

The background is a dark purple gradient with bokeh lights in yellow, white, and red. Musical notes and a treble clef are scattered throughout. A white line starts under the word 'musique' and curves upwards to the left.

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5TH
OVERSEAS PERFORMERS'
FESTIVAL 2021

RULES & REGULATIONS BOOKLET

The header features a dark background with colorful bokeh lights in shades of yellow, white, and purple. Two yellow musical notes are positioned in the upper left. The text 'THE' is in a simple, spaced-out font, while 'musique' is written in a large, elegant cursive script. 'LOFT' is in a simple, spaced-out font below 'musique'.

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

The Overseas Performers Festival is the brainchild of The Musique Loft, providing a unique platform for pianists to showcase their passion and talents and in turn, be motivated by their peers and be encouraged with a constructive written commentary and trophy presented by our international adjudicating panel. Star Award winners will earn an opportunity to perform in an Overseas Gala Concert in November!

CATEGORIES

The Festival is open to public (members and non-members) and all nationalities. Foreign participants will have to arrange their own accommodation and air passage to Singapore.

CATEGORY	LEVEL	DURATION
Junior	Preliminary to Grade 2	Not exceeding 3 minutes
Intermediate	Grade 3 to Grade 5	Not exceeding 4 minutes
Senior	Grade 6 to Grade 8	Not exceeding 6 minutes
Artist	Post Grade 8 and Diploma	Not exceeding 8 minutes
Ensemble (4 to 8 Hands)	All levels as above	Duration as according to levels

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ADJUDICATION & AWARDS

The Festival is grouped into 4 categories for the participants to interact and learn from one another and to be inspired and motivated by each other within the same level. The evaluation is based on how well you perform your chosen music and not in comparison with another performer, nor will it take into consideration the difficulty of the music or the age of the performer.

Based on your performance, participants will be awarded with one of the following awards:

PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
90-100	80-89	70-79	69 and below

There will be a panel of two international adjudicators for each category. Each participant will receive a constructive written commentary, trophy and a certificate. (Yes, everyone goes home with a trophy!) Additionally, outstanding performers will be awarded a STAR AWARD trophy and an opportunity to perform in our Gala Concert! STAR AWARD recipients are handpicked by our esteemed adjudicators.

Our NEW awards!

I. Jury's Choice: Adjudicators will select their Jury's Choice for each category. Recipients of this award will receive a trophy and certificate. Selected winners will be invited to perform at the Prize Award Ceremony.

II. **NEW!!** Masterclasses: Top pianists of each category will have the rare opportunity to work with world renowned pianists; Dr Josh Wright and Mr Ory Shihor!

III. **NEW!!** 2 Scholarships sponsored by Steinway Gallery Singapore and The Musique Loft respectively, will be awarded to 2 top pianists of the Festival to support and further develop their potential in their musical journey! Both pianists will be invited to perform in our Prize Award Ceremony.

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REPERTOIRE, ENTRIES, PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

Requirements

- I. Free choice of repertoire. The performance must not **EXCEED** the time limit indicated. The jury reserves the right to stop the performer should they exceed the duration.
- II. Participants are required to perform from memory.
- III. Participants may enter more than one category. Separate applications are required for each entry. Participants will be adjudicated and awarded separately for each entry.

Entries

- I. **NEW!!** Teachers who register more than 10 students will be entitled to our masterclass observer pass! Non-member teachers will be entitled to a free 3 year membership.
(Teachers/Music Schools with 10 or more participants may request for our group registration form.)
- II. The organiser reserves the right to re-assign the category of the participant's entry should the suitability or standard of the music chosen for the performance is not in accordance with the standard or grade submitted.
- III. There shall be no changes or refunds allowed after submission neither there will be refund for no-show or pull-out after the submission.
- IV. Request for specific day/timing or changes/swop for the Festival will strictly not be entertained. Please ensure you are able to commit to both festival dates before registration.
- V. Judges' decision on the results are final.

Performance Attire & Etiquette

Musical performance is as much a visual experience as it is an aural one. Appropriate performance attire and footwear should be worn. No tank tops, t-shirts, jeans, shorts, miniskirts sneakers, open-toe shoes and slippers are allowed. Attire and performance etiquette will be taken into consideration in the adjudication.

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REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration Date: 06 July 2021 onwards

Early Bird Closing Date: 06 August 2021

Official Closing Date: 20 September 2021 (registration date will close early once all slots are filled up)

Due to the overwhelming response last year, we had to close the registration date much earlier.

To register: <http://themusiqueloft.com.sg> / scan the QR code

Email: winnie@themusiqueloft.com.sg WhatsApp: 97619451

- I. A confirmation email will be sent to you upon receiving your application. 2 weeks before the event, a confirmation letter stating your reporting and performing time will be emailed to you.
- II. Any amendments must be done via email to Ms Winnie at winnie@themusiqueloft.com.sg within the registration period. No amendments will be accepted thereafter.
- III. The information that you provide will appear as such on our Programme Book, Adjudicators Report and Certificates. The Musique Loft **shall not** be held responsible for any errors arising from inaccurate submissions. Please check thoroughly and ensure accuracy when you register.

Participation Fee: Solo @ \$140 (Early Bird @ \$120!) Duets/Trios/8 Hands @ \$80 per pax (Early Bird @ \$70!)

All entry fees are non-refundable and are indicated in Singapore Dollar (SGD). The Musique Loft does not account for or have any liability for any participants' bank fees and/or other related charges.

Payment: PayNow @ 9761 9451 (Tay Pei Fong Winnie)

*Please make your payment before proceeding to the form. You would need to attach your payment proof before you can submit your form online. Remember to rename the file with the Participant's Full Name.

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PRIZE PRESENTATION AWARD CEREMONY 2021

- I. All results of Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze, Scholarships, Jury's Choice, Most Outstanding Masterclasses and Cash Prizes will all be announced at the Prize Presentation Award Ceremony at the end of each session.
- II. Our unique Star Awards recipients will be announced via email 2 weeks after the festival.

MASTERCLASSES with DR JOSH WRIGHT & MR ORY SHIHOR

NEW!!

- I. A new prize for our outstanding winners in 2021: Masterclasses sponsored by The Musique Loft!
- II. 2 world renowned pianists will be working with The Musique Loft closely to give masterclasses to our winners, who are handpicked by our adjudicators.
Dr Josh Wright – Billboard #1 Artist (<https://www.joshwrightpiano.com/>)
Mr Ory Shihor – Renowned Pedagogue (<https://oryshihor.com/>)
- III. Participants may also grab this opportunity to have a 45 minutes masterclass session with the 2 pianists via Zoom, hosted by The Musique Loft. The masterclasses may be held before or after the festival. The fees are as follows:
\$250 – for one session
\$480 – for two sessions
- IV. Teachers may also observe the entire session of the masterclass at a \$40 package.

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OVERSEAS GALA CONCERT 2021

- I. Only students of The Musique Loft members OR participants who are members themselves are eligible to be considered for the **STAR AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, JURY'S CHOICE, MASTERCLASSES & CASH PRIZES**.
- II. All STAR AWARDS winners will be invited to perform in our Gala Concert 2021. The adjudicators have the rights to determine the number of STAR AWARDS present for the Festival.
- III. Due to the COVID-19, for the 2nd time in a row, we are unable to host our Gala Concert overseas but we are trying our very best to provide the most unique experience for the performers in Singapore. Last year, our Gala Concert was held in the Chijmes Hall. This year, depending on restrictions imposed by the government at that point in time, we aim to bring our Gala Concert 2021 outdoor!

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By submitting your entry, the participant agrees to the above-mentioned regulations and the following terms & conditions:

- I. The registration fee is neither refundable nor transferable.
- II. The Musique Loft (the Organiser) reserves the right to cancel the event due to insufficient participants or any unforeseen circumstances. All refunds will be made if the Festival is cancelled.
- III. The decisions of the Adjudicating Panel is final. No discussion or correspondence will be entertained.
- IV. The participants agree to indemnify the Organiser against any injuries or damages occurred at the Festival.
- V. The Organiser reserves the right to amend the dates, information, rules, terms & conditions of the Festival without prior notice.