

CELYN CHUA MIN XIU

Collaborative Pianist · Music Instructor · BMUS (HONS) · FRSM

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Collaborative pianist with over 14 years of experience accompanying vocalists and instrumentalists across examinations, competitions, concerts, and school productions in Singapore and Malaysia. Holds the FRSM in Piano Performance and a Bachelor of Music (Honours) from the Royal College of Music, London in Partnership with Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts. Currently serving as contract choir pianist for several MOE schools, with extensive experience in rehearsal coordination and performance. Recognised with multiple Best Piano Accompanist awards at national vocal competitions during studies. Bilingual in English and Chinese.

COLLABORATIVE PIANO EXPERIENCE

Contract Choir Pianist (MOE Primary Schools)

2023 – Present

- Serve as dedicated pianist for five MOE primary school choirs, accompanying weekly rehearsals and performances for SYF Arts Presentation and school concerts
- Schools: Methodist Girls' (Primary), Catholic High (Primary), Temasek Primary, St Margaret Primary, APSN Chaoyang School, Greendale Secondary School
- Collaborate closely with choir conductors on interpretation, dynamics, tempo, and cueing during rehearsals and performances
- Adapt accompaniment to support student performers of varying abilities, including students with special needs (APSN Chaoyang)

Freelance Collaborative Pianist

2012 – Present

- Provide piano accompaniment for vocal and instrumental principle studies exam in music institution, ABRSM & Trinity certification exam, O-level MEP music exam, diploma-level examinations
- Accompany soloists and ensembles in national and international competitions
- Accompany music school auditions and recitals across multiple music institutions (Malaysia and Singapore)
- Guest Pianist for the Macpherson Philharmonic Orchestra on their Annual Concert 'Progression IV' (2025).

Orchestral & Choral Performance (Choir Member)

2013 – 2016

NAFA Concert Series with Singapore Symphony Orchestra

- Performed in major choral-orchestral works including Mozart Requiem, Bizet Carmen, Mahler's Third, and Bach St John Passion
- Gained first-hand ensemble experience in large-scale concert production and rehearsal processes

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Freelance Piano & Vocal Teacher

2011 – Present

- Train students from beginner to ABRSM and Trinity diploma level in piano, voice, and basic composition and music arrangement.
- Students recognised at competitions including Quatre Music Youth Piano Competition and Singapore Raffles International Music Festival

Music Instructor

Aug 2018 – Apr 2024

Yamaha Music Singapore Pte Ltd

- Taught individual and group courses: Junior Music Course (JMC to ANC), Yamaha Piano Course, Music Friends Course
- Trainer for Yamaha 'Hello Yamaha' event at Suntec Convention Centre (2019)
- Contributor to Yamaha Canvas Project digital learning platform (2023–2024)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music (Honours), Piano Performance <i>Royal College of Music, London</i>	2018
Diploma in Music <i>Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (University of the Arts Singapore)</i>	2016
UEC Certificate <i>Foon Yew High School, Malaysia</i>	2012

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & QUALIFICATIONS

FRSM, Piano Performance	2024
ABRSM Grade 8 Singing	2012
ABRSM Grade 8 Theory	2011
Yamaha Piano Grade 5 Advanced Certificate	2021

ACCOMPANIST & PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Accompanist Awards

- Meishi Cup Vocal Competition – Best Piano Accompanist Award (2010, 2011, 2012)
- Sim Kuan Ming National Vocal Competition – Best Piano Accompanist Award (2011)
- 2nd Singapore & Malaysia Vocal Competition – Outstanding Pianist Award (2017)

Performance & Teaching Awards

- The Asia International Music Competition, Taiwan – First Prize Gold Award (2015)
- Meishi Cup Vocal Competition – Female Senior Category Gold Award (2012)
- Certificate of Teaching Recognition – Quatre Music Youth Piano Competition (2021)
- Outstanding Mentor Award – Singapore Raffles International Music Festival (2025)

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

- Macpherson Philharmonic Orchestra: Progression IV (Oct 2025)
- Concert D'Alumnes, Festival de Música Isaac Albéniz – Camprodom, Spain
- Masterclass participant with Prof. Gordon Thompson (2015) and Prof. Dina Parakhina (2017)

SKILLS

Languages: English (Native), Chinese (Native), Malay (Intermediate), Cantonese (Intermediate), Japanese (Beginner)

Music Software: MuseScore (Advanced), Sibelius (Advanced), GarageBand (Intermediate)