Voices of Singapore Children's Choir Embarks on Inaugural UK Tour Following Carnegie Hall Debut



Singapore, 21 May 2024, Tuesday – The Voices of Singapore Children's Choir (VOSCC) is thrilled to announce its inaugural UK tour, set to take place this summer from 27 June to 6 July 2024. This landmark tour, following their milestone debut at Carnegie Hall in New York last year, will feature a series of performances, cultural exchanges, and an international choral competition, showcasing the choir's talent and Singapore's choral heritage.

Tour Schedule and Highlights:

London

The UK tour will commence in London from **27 to 29 June**, where the VOSCC will perform in a collaborative concert with professional guest choir **Vox Urbane**. Titled "**East to West**," this concert will be held on **Friday**, **28 June 2024**, at **7.30pm BST** at **St John's Smith Square**, **London**.



• **Date**: Friday, 28 June 2024

• **Time**: 7.30pm BST

• **Venue**: St John's Smith Square, Smith Square, London SW1P 3HA, United Kingdom

• **Tickets**: £15 (Adults), £6 (Young Friends)

 Details: Under the direction of acclaimed conductors Dr. Darius Lim and Dan Ludford-Thomas, the performance will offer a diverse repertoire that bridges Eastern and Western musical traditions. Audiences will be treated to Western choral classics, as well as traditional Asian folk music by renowned Singaporean composers.

Barnsley

From **29 June to 2 July**, the choir will travel to Barnsley for choir exchanges, rehearsals, and homestays with the **Barnsley Youth Choir (BYC)**. The VOSCC will present **two combined concerts** at St Mary's Church in Barnsley on 30 June:

Afternoon Concert:

Date: Sunday, 30 June 2024Time: 3:30pm-5pm BST

Performers: VOSCC & BYC Intermediate Choir

Evening Concert:

Date: Sunday, 30 June 2024Time: 7pm-8:30pm BST

• Performers: VOSCC & BYC Senior Choir

Llangollen

The tour will culminate in Llangollen, where the VOSCC will compete in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod (LIME) on 3 July, participating in Category A7, "Senior Children's Choirs". This renowned music festival is held annually in North Wales, offering a unique platform for the choir to showcase their music on an international stage. In addition to competing, the choir will engage in various festival activities, further enriching their touring experience.

After the competition, the VOSCC will return to London on 5 July for a day of recreation and sightseeing before departing for Singapore on 6 July.

This UK tour marks a significant milestone for the Voices of Singapore Children's Choir, providing an excellent opportunity to share their musical excellence and Singaporean choral heritage with international audiences. It also underscores the choir's commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding and artistic collaboration through music.

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About Voices of Singapore:

Voices of Singapore (VOS) is Singapore's largest singing organisation, transforming lives through the power of music and choral singing. With over 20 singing groups of different styles and genres, VOS is Singapore's largest singing organisation with 1,000 singers participating in live and virtual projects and festivals.

As an arts charity, VOS combines artistic excellence with community impact. The VOS State Choirs pursue the highest levels of choral singing, while community outreach choirs extend their impact to special needs individuals, the elderly, and children at risk. Choral music fosters empowerment, connection, and a sense of belonging within a vibrant singing community.

VOS's programs encompass various styles and genres, ensuring a diverse musical experience for all participants. Through their initiatives to inspire a Singing Singapore, VOS deepens appreciation for the arts while making a positive difference in Singapore's cultural landscape.

About VOSCC

The Voices of Singapore Children's Choir (VOSCC) was formed in 2019 by acclaimed Singaporean Conductor-Composer Dr. Darius Lim. Today, the 500-strong VOSCC boasts one of the most comprehensive music choral training programmes in Singapore with a progressive system of both training and performing choirs. The choir has established a network of collaborations with some of the world's leading children's choirs, providing exclusive opportunities for singers to attend masterclasses, exchanges, and performances with renowned professionals from across the globe.

The Concert Group stands as the pinnacle ensemble within the Voices of Singapore Children's Choir, known for its exceptional singing at the highest level. Comprising the Concert Choir and the Choral Scholars, this group represents the highest standards of

choral excellence in Singapore. The Concert Group has earned a distinguished reputation through its participation in both national and international events, showcasing Singapore's choral talent on the global stage. Notably, they have made history as the first Singaporean children's choir to debut at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York in 2023, a testament to their exceptional skill and dedication.

Their repertoire and performances extend to significant national events such as National Day and ChildAid. A highlight of their contributions to Singapore's cultural heritage is their collaboration with the Singapore Armed Forces Band in recording the official Singapore National Anthem. Additionally, their involvement in the Earthshot Prize Ceremony 2023 in Singapore, attended by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, further underscores their status as ambassadors of Singapore's cultural and artistic heritage. The Concert Group not only exemplifies musical excellence but also serves as a beacon of inspiration, highlighting the potential and artistry of young Singaporean musicians on the world stage.