



The Association of Banks in Singapore &
Credit Bureau Singapore present a charity concert

Featuring
Min Lee &
Aleksy Igudesman

60 Young Musicians
of Singapore

SG60 Celebrate!

Honour The Past
Inspire The Future

Tue, 3 June 25, 7.30pm
Victoria Concert Hall



Message by
Guest of Honour

This evening's concert is a fitting expression of the banking industry's shared commitment to strengthening our Singapore community.

I thank The Association of Banks in Singapore and Credit Bureau Singapore for bringing together banking institutions and their partners, and many motivated individuals, in support of the President's Challenge – and to help advance its ethos of respect for all.

It is that respect that we extend to every member of the community, regardless of our backgrounds, the varied skills we bring and the different contributions we make in life, that enables us to rise together. We must grow that culture of respect.

A special acknowledgement as well to renown violinist Min Lee, who has been using her talents for good for over 30 years – having performed at the Singapore Symphony Orchestra's first Presidential Charity Concert in 1995 when she was just 12.

Let's keep taking an interest in one another, so we uplift every individual, and uplift all our spirits.

Tharman Shanmugaratnam
President of the Republic of Singapore



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Message by
*Chairman, The Association
of Banks in Singapore*

Tonight, we celebrate SG 60 – a nation that has blossomed into a flourishing garden city, as envisioned by our founding Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. Just like a garden, Singapore’s growth has been shaped by vision, dedication and the harmonious effort of its people. And like music, the harmony is built on collaboration, innovation and trust.

Since independence, Singapore’s leaders and people planted bold seeds that have taken root. Today, there is no disputing our reputation as a leading international trading hub and financial centre.

ABS has had the privilege of being part of this rich history. Since 1973, together with MAS and our member banks, the banking industry has pioneered many innovative solutions – the Asian Dollar Market, digital innovations like PayNow, SGFinDex and advancing sustainable finance.

Working alongside ABS is our associate company Credit Bureau Singapore, which has supported credit risk management, enabling financial institutions to make more informed decisions on the credit worthiness of individuals.

This evening, ABS honours our leaders, past, present and future with a concert, curated by internationally acclaimed artist-composer Aleksey Igudesman and headlined by Singapore’s own virtuoso violinist Min Lee.

Through this concert, we have raised \$2.3 million to support the President’s Challenge. My sincere thanks to our member banks, corporate partners and individual donors for their generosity.

Through the years, ABS has galvanised the banking sector for various industry charity programmes that complement individual banks’ CSR efforts. These include fund raising for the President’s Challenge in 2003 and again in 2013, when we also gathered more than 1,000 CEOs, senior management and staff of member banks to plant 400 trees in a tree bank and contribute \$160,000 to the National Parks Board’s Garden City Fund.

Last year, we launched the ABS Community Giveback Programme which raised \$4 million from the industry to support social and environmental causes, promote financial literacy and help families use digital banking safely. This year, beyond this evening, we will continue to bring together our members in other initiatives to give back to various segments of our community, such as seniors. These efforts stand as a clear demonstration of our commitment to our core purpose: To serve the interests of our customers and uphold the trust placed in us by our customers and the broader community.

Just as collaboration and trust underpin a strong financial system, we are heartened by the commitment, creative excellence, and harmony of the accomplished artistes to nurture and perform alongside our budding musicians. We are confident that when generations come together, they do more than make music – they create a lasting legacy of care, harmony and creativity.

It is this spirit that inspires us to keep tending our flourishing garden. Planting seeds of innovation, collaboration and trust, so that Singapore stays a place where everyone can thrive for generations to come.



Ms Helen Wong
CEO, OCBC Bank

Message by
*Executive Director,
Credit Bureau Singapore*

As Singapore marks its 60th year of independence, we honour a legacy of resilience, unity and progress – a symphony of collective efforts that has shaped our nation. Tonight’s charity concert reflects this harmony, uniting the financial sector, partner organisations, and generous donors in support of the President’s Challenge.

Credit Bureau Singapore (CBS) is proud to co-organise this event with The Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS). Since 2002, CBS has been committed to supporting the growth and development of Singapore’s economy by supporting access to credit through facilitating responsible lending and borrowing practices. As the nation’s most comprehensive consumer credit bureau, we have bolstered the financial sector’s risk management capabilities through information pooling from financial institutions, such as retail banks, merchant banks, finance companies, and credit card issuers licensed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Over the years, CBS has worked closely with ABS on numerous initiatives aimed at giving back to the community. Whether through public education efforts, credit awareness programmes, or community-focused initiatives, CBS and ABS have consistently come together with a shared goal of giving back in ways that uplift lives and strengthen society. We remain committed to continuing this meaningful partnership to support those in need and contribute to a more inclusive, caring society.

This evening, we reaffirm our dedication to building a brighter future by raising \$2.3 million for the President’s Challenge, supporting the underprivileged and nurturing talent in the arts. I extend my deepest gratitude to ABS member banks, corporate sponsors, and individuals for their generosity, which will go a long way towards uplifting the less fortunate in our society. Together, we are building a stronger, more compassionate Singapore.

Let this evening’s celebration of music and purpose inspire us to continue nurturing innovation, trust, and care, ensuring Singapore thrives for generation to come.



William Lim

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PROGRAMME

The Charity Concert Programme is arranged by Aleksey Igudesman

Scotland the Brave

Traditional

Wolfgang Performers

Kazakh Song – Dunya Aye

Traditional

Wolfgang Performers

Zigeunerweisen Gypsy Dance

Composed by Pablo de Sarasate

Min Lee, Solo Violin with Wolfgang Ensemble

Conducted by Aleksey Igudesman

Twinkle, Twinkle You Big Star
Arrangement including lyrics from Rasa Sayang
and Di Tanjong Katong
by Aleksey Igudesman, inspired by Mozart
Wolfgang Performers

Chinese Memories
by Aleksey Igudesman
Aleksey Igudesman, Solo Violin
Benjamin Boo and Lucy Landymore, Percussion

La Cucaracha
Traditional
Trailblazers with Aleksey Igudesman
Benjamin Boo and Lucy Landymore, Percussion

Gorgonzola Fantasy
by Aleksey Igudesman
Mark Chia and Aleksey Igudesman, Solo Violins
The Wolfgang Ensemble and Trailblazers
Benjamin Boo and Lucy Landymore, Percussion

Morrison's Jig
Traditional
Wolfgang Performers

Home
by Dick Lee
Aleksey Igudesman
Wolfgang Performers
Aerin Chew, Solo Voice

Min Lee

Violinist

Min Lee's violin story began at age two when she first picked up the instrument, leading to her first public performance at five in Singapore's Victoria Concert Hall. At twelve, she made her orchestral debut with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra at the inaugural President's Young Performers Concert.

Admitted to Yale University at fourteen as its youngest graduate student, Min earned her Master's degree under the mentorship of the late eminent violinist Erick Friedman - himself a protégé of Jascha Heifetz, who studied under legendary Russian pedagogue Leopold Auer. She later pursued a Master's in Public Policy at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

At eighteen, Min made her London debut at Wigmore Hall, followed by performances with orchestras including the Philharmonia Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Vienna Chamber Orchestra, NHK Symphony, San Diego Symphony, and Russian National Orchestra, collaborating with maestros such as Charles Dutoit, Vladimir Ashkenazy, Peter Oundjian, and Mikhail Pletnev.

The Strad praised her interpretation of Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto for its "precision, fresh perspective, and searing clarity." Her discography includes Debut Wieniawski (Universal Music Group) and recordings of concertos by Tchaikovsky, Bruch, Prokofiev, and Barber with the Philharmonia Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy.

In Singapore, as a National Arts Council Young Artist Award recipient, Shell-NAC scholar, inaugural HSBC Youth Excellence Award winner, and Finnair's music ambassador (2011), Min championed classical music's accessibility.



A dedicated advocate for grassroots causes, she co-led fundraising campaigns through performances supporting the Princess Diana Action for AIDS Benefit, International Red Cross Society (Hong Kong), MGS Building Fund, China's Children with Renal Failure, Viva Foundation for Children with Cancer, The Business Times Budding Artistes Fund, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Building Fund, Community Chest, and the Presidential Charities.

Now happily married to entrepreneur Loh Lik Peng and proud mother to Conor and Cassie, Min Lee continues the journey from prodigy to accomplished performer and humanitarian advocate, an enduring dedication to music's power to inspire.

Aleksey Igudesman

Violinist

Aleksey Igudesman is a violinist, conductor, composer, filmmaker, and creative visionary who redefines what it means to be a classical artist today. With a unique blend of virtuosity, theatricality, and humor, he breaks down barriers between genres, cultures, and audiences—making classical music not only accessible, but thrilling.

Trained at the Yehudi Menuhin School and under Boris Kuschmir, Igudesman has performed worldwide in venues such as Carnegie Hall, Musikverein Vienna, and Elbphilharmonie Hamburg. As one half of the duo Igudesman & Joo, he has reached millions through performances that mix music, comedy, and cultural commentary.

Igudesman's compositions—published by Universal Edition—are performed by leading orchestras such as the New York Philharmonic and Tonhalle-Orchester Zürich. As a conductor, he brings storytelling and spontaneity into the concert hall, collaborating with artists like Yuja Wang, Joshua Bell, and John Malkovich.

His film projects (Breaking Beethoven, The Music Critic) explore the intersection of music and cinema, while his startup Music Traveler supports artists in finding creative spaces worldwide. Through his Limitless Orchestra and international workshops, Igudesman continues to inspire musicians to embrace freedom, fusion, and fun.

www.alekseyigudesman.com

1717 Santo Seraphin violin, loaned by ERSTE BANK.



WOLFGANG PERFORMERS

Trailblazers



Mark Chia, 12
Violinist

—
Started violin at 3
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

—
Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Program at 5 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

—
First Prize Grunewald
International Competition

—
Top Prizes, Il Piccolo Violino Magico
& Leonid Kogan competitions

—
LTCL Diploma (Distinction) 2024

—
Soloist with orchestras in Montréal
(CMIM),
Italy, Austria, Berlin, and Singapore

—
Currently studies at Temasek
Primary School, Singapore



Chua Suen Ern, 11
Violinist and Violist

—
Started violin at 4
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

—
Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Program at 5 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

—
Dual Diplomas LTCL/LRSM
(Distinction)

—
First Prizes Singapore National
Piano & Violin Competition 2023
(JR)

—
Bach International Music
Competition (UK)

—
Gold Medal (Viola) 2022, Osaka
International Music Competition

—
Currently studies at
Fairfield Methodist School
(Primary), Singapore



Isabel Heng, 15
Violinist

—
Started violin at 3
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

—
Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Program at 6 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

—
Double Diploma Distinctions 2021
Trinity ATCL & LTCL

—
Performed at the international
HIMA Festival in Iceland (2024)

—
Currently studies at
Methodist Girls' School, Singapore
(Music Elective Program)

—
Concert mistress of MGS
String Orchestra



Valerie Libby Kjongian, 11
Violinist

Started violin at 4
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Programme at 6 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

LTCL Diploma (Distinction) (2025)

First Prize Leonid Kogan Violin
Competition (2022)

First Prize De Paul National Concerto
Competition (2025)

Soloist with Jakarta Concert Orchestra
(2025)

Soloist with Oistrakh Symphony of
Chicago, USA

Currently studies at
Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus
(CHIJ), Singapore



Kaden Khew, 10
Violinist and Violist

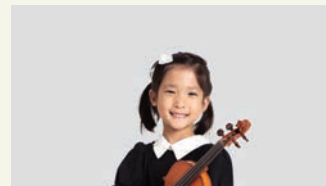
Started violin at 3
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Programme at 5 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

LTCL Violin Diploma (Distinction)
2024 at 9, now pursuing LTCL
Viola Diploma

First Prize, NY Golden Classical,
Salzburg Grand Prize, and Mozart
Competition Vienna (Viola)

Currently studies at Ai Tong
School, Singapore



Leanne Loh, 6
Violinist

Started violin at 3
(Wolfgang Violin Studio)

Joined the Young Talent
Trailblazer Program at 5 under
the tutelage of Min Lee

Full marks Distinction in
Grade 8 violin exam at 5, 'the
youngest violinist to achieve this'
(Lianhe Zaobao)

Currently studies at
Nanyang Primary School,
Singapore

Wolfgang Orchestra

Adele Teng

Anna On

Arissa Eu

Austia Wang

Branda Lim

Branson Lim

Cadri Lim

Callum Chia

Charlotte Eden Constantine

Charlotte Lee

Desiree Chia

Emma Zhou

Eshaan Saxena

Hannah Poh

Inese Ang

Isaac Ooi

Isla Ong

Jarrell Quah

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Olivia Kwek

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Viola and Cello

Alyssa Lu
Esra Fazrul
Eva Fazrul
James Boh
Julia DeCruz
Natalie Chu
Tan Hoimin
Yusuf Iman
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ABS Giveback Programme

Galvanising the banking industry to give back

Singapore's financial sector has evolved hand in hand with the country's progress. In this journey, banks in Singapore have played their role to support economic development and financial stability, and also sought to give back to the community and environment. ABS is proud to contribute to these efforts by bringing together member banks for collective community efforts that complement the CSR initiatives of individual member banks.



Senior bankers from a few banks band together for the President's Challenge at the ABS 30th Anniversary Dinner in 2003.



2003

Marking its 30th anniversary, ABS, together with its member banks, contributed \$1.1 million to the President's Challenge.



2013

ABS mobilised the sector to raise \$450,000 in support of the President's Challenge. The Association also organised more than 1,000 CEOs, senior management and staff of member banks to plant 400 trees in a tree bank along Marina Coastal Drive, with a contribution of \$160,000 to the National Parks Board's (NParks') Garden City Fund. This initiative was part of NParks' commemoration of 50 years of greening Singapore.





Household essentials distribution centres across Singapore on 8 June 2024.

The ABS Community Giveback Programme was launched by Guest of Honour, Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Acting-Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs; Senior Minister of State for Home Affairs (second row, 4th from left) at HomeTeamNS Khatib on 8 June 2024, to distribute household essentials to families in need.

2023

The ABS Community Giveback Programme was mooted at ABS' 50th anniversary dinner. It was launched in 2024 as a two-to-three-year programme, having raised \$4 million from member banks to support social causes, promote financial literacy and help families use digital banking safely.

2024

In the first year of the ABS Community Giveback Programme, in collaboration with SG Cares, 22 pop-up community marketplaces were set up across Singapore at which beneficiary households could select and collect household essentials they needed. More than 1,500 bank CEOs and staff volunteers were deployed across these 22 community marketplaces to help create a fun “shopping” experience for the beneficiaries. Various Ministers and Members of Parliament visited the marketplaces in their constituencies in support of this programme.

ABS Anti-Scam Mascot: Canny

To promote vigilance against scams, the Association launched a mascot with collaterals to be a unifying visual reminder to households, both young and old, to be on guard against digital fraud – to “Stop, Check, Don’t Click Yet!”



Minister for National Development Chee Hong Tat visiting the community marketplace at Beatty Secondary School, with bank staff volunteers.



Bank staff volunteers packing groceries for beneficiaries.



Canny, the Anti-Scam Mascot, was launched at the ABS booth at the Singapore Fintech Festival 2024, to be a unifying visual icon for the industry's anti-scam public education efforts. The mascot has led a campaign against scams across social media platforms and has appeared at the Singapore Marathon 2024 and other events to help raise awareness and vigilance against scams. ABS has also partnered with Act 3 Theatrics to stage scam awareness skits at school assemblies, complemented by take-home materials to help students spread the message to their families.

2025

This evening, as we celebrate SG60, we are pleased to have the privilege to raise \$2.3 million to support the President's Challenge again.

Additionally, ABS will engage our members in various initiatives aimed at giving back to different segments of community, including seniors.

2026

The next Community Giveback event is planned to take place in the first half of the year. These efforts stand as a clear demonstration of our commitment to our core purpose: To serve the interests of our customers and uphold the trust placed in us by our customers and the broader community.

