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Hwa Chong Institution Choir

29 May 2023, Mon, 7.30pm
Esplanade Concert Hall

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PROGRAMME

Come In and Stay Awhile

Rhonda Polay

This opening piece invites listeners to take time and relax from the stresses of modern life through its soothing melodies and inviting lyrics.

Sheng Bu Jie Shao Ge

Jin Chengzhi

This humorous song showcases the unique characteristics of the Bass, Tenor, Alto and Soprano sections of a mixed choir as they engage in a good-natured competition with each other.

Gleichwie die grünen Blätter auf einem schönen Baum

Julius Röntgen

Highlighting the fragility and fleeting nature of human life, this German composition emphasises the importance of cherishing and nurturing our connections with others.

The Destroyer

Sean Doherty

Putting Lola Ridge's 1918 poem 'The Destroyer' to music, composer Sean Doherty meditates on the terrifying power of nature and the earth.

Shan Liang De Ri Zi

Luo Da You | Arr. Jin Wei

Composed for the 1977 movie 'The Golden Age', this theme song reminisces about past glories and the dreams of youth.

Bersatu Senada

Tracy Wong

This uplifting contemporary piece celebrates choral singing as a way of bringing together people of different cultures and communities. Listen carefully and you can hear snippets and small musical references to Rasa Sayang, an iconic Malay folk song, throughout.

Beati Mortui

Felix Mendelssohn

This is a beautiful song that honors the departed and the legacy they leave behind. Building throughout the song to a satisfying conclusion, it conveys the hope that they should find respite and rest from their earthly struggles and toils.

Feng

Low Xu Hao

Based on a poem by Tang dynasty poet Li Jiao, this piece creates a lasting impression on the listener as it depicts the immense power and vitality of the wind.

As Torrents in Summer

Edward Elgar

Using the imagery of torrential showers to signify the intensity of emotions and experiences, this song exhorts one to take courage and continue persevering, even if the situation seems bleak and hopeless.

Soleram

Traditional folk song | Arr. Josu Elberdin

A traditional Indonesian folk song, Soleram imparts words of endearment, the spirit of being modest, and the value of treasuring old friends.

Go Classic!

Arr. Byung-hee Oh

Comprising a medley of 16 famous classical hits such as The Four Seasons, The Nutcracker, and West Side Story, the choir's lively interpretation provides an exciting listening experience that is both familiar and new!

Morning Rain

Americ Goh

This song emphasises the importance of embracing the present moment, encouraging listeners to remain steadfast, cherish their dreams and embrace the journey of life.

1hr 10mins (with no intermission)

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About Hwa Chong Institution Choir

The Hwa Chong Choir comprises passionate choristers from Hwa Chong Institution (College section). Under the baton of Ms Lim Ai Hooi, the choir has garnered top accolades both internationally and in Singapore. Some of these accolades include consecutive Gold with Honours awards at the biennial Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Central Judging of Choirs from 2005 to 2011, and the Certificate of Distinction at the SYF Arts Presentation from 2013 to 2019.

In 2008, the choir won two gold medals at the 5th World Choir Games in Graz, Austria and emerged Champion in the Mixed Choir category. The choir also garnered the Public Prize and Second Prize in the Free Programme category at the 39th Florilege Vocal de Tours in France in 2010. In the same year, Hwa Chong Choir bagged two gold medals and was also named Absolute Winner of the 38th Festival of Songs in Olomouc, Czech Republic. The choir also attained First Prize cum Laude at the 60th European Music Festival for Young People held in Neerpelt, Belgium, as well as Third Prize in the Fleischmann International Trophy Competition held in Cork, Ireland in 2012. Together with the Nanyang Girls' High School choir, the combined choir won three gold medals at the 8th World Choir Games held in Riga, Latvia in 2014.



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