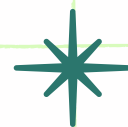




# Beautiful Mind Charity

## Annual Report 2024





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# About Us

## Vision



To be the classical music academy of choice for children with special needs.



## Mission



To discover and nurture the classical music talents of children (ages 7–16) with special needs and provide the platform for them to develop as financially independent professional musicians.



## Purpose



To empower and enable special needs individuals to express their classical music talents and achieve their full potential as skilled musicians and make the world we live in a better and more inclusive place, regardless of physical conditions and cultural differences.



# Background of Charity



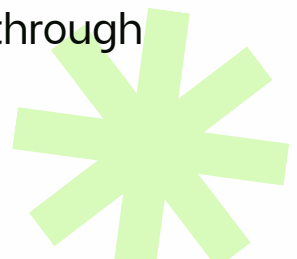
Beautiful Mind Charity (BMC) is a philanthropic organization dedicated to cultural diplomacy and sharing love with the less privileged through diverse cultural activities.

Founded in the U.S. in September 2006, BMC has since expanded to multiple countries, with current chapters in Korea, Singapore, and Vietnam. It was granted special consultative status by the UN ECOSOC in July 2016.



BMC Singapore was officially recognized as a charity in September 2012 and has been a full member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS) since April 2015. It also attained Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status in February 2016.

With its mission rooted in compassion and cultural connection, BMC continues to bridge communities and inspire hope through music and humanitarian outreach.



# Key Information

Beautiful Mind Charity was registered as a society on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012.

Beautiful Mind Charity was registered as a charity under the Charities Act (Chapter 37) since 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 2012.

Beautiful Mind Charity has been accorded IPC (Institution of Public Character) status from 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016.

Beautiful Mind Charity has Constitution as its governing instrument.

Unique Registration Number (UEN): T12SS0009G

Registered Address: 138 Robinson Road, #02-26 Oxley Tower, Singapore 068906

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Bankers: UOB Bank Singapore and OCBC Bank Singapore

# President's Message



Ten years ago, we embarked on a journey fueled by a simple yet powerful belief: that every child, regardless of their challenges, possesses the potential for extraordinary artistic expression through classical music. On April 27th. next year, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Beautiful Mind Music Academy. I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable achievements we have witnessed.

This milestone is not merely a measure of time, but a testament to the unwavering dedication of our staff, volunteers, teachers, and, most importantly, the incredible children and their families/caregivers who have placed their trust in us. We have seen firsthand the transformative power of classical music: how it can unlock hidden talents, build confidence, and foster a sense of belonging.

Over the past decade, we have seen our students overcome obstacles with resilience and grace. We have witnessed the joy of their first successful performance, the dedication to mastering complex pieces, and the sheer delight of creating beautiful music. These moments, etched in our hearts, are the true measure of our success.



# President's Message



We have grown from a fledgling initiative to a vibrant community, providing specialized instruction, access to instruments, and performance opportunities that empower children with special needs to explore and develop their musical gifts.

Our commitment to nurturing their talent and fostering their personal growth remains steadfast.

As we look to the future, we are inspired by the countless possibilities that lie ahead. We will continue to expand our programs, reach more children, and advocate for inclusivity in the arts. We will strive to create a world where every child has the opportunity to experience the profound joy and fulfilment that music brings.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our generous donors, partners, and supporters who have made this journey possible. Your belief in our mission has enabled us to make a tangible difference in the lives of these exceptional children.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Together, we will continue to create a symphony of hope, inspiration, and boundless potential.

Sincerely,  
Lim Keng Huat



# Leadership



## Management Board

**PRESIDENT** Mr. Lim Keng Huat

**VICE-PRESIDENT** Ms. Leslie Chia Yong Peng

**\*TREASURER** Ms. Tan Poh Ling \ Mr. Cho Won Joon

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**BOARD MEMBERS** Dr. Yoon Meekyung Mary

**BOARD MEMBERS** Dr. Mu Yu Guang

**BOARD MEMBERS** Ms. Lee Jung Hyun



\*Change in appointment from 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2024

# Leadership

## Executive Management Team

Ms. Leslie Chia Yong Peng

Executive Director

Appointed to Position since 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024

Ms. Lee Sharon So Jueng

BMC Program Director

Appointed to Position since 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014

Dr. Yoon Meekyung Mary

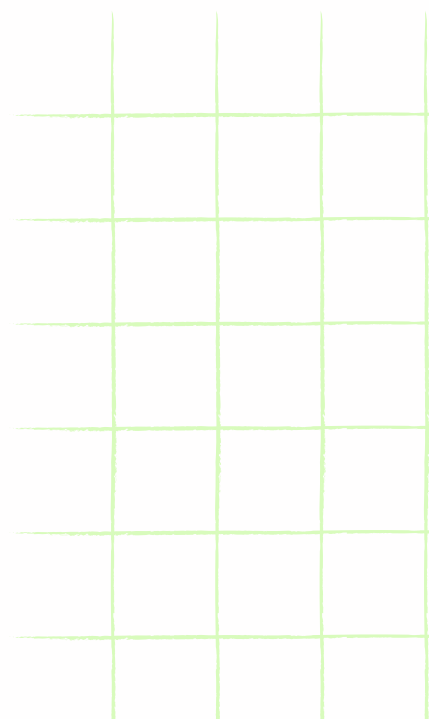
BMMA Director

Appointed to Position since 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014

Ms. Kaede H'ng

Management Executive

Appointed to Position since 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018



# Financial Performance ←

The financial performance of the charity is as disclosed in the Financial Statements for FY 2024.



# Beautiful Mind Music Academy ←

As part of Beautiful Mind Charity's commitment to inclusive arts education, the Beautiful Mind Music Academy (BMMA) was established in March 2014 to provide individualized music instruction for children with special needs. The programme continues to be a cornerstone of BMC's outreach, fostering personal growth, creativity, and confidence through music.

By the end of 2023, nearly 40 students had been enrolled in the programme, with 18 actively receiving weekly, one-on-one music lessons from professional volunteer musicians. All BMMA students benefit from personalized instruction, ensuring that their unique learning needs and musical interests are fully supported.

In 2023, BMMA continued to provide 16 sessions per semester, offering students more consistent learning opportunities. Additional lessons are also provided during concert preparation periods in April and November/December to help students prepare for public performances.



# Beautiful Mind Music Academy



BMMA's volunteer instructors are supported through music masterclasses and special education training workshops, which help them better understand the needs of students with disabilities and tailor their teaching methods accordingly. The programme also prepares students for internationally recognized music examinations, including ABRSM and Trinity College, giving them goals to work toward and achievements to celebrate.



Beyond the classroom, BMMA's outreach continues through the Beautiful Mind Ensemble, whose volunteer musicians regularly perform in nursing homes, hospitals, and social service centers—bringing the therapeutic power of music to members of the wider community.

The BMMA Music Education Programme exemplifies BMC's mission to create meaningful change through music, offering high-quality, individualized education that inspires and empowers every student.



# BMMA

# Instructors ←

## **OBOE** Yoon Meekyung Mary

Yonsei University, Korea, B.M.

American Conservatory of Music, USA, M.M. & D.M.A.

Former member of Classical Symphony Orchestra, Chicago, USA

BMMA Instructor since 2012

## **FLUTE** Lee Sharon So Jueng

Folkwang University of the Arts, Eseen, Germany, M.M. & Konzertexamen

Temple University, USA, Professional Studies

Former faculty at Daejin University, Korea

BMMA Instructor since 2012

## **VIOLA** Kwon Jin Young

Seoul National University, Korea, B.M.

New England Conservatory of Music, USA, M.M.

Former member of Korean Symphony Orchestra & Central Jersey Orchestra

BMMA Instructor in 2012-2016 & since 2022

## **FLUTE** Kim Mi Ran

Dongduk Women's University, Korea, B.M.

Former instructor of Heart-Heart Wind Orchestra

Former instructor of Central Christian Academy

BMMA Instructor in 2015 & since 2022

# BMMA

# Instructors



**CELLO** **Krug Maria Patricia**

Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany, M.M.Ed.  
Instructor at Tanglewood Music School  
BMMA Instructor since 2015

**PIANO** **Chin Shih Er Shirley**

University of New Castle, Australia, B.M.  
University of Tasmania, Australia, M.M.  
Head of Piano Department at KAWAI Music School-Elite, Singapore  
BMMA Instructor since 2016

**PIANO** **Woo Ji Yeon**

Seoul National University, Korea, B.M.  
BMMA Instructor since 2016

**VIOLIN** **Dang Thanh Trung**

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS, B.M.  
Faculty at Mandeville Conservatory of Music  
BMMA Instructor since 2018

**VIOLIN** **Jeon Natalie Juyeon**

The University of British Columbia, Canada, B.M.  
BMMA Instructor since 2018

# BMMA

# Instructors



## **VIOLA & VIOLIN** **Pham Thi Minh Anh**

Hanoi Conservatory of Music, Vietnam, B.M.

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS, B.M.

Faculty at Mandeville Conservatory of Music

BMMA Instructor since 2018

## **PIANO / FLUTE** **Tan Mei Wah**

Kingston University, U.K., B.M.(Hons)

Instructor of Very Special Arts Singapore

Member of Braddell Heights Symphony Orchestra

BMMA Instructor since 2018

## **FLUTE** **Ko Haylin Hye Ryoung**

Sookmyung Women's University, Korea, B.M. & M.M.

Former member of Flaviol Flute Ensemble

BMMA Instructor since 2019

## **VIOLA** **Chiew Jeremy**

Longy School of Music of Bard College, USA, M.M.

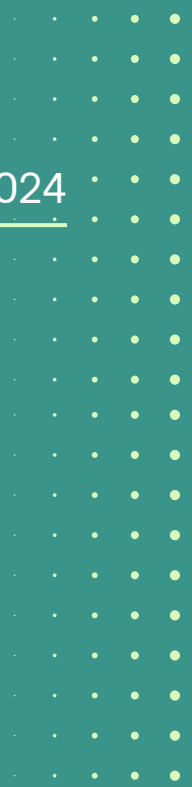
Adjunct Lecturer, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

Associate Artistic Director & GM, New Opera Singapore

BMMA Instructor since 2019

# BMMA

# Instructors



## **VIOLIN** Yoon Su Yeon

Chung Ang University, Korea, B.M.  
University of Cincinnati, USA, M.M.  
BMMA Instructor since 2020

## **CELLO** Yang Jaewon

Yonsei University, Korea, B.M.  
Former member of KBS Symphony Orchestra, Seoul, Korea  
BMMA Instructor since 2020

## **PIANO** Lim Dao Sheng

Royal College of Music, London, B.M.  
Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Dip. in Music Performance  
BMMA Instructor since 2020

## **PIANO** Mak Matthew

Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, NUS, B.M. & M.M.  
Adjunct at Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music  
BMMA Instructor since 2020

## **PIANO** Park In Hye

University of Music Trossingen, Germany, M.M, M.M.Ed & Konzertexamen  
BMMA Instructor since 2021

# BMMA

# Instructors



## **CLARINET** Lee So Ra

Kookmin University, Korea, B.M.

Former member of Sori Arts Center and Iksan City Wind Orchestra, Korea

BMMA Instructor since 2022

## **PIANO** Kang Ji Yeon

Seoul National University, Korea, B.M.

Kookmin University, Korea, M.M.Ed.

BMMA Instructor since 2022

## **MUSIC THEORY & COMPOSITION** Koh Nathanael

Australian National University, B.M. (Hons)

Australian Guild of Music Education, B.M.

Trinity College London, AMusTCL

BMMA Instructor since 2022

## **PIANO** Chew Michele

London College of Music, LLCM in Teaching Diploma

London College of Music, GLCM in Piano Performance

BMMA Instructor since 2023

# BMMA

# Instructors

**PIANO** **Yoon Jongah**

Essen Folkwang University of the Arts, Germany, M.M.

Adjunct faculty at SOTA & Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music

BMMA Instructor since 2024

**PIANO** **Lee Helen**

Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, B.M.

University of North Texas, USA, M.M.

BMMA Instructor since 2024

## BMMA Teaching Assistants

**PIANO** **Eng Cheng Le** (since Jun 2021)

**PIANO** **Lim Sze Jing** (since May 2023)

**PIANO** **Alicia Diva Chandra** (since May 2023)

**PIANO** **Chong Tammy** (Since 2023)

**CELLO** **Park Sean** (since 2024)

**CELLO** **Choi Harang** (since 2024)

**VIOLIN** **Eom Dahyun Isabella** (since 2024)

**CELLO** **Chu D Christian** (since 2024)

**FLUTE** **Kim Eunho Eden** (since 2024)

**CLARINET** **Cheong Jian Kayla** (since 2024)

# Highlights of 2024



## January



Beautiful Mind Charity's  
12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## February



Beautiful Mind Music Academy Audition  
at Singapore Bible College

# Highlights of 2024



March



Mini Concert at THK  
Nursing Home @ Hougang



BMMA x YST Collaboration Workshop at  
Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music



# Highlights of 2024

April

- \* 2024 Beautiful Mind Music Academy Concert at SOTA Concert Hall



- \* BMMA Graduate: **Ng Tung Hei** performed at the 2024 Beautiful Mind Music Academy Graduation Ceremony at Korean Church in Singapore



# Highlights of 2024

May



BMMA Student: **Ng Nathan William** is the recipient of Silver Award (Non-competition) at the 8th Singapore Performers' Festival & Chamber Music Competition 2024

June



BMMA Student: **Ng Nathan William** participated in Staccato Annual Student Recital



BMMA Student: **Tan Hazel** passed the 2024 Trinity College London Grade 4 Singing Exam with Distinction



# Highlights of 2024

June



BMMA Student: **Gan Jayden Kai Xue** passed the 2024 Trinity College London Grade 8 Piano Exam with Merit

July



BMMA Student: **Gan Jayden Kai Xue** is the recipient of Excellent Performance Award at the 2024 10th Singapore Raffles International Music Festival (SRIMF)

# Highlights of 2024

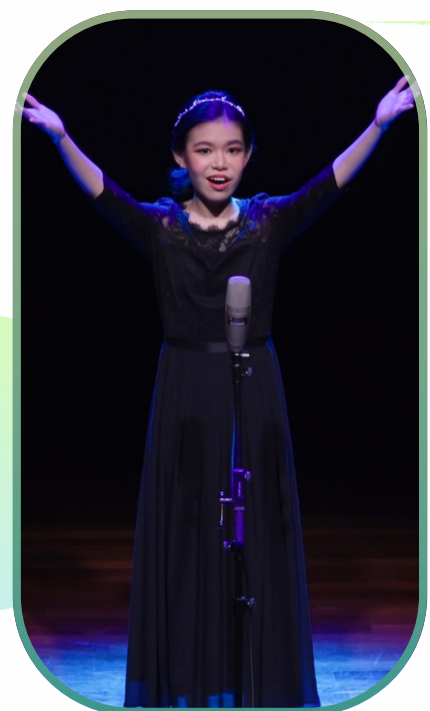


August



\* BMMA student: **Quah Renaa** participated in the 2024 International Special Music & Art Festival (ISMAF), Korea

\* BMMA student: **Tan Hazel** performed at 2024 Songbirds Series IX Youth Concert



# Highlights of 2024

## September



Mini Concert at Society for  
the Aged Sick @ Hougang



Mini Concert at Man Fut Tong  
Nursing Home



# Highlights of 2024



## September



BMMA students:  
**Gan Jayden, Luo Mang,  
Tan Zhi Lin, Quah Renaa**  
participated in Singapore  
Performing Arts Festival  
(SPAF)



# Highlights of 2024



## October



BMMA students: **Lu Tian Wei** (Alumni), **Luo Mang**, **Ng Tung Hei**, **Tan Hazel** & **Lim Leslie** (Alumni) performed at Yellow Ribbon Project 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert



BMMA students performed at 2024 Purple Parade Concert

# Highlights of 2024

October



BMMA students: **Angel Lawrence** is the recipient of the Beautiful Mind Charity Scholarship (Diploma) for AY2024/2025



BMMA student: **Angel Lawrence** performed at BMC Korea's Beautiful Mind Concert at Lotte Concert Hall, Seoul



# Highlights of 2024

## November

- \* 2024 BMMA Progress Concert at Esplanade Recital Studio



- \* Mini Concert at Man Fut Tong Nursing Home



# Highlights of 2024



December



BMMA students: **Ponce David, Gan Jayden, Ling Harry, Tan Zhi Lin, Luo Mang, Tan Hazel, Ong Randy, Quah Renaa & Angel Lawrence** performed at a 2-Day Mini Concert at Gardens by the Bay @ Flower Dome



# Governance



## Role of the Governing Board

The Board's role is to provide strategic direction and oversight of Beautiful Mind Charity's programmes and objectives and to steer the charity towards fulfilling its vision and mission through good governance. As part of its role, the Board approves budget for the financial year and monitors expenditure against budget. The Board also monitors the progress of the charity's programmes.

## Term Limit of Board

To enable succession planning and steady renewal in the spirit of sustainability of the charity, the Board has a term limit of ten years. In particular, the Treasurer has a term limit of four years.

Board member who have served more than 10 consecutive years:

Yoon Ho Sup – 6 Dec 2011

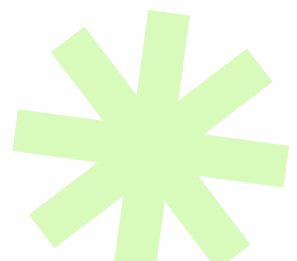
Chia Yong Peng, Leslie – 31 Oct 2014

Cho Won Joon – 1 Jan 2012

Mu Yu Guang – 31 Oct 2014

Lim Keng Huat – 31 Oct 2014

Reason: The five board members serving more than 10 consecutive years have a long-standing commitment to BMC's purpose. Their continued service has provided essential governance stability, particularly valuable in a small charity with limited resources. As part of Board leadership transition, the charity is moving towards election for a final term in the renewal process.



# Governance



## Board Meetings and Attendance

A total of three Board meetings were held during the financial year. The following sets out the individual Board member’s attendance at the meetings:



**PRESIDENT**  
Mr. Lim Keng Huat



**BOARD MEMBER**  
Prof. Yoon Ho Sup



**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
Ms. Leslie Chia Yong Peng



**BOARD MEMBER**  
Dr. Yoon Meekyung Mary



**TREASURER**  
Ms. Tan Poh Ling  
\ Mr. Cho Won Joon



**BOARD MEMBER**  
Dr. Mu Yu Guang



**SECRETARY**  
Mr. Cho Won Joon  
\ Ms. Tan Poh Ling



**BOARD MEMBER**  
Ms. Lee Jung Hyun

## Disclosure of Remuneration and Benefits received by Board Members

No Board members were remunerated for their Board services in the financial year.

## Fundraising Practices

The Charity is financially supported by donations from voluntary individuals, corporate sponsors and various grants and community funds. No fundraising activities were conducted during the year.

# Governance



## Staffing

BMC Singapore is supported by a team consisting of one full-time and two part-time staff members, in line with its operational model to be lean and efficient.

## Disclosure of Staff Remuneration

None of the charity's staff receives more than \$100,000 in annual remuneration each.

The charity has no paid staff, who are close members of the family of the Executive Head or Board members.

## Conflict of Interest Policy

All Board members and staff are required to comply with the charity's conflict of interest policy.

The Board has put in place documented procedures for Board members and staff to declare actual or potential conflicts of interests on a regular and need-to basis.

Board members also abstain and do not participate in decision-making on matters where they have a conflict of interest.

## Whistle-blowing Policy

Our charity has in place, a whistle-blowing policy to address concerns about possible wrong-doing or improprieties in financial or other matters within the charity.

# Acknowledgements



While we are unable to individually acknowledge every contribution in these pages, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors, volunteers, supporters, friends and well-wishers. Your unwavering support has played a vital role in advancing our mission and creating meaningful impact in the lives of our students with special needs.

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