for an evening that fuses classical virtuosity with pop, jazz and cinema. Led by Gerard Salonga, the programme features timeless favourites such as Blackbird, Somewhere Over The Rainbow and Fly Me To The Moon, alongside Piazzolla's Oblivion and Monti's Czardas. A dynamic classical crossover, this concert reimagines orchestral music in a fresh and accessible way.

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Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra
Jebat Arjuna Kee, conductor
Alasdair Malloy, presenter

As the MPO continues to inculcate an appreciation of music among the young, it continues its collaboration with popular family concert presenter Alasdair Malloy for another afternoon of funny antics that weave music lessons. Join him in his incredible musical voyage as he travels from Scotland to Kuala Lumpur through film songs such as *Aladdin*, *Pirates Of The Caribbean*, *Moana* and *Star Wars*. Enjoy an adventurous hour of music and motion!

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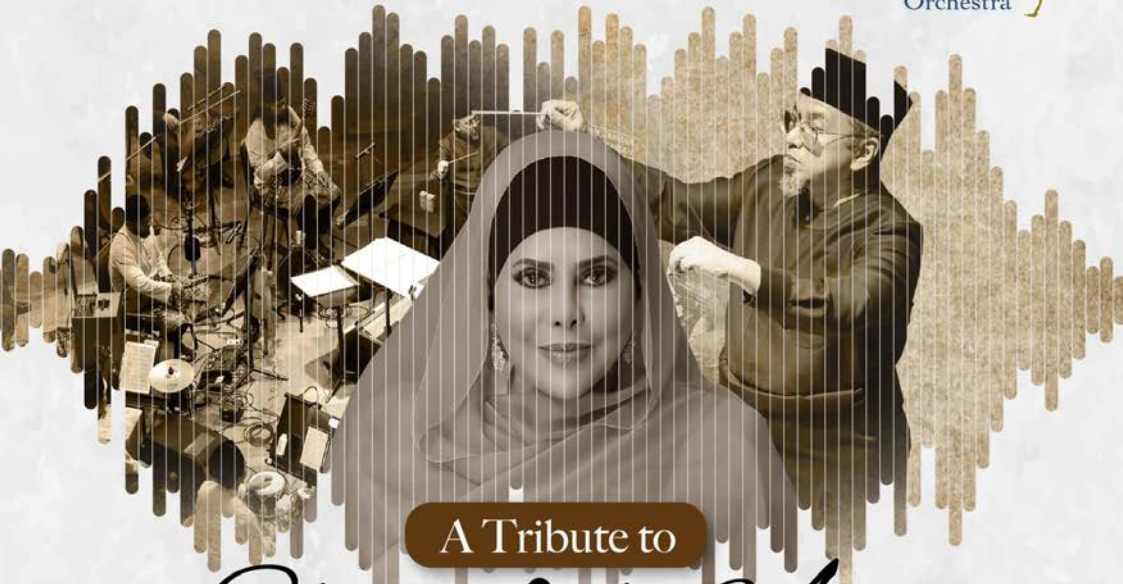
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Sharifah Aini

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SAT 8:00PM

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Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra
Ahmad Muriz Che Rose, conductor
Datuk Khadijah Ibrahim, vocals
Salamiah Hassan, vocals
Asmidar, vocals
Shiha Zikir, vocals

The MPO celebrates the extraordinary artistry and enduring legacy of the late Biduanita Negara Datuk Sharifah Aini in an homage to an artiste like no other. With featured vocalists, audiences will be serenaded with beloved classics across zapin, joget and pop, including *Seri Dewi Malam*, *Burung Pungguk*, *Mawar Putih Untuk Mama*, *Di Malam Persandingan* and *Sabarlah Sayang*. A walk down memory lane when the songstress ruled the airwaves and local music scene, this concert is not-to-be-missed, honouring one of the best Malaysian singers of all time.

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