

24 October 2011

Principals
All Primary Schools

**SINGAPORE YOUTH FESTIVAL 2012
CENTRAL JUDGING OF CHOIRS (PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL)**

1. The SYF Central Judging of Choirs will be held in April 2012. The details are as follows:

Date : 10 – 13 and 16 – 18 April 2012
Time : 9.00 am – 6.00 pm
Venue : School of the Arts Singapore – Concert Hall
1 Zubir Said Drive
Singapore 227968

2. All primary schools are invited to participate in the central judging. Please refer to the following annexes for details:

ANNEX A: Rules and regulations
ANNEX B: Information on set piece
ANNEX C: Information required for online registration

3. All entries are to be submitted via the SYF online portal at www.singaporeyouthfestival.sg. Schools will receive their access passwords via email through the school's official account between 3 and 6 January 2012. **Registration will begin on Monday 9 January 2012 and close on Friday 3 February 2012.** Please refer to Annex C for the information to be prepared for submission.

4. For clarifications, please contact Ms Wang Siao Hua, CCA Officer (Music), at Tel: 64609832 or email at WANG_Siao_Hua@moe.gov.sg.

5. Thank you.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. PERFORMANCE

1.1 All participating choirs will perform the following in this order:

- the set piece
- two contrasting pieces of their choice

1.2 Set Piece

All performances of the Set Piece must adhere to the original score. **Strictly no changes are to be made to the set piece.**

1.3 Choice Pieces

- i) One of the choice pieces must **either** be an original composition written by a composer of Asian origin **or** an Asian folk or traditional work.
- ii) Any changes made to the choice pieces must be accompanied by written permission from the original composer and/or publisher.
- iii) The choice pieces may be performed with or without accompaniment. There should not be more than three accompanists for each choice piece. Electric guitars, electric pianos, synthesizers, organs and all other electronic devices are not allowed. Schools that do not adhere to this regulation will have 10% of the final awarded mark deducted.
- iv) **Seven** sets of original scores of each choice piece are to be submitted at the briefing cum balloting session on Thursday 8 March 2012. The scores will be returned at the end of the judging. To avoid infringement of copyright laws, only original scores should be used during the performance. For enquiries on copyright, please contact the Composer and Authors Society of Singapore (COMPASS) at 63236630.
- v) The submitted scores should include all vocal and instrumental parts as performed during the judging.

1.4 Choirs are permitted to have choreographed movements in their performance but marks will only be awarded for choral singing.

2. DURATION

2.1 The total performance duration of the two choice pieces should not exceed **seven minutes**.

2.2 10% of the final mark awarded will be deducted for any performance that exceeds the stipulated time.

3. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Each school is required to submit a list of **no less than 24 and no more than 80 participants**. All participants must be current students of the school. They are required to be in full school uniform or their respective choir costumes. 10% of the final marks awarded will be deducted for choirs that field less than 24 or more than

80 participants. All participants, including accompanists, are required to remain on stage for the duration of the performances.

- 3.2 Schools which field participants that are not current students of the school will be disqualified and any award received will be revoked.
- 3.3 Each school will ballot for a performance number at the briefing cum balloting session on Thursday 8 March 2012. Schools are required to adhere to the reporting time corresponding with the performance number. Schools that do not adhere to the reporting time will have 5% of the final awarded marks deducted.
- 3.4 Each student is allowed to participate in more than one event at the central judging provided they do not perform the same role or play the same musical instrument.

4. JUDGING CRITERIA

- 4.1 The judging criteria are as follows:

50% - Technique

Articulation
Dynamics
Intonation
Language and Diction
Rhythm
Tone

50% - Musicianship

Balance
Blend
Expression
Interpretation & Style
Phrasing

- 4.2 The decision of the panel of adjudicators is final and no appeal will be entertained.

5. AWARDS

- 5.1 The central judging provides the opportunity for choirs to benchmark their performance standards. There is no pre-determined number of gold, silver or bronze awards. Participating choirs will be awarded certificates based on their performances as follows:

- Gold 80% and above
- Silver 70% to 79%
- Bronze 60% to 69%
- Certificate of Participation 59% and below

- 5.2 To recognise the outstanding achievement of choirs that have attained high performance standards, schools that obtain a final mark of 85% and above will receive the Gold award (with Honours).

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Each school is allowed to submit only one entry.
- 6.2 Participating schools are required to submit their entry and other required information via the SYF online portal at www.singaporeyouthfestival.sg. Schools will be sent their access passwords via email through the school's official account between 3 and 6

January 2012. Registration will begin on Monday 9 January 2012. All entries must be submitted by **Friday 3 February 2012**.

7. BRIEFING

- 7.1 An important briefing and balloting session for all instructors and teachers-in-charge will be held on **Thursday 8 March 2012** at the **MOE Facility** at 21 Evans Road Singapore 259366.
- 7.2 Details on this briefing will be provided in a later notification.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 8.1 To ensure the smooth organisation of the event, all participating schools are to comply with the rules and regulations.
- 8.2 The organisers reserve the right to impose a penalty for any infringement of the rules and regulations.
- 8.3 Unauthorised photography, video and audio recording are not allowed in the judging venue during the central judging.
- 8.4 Schools may contact School of The Arts, Singapore at venuebookings@sota.edu.sg for enquiries on booking the hall for rehearsals.

9. SCHEDULE FOR SYF CENTRAL JUDGING OF CHOIRS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
From Mon 14 Nov 2011		Sale of Set Piece at Gramercy Music - Esplanade Mall 8, Raffles Avenue #02-08 Esplanade Mall Singapore 039802
Tue 31 Jan 2012	10.00 am – 12.00 pm	Dialogue Session with Set Piece Composer at MOE Facility – Music Studio at 21 Evans Road Singapore 259366
Fri 3 Feb 2012		Completion of Online Registration
Thu 8 Mar 2012		Briefing and Balloting at MOE Facility at 21 Evans Road Singapore 259366 Seven sets of original scores of each choice piece are to be submitted.
10 – 13 & 16 – 18 Apr 2012	9.00 am – 6.00 pm	Central Judging at School of The Arts, Singapore – Concert Hall 1 Zubir Said Drive Singapore 227968

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SET PIECE

1. The CCA Branch of the Ministry of Education has commissioned the following set piece for the Singapore Youth Festival 2012 Central Judging of Choirs (Primary School Level):

Title : **Music Comes**
Composer : **Sandra Milliken**

2. The set piece can be purchased from **14 November 2011** from:

Gramercy Music - Esplanade Mall
8, Raffles Avenue
#02-08
Esplanade Mall
Singapore 039802
Tel: 63376128
Email: info@gramercy.com.sg

Business Hours: 12pm to 9pm

3. Orders for purchases made will have to be made by email.
4. The minimum order is 30 scores at \$4.00 each. A special price of \$3.50 per score is available for orders of 40 scores and above. **Schools are to purchase one copy of the set piece for each participant.**
5. MOE CCA Branch reserves all rights for the use of the set piece up to and including 18 April 2012. Any public performance or use of the set piece prior to this date requires the permission of MOE CCA Branch.
6. A dialogue session with the set piece composer will be held on **Tuesday, 31 January 2012, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm**, at the **MOE Facility, Music Studio** at 21 Evans Road Singapore 259366.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Details of School (to verify online):

- Name of school
- Name of principal (including salutation)
- Address
- General office and staff room telephone number / DID
- Fax number

Details of Choice Pieces

- Title
- Composer
- Arranger (where applicable)
- Duration

Details of Participants

- Total number of participants
- Break down of participants in terms of boys, girls, Chinese, Malays, Indians and Others
- Participants' names and classes

Details of Conductor

- Name (including salutation)
- Mobile phone number and other contact numbers
- Email address

Details of Teacher-in-Charge

- Name (including salutation)
- Mobile phone number and other contact numbers
- Email address