



HSBC CLASSICS PIANO FESTIVAL 2008

(7 – 13 July)

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Concerts

Wed 9 July	Elizabeth Tan Winner of HSBC Classics String Concerto Competition 2007 performs with Ng Chong Lim, Lim Jae Sern, Fung Chern Hwei & Lau Yew Hann.	CHAMBER	PENTAS 2 8.30pm RM35 RM20 (concession)
Thurs 10 July	Matthew Kam First Prize winner of the 2004 Australian National Piano Award making his first appearance at the HSBC Classics Festival.	RECITAL	PENTAS 2 8.30pm RM35 RM20 (concession)
Fri 11 July	Michael Veerapen Jazz Trio Malaysia's foremost jazz pianist in concert with Lewis Pragasam and Christy Smith	JAZZ	PENTAS 2 8.30pm RM45 RM30 (concession)
Sat 12 July	Toh Chee-Hung Acclaimed concert pianist, pedagogue and clinician provides fascinating insights into the works of Frederic Chopin.	LECTURE RECITAL	PENTAS 2 4.00pm RM45 RM25 (concession)
Sat & Sun 12 & 13 July	Dennis Lee & KLPac Sinfonietta & Winner of Piano Competition Penang born, renowned concert pianist & educator Dennis Lee performs with the KLPac Sinfonietta. Concert also features the winner of this year's piano competition.	FESTIVAL FINALE	PENTAS 1 8.30pm (12 July) 3.00pm (13 July) RM60, RM45, RM30 RM40, RM30, RM20 (concession)
Sun 13 July	Young Composers Workshop Co-organised by Malaysian Composers Collective Premiere of new works by Ng Chong Lim & Johan Othman plus new works by workshop finalists.	CONCERT	PENTAS 2 11.00am – 1.00pm RM20 RM15 (concession)



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Piano Competition

Mon & Tues 7 & 8 July	SEMI FINALS Nine contestants vie for a place in the finals over two days of competition. Jury comprises Dennis Lee (Chairman), Toh Chee Hung, Dr. John Sharpley & Matthew Kam.	PENTAS 2 Starts at 3.00pm RM20 RM12 (concession)
Sat 12 July	FINALS Malaysia's finest young pianists show off their skills in a concerto performance. Winners to be announced at the Award Ceremony at the Festival Finale Concert on the same day, with the winner performing the winning concerto.	PENTAS 2 10.00am – 1.00pm RM25 RM15 (concession)

Workshop & Masterclasses

Wed 9 July	Toh Chee-Hung	PIANO MASTERCLASS	INDICINE 3.00pm – 6.00pm
Thurs 10 July	Dennis Lee	PIANO MASTERCLASS	INDICINE 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Fri 11 July	Dr. John Sharpley	PIANO MASTERCLASS	INDICINE 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Fri 11 July	Michael Veerapen Trio	JAZZ CLINIC	INDICINE 3.00pm
Fri 11 July	Young Composers Workshop Co-organised by Malaysian Composers Collective Open workshop and rehearsal for finalists	REHEARSAL	INDICINE 8.30pm – 10.00pm Free admission

Piano Masterclasses: Registration of RM30 (participants) & RM10 (observers).

Jazz Clinic: Registration of RM15 (adult) and RM10 (concession).

Exhibition

Musical instruments & merchandise display & demonstrations during the festival week in KLPac Main Lobby. The Absolute Art Gallery will also mount an exhibition of paintings based on a musical theme by Eng Tay, a well established Malaysian-born artist based in New York.

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CONCERT PROGRAMME

Note: Artistic programme may be subject to change without notice

Chamber Concert

Date & Time Wednesday 9 July, 8.30pm
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Ticket Price: RM35 and RM20 (concession)

Featuring Elizabeth Tan, winner of HSBC Classics String Concerto Competition 2007 with Ng Chong Lim (pianist), Lim Jae Sern (violin), Fung Chern Hwei (violin) and Lau Yew Hann (viola).

Programme:
Sonata in A Major (César Franck)
Variations on a Theme of Rossini, H.290 (Bohuslav Martinù)
Intermission
Piano Quintet in E Flat Major, Op. 44 (Schumann)

Solo Recital by Matthew Kam

Date & Time: Thursday 10 July, 8.30pm
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Ticket Price: RM35 and RM20 (concession)

Programme:
Scarlatti, Domenico
Sonata in C Major K.157, L.405
Sonata in E Major K.216, L.273

Beethoven, Ludwig van
Sonata in E-Flat Major, op 81a “Les Adieux”

Liszt, Franz
Etude “La Campanella”

Vine, Carl
Piano Sonata (1990)

Fauré, Gabriel (20 mins)
Nocturne no 4 in E-Flat Major, op 36
Barcarolle no 3 in G-Flat Major, op 42
Impromptu no 3 in A-Flat Major, op 34



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Michael Veerapen Jazz Trio

Date & Time: Friday 11 July, 8.30pm
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Ticket Price: RM45 and RM30 (concession)

Concert by Michael Veerapen, Lewis Pragasam and Christy Smith preceded by a separate jazz workshop.

Lecture Recital by Toh Chee-Hung

Date & Time: Saturday 12 July, 4.00pm
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Ticket Price: RM45 and RM25 (concession)

Lecture and recital on the works of Frederic Chopin.

The lecture will include illustrations of genres such as Mazurkas, Polonaises, Preludes, Impromptus, Nocturnes and Ballades followed by a performance of the Sonata in B minor Op. 58 in the second half.

KLPac Sinfonietta with soloist, Dennis Lee & Piano Competition winner

Date & Time: Saturday 12 July, 8.30pm (awards ceremony)
Sunday 13 July, 3.00pm
Venue: Pentas 1, KLPac
Tickets: RM60, RM45 and RM30
RM40, RM30 and RM20 (concession)

Awards Ceremony (on Saturday 12 July, 2008)

Performance by First Prize Winner

INTERMISSION

Triumphal March from Aida (Verdi)

Piano Concerto No. 1 in C by Ludwig van Beethoven

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HSBC CLASSICS PIANO COMPETITION 2008

This will be the first piano competition in the HSBC Classics series. Open to Malaysian pianists who are 26 years or under at the time of the competition, the competition is very much in keeping with the educational goals of HSBC Classics.

Semi Finals

Date & Time: Monday & Tuesday 7 & 8 July at 3.00pm
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Tickets: RM20 and RM12 (concession)

From the 33 applications received, nine contestants made it through to the semi final round which takes place at the start of the festival.

Semi Finalists:

1. Chin Hui Shan
2. Raymond Yee Kit Loong
3. Tham Horng Kent
4. Lynn Kang
5. Andrew Koay Yi Jie
6. Yong Sue Yi
7. Wong Shuen Da
8. Chow Kwok Kang
9. Kong Su Mei

Semi finalists will perform a programme (duration up to 45 minutes) comprising:

- A piece by a Malaysian composer
- A complete Beethoven sonata
- One or more pieces of their own choice

Finals

Date & Time: Saturday 12 July, 10.00am
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Tickets: RM25 and RM15 (concession)

Finalists will perform a Piano Concerto accompanied by a String Ensemble (Bach) or String Quartet (Mozart or Chopin) chosen from the following:

- a) Bach D minor
- b) Mozart C major K415
- c) Chopin No. 1 in E minor



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JURY

For both semi final and final rounds, the Jury will comprise:

- Dennis Lee (Chairman)
- Toh Chee-Hung
- Dr. John Sharpley
- Matthew Kam

PRIZES

The total prize money is RM14,000.00 which is to be awarded at the discretion of the Jury. Finalists will also receive vouchers for the purchase of books and accessories.

HSBC CLASSICS YOUNG COMPOSERS WORKSHOP

Co-organised by the Malaysian Composers Collective (www.malaysiancomposers.com)

Open Rehearsal

Date & Time: Friday 11 July at 8.30pm
Venue: IndiCine, KLPac
Tickets: ADMISSION IS FREE

Compositions by the workshop finalists will be discussed and rehearsed and Q & A sessions will allow the audience to ask questions. Where time permits, excerpts from other submissions that did not make the final selection will also be discussed.

Concert

Date & Time: Sunday 13 July at 11.00am
Venue: Pentas 2, KLPac
Tickets: RM20 and RM15 (concession)

A concert of premieres featuring a newly completed piano work by Ng Chong Lim, the Malaysian premiere of Johan Othman's *the dancing mouse* for voice and harp, and *Dying In Order To Live* – an excerpt from an opera-in-progress for voice and piano. Finalists of the HSBC Young Composers Workshop 2008 will also have their works performed by The YCW Ensemble (Chee Su yen, Lee Yin Hwa, Joyce Ho, Yong How Keen & Vincent Kok).

Guest Performers:

Ng Chong Lim
Tan Keng Hong