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Education

Doctor of Musical Arts, Piano Performance Michigan State University, East Lansing, USA	2022
Graduate Diploma, Piano Performance New England Conservatory, Boston, USA	2019
Master of Music (Academic Honours), Piano Performance New England Conservatory, Boston, USA	2018
Bachelor of Music (Honours), Piano Performance Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore, Singapore	2016

Area of Interest

Piano Solo Performance (Western Classical)

Collaborative Piano Performance (Piano Accompanying and Piano Ensemble)

Chamber Music (Western Classical)

Piano Literature Studies

Professional Qualification/Affiliation

1. Kris Foundation Artist (Singapore)
2. Member, Virama Ensemble (Malaysia)
3. Licentiate Diploma (LTCL Piano: Trinity College of Music, London)
4. Associate Diploma (ATCL Piano: Trinity College of Music, London)
5. ABRSM Associated Board Royal School of Music Grade 8, Violin (London)

Working Experience

Title	Organization	Job Scope and Responsibilities	Year
Senior Lecturer, Music Department	Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Music Department	Bachelor of Music Co-ordinator (July 2025 to present) Teachings Responsibilities: Solo Instrumental, Ensemble Performance, Western Music History and Performance Practice Courses	February 2025 to present
Teaching Fellow, Music Department	Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Music Department	Teachings Responsibilities: Solo Instrumental, Ensemble Performance, Western Music History and Performance Practice Courses	February 2023- January 2025
Staff pianist	New England Conservatory Preparatory School	Instrumental and vocal accompaniment for Preparatory School students, including recitals, masterclasses/workshops	January 2017- May 2019

Awards/Honours and Recognition

Awards/Honours

	Title	Awards Organization	Award Type	Year
1.	1st Prize , Piano Concerto Competition	Michigan State University, College of Music	International (United States of America)	2019
2.	4th Prize , 5 th Thailand International Piano Competition	Mahidol University, College of Music	International (Thailand)	2018
3.	Winner , Marion Rubin Berman' Piano Honours Competition	New England Conservatory	International (United States of America)	2017
4.	Nominee , Best Instrumental Soloist of the Year, 13 th BOH Cameronian Arts Award Malaysia	Kakiseni	Malaysia	2016
5.	1st Prize , Singapore National Piano Competition, Artist Category	National Arts Council, Singapore	International (Singapore)	2013
6.	2nd Prize , 1 st Thailand Mozart International Piano Competition	Yamaha Music Thailand, D&M Music Studio	International (Thailand)	2011
7.	High Scorer Award , Associate Diploma (ATCL Piano Recital)	Trinity College of Music	International (London, UK)	2009

Scholarship

	Titles	Authority	Type
1.	Graduate Assistantship Award (2021-2022)	Michigan State University, USA	International
2.	Graduate Assistantship Award (2019-2021)	Michigan State University, USA	International
3.	Mary T. DiFazio Scholarship Fund (2018-2019)	New England Conservatory, USA	International
4.	Mary T. DiFazio Scholarship Fund (2017-2018)	New England Conservatory, USA	International
5.	Mary T. DiFazio Scholarship Fund (2016-2017)	New England Conservatory, USA	International
6.	NUS-Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Scholarship (2012-2016)	National University of Singapore	International

Supervision

No.	Student and Research Title	Role	Date
1.	Xu Muqing (GS70971), PhD A Multivariate Model for Quantifying Vocal Efficiency in Professional Sopranos in China and Malaysia, integrating PTP MPT CQ SPL JITTER and Shimmer	Committee Member	July 2025 till present
2.	He Tianyuan (GS72772), PhD Cultural Resonance in Music-Induced Emotional Contagion: Consumer Responses on Chinese E-Commerce Platforms	Committee member	July 2025 till present

Research

Ongoing Research

1. Power, Lyricism and Ideology: Pianistic Interpretation on *Yellow River Piano Concerto* (1969)
2. Talents in Making: South Korean musicians champion in various international music competitions. What makes them shine at the international stages?

Paper Presentation

No.	Presentation Title	Location	Date
1.	Ravel at 150: Integrating Technical Mastery and Artistic Interpretation on Maurice Ravel's Solo Piano Works	UCSI University, Kuala Lumpur	24 September 2025
2.	Performing Contemporary Malaysian Piano Solo Works, by Chong Lim Ng and Dr. Kee Yong Chong	Michigan State University College of Music, USA	April 2022

Publications

Academic Journal

1. Yap, S. Y. (2023). Creating Artistic Images on Chong Lim Ng's A Distant Voice of the Rain Forest (Fragments from Rimba...) for piano solo (2008, revised in 2012). *International Journal of Academic Research in Business and Management Sciences*, 13(11), 133-145.

Other Publications (Music Recordings)

	Items	Year
1.	Camille Saint-Saens, Septet in E flat major, Op. 65 (Virama Ensemble international debut at National Taichung Theatre, Taiwan)	2024
2.	Alexandre Tansman: Divertimento for clarinet, oboe, trumpet, cello and piano (TAIWAN PREMIERE) (Virama Ensemble international debut at National Taichung Theatre, Taiwan)	2024

3.	Aaron Copland: Quiet City (1941) (Virama Ensemble international debut at National Taichung Theatre, Taiwan)	2024
4.	Claude Debussy: <i>Estampes</i>	2023
5.	Federico Mompou: <i>Jeunes filles au jardin</i> (from <i>Scènes d'enfants</i> , Op. 5)	2023
6.	Sergei Rachmaninoff: Prelude in B minor, Op. 32 no. 10	2023
7.	Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto in B flat minor, Op. 23 (KLPAC Orchestra, conductor: Mr. Lee Kok Leong)	2022
8.	Sergei Prokofiev: Third Piano Concerto in C major, Op. 26	2022
9.	Chong Lim Ng: <i>A Distant Voice from the Rain Forest</i> , for piano solo (2008, revised in 2012)	2022
10.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Doctor of Musical Arts 3)	2021
11.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Doctor of Musical Arts 2)	2021
12.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Doctor of Musical Arts 1)	2020
13.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Graduate Diploma)	2019
14.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Master of Music)	2018
15.	Robert Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor, (Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor: Thanapol Setabrahmana)	2018
15.	Yap Sin Yee Piano Solo Recital (Bachelor of Music)	2016
16.	Sergei Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43 (KLPAC Orchestra, conductor: Mr. Lee Kok Leong)	2015
17.	Sergei Prokofiev: Piano Sonata no. 2 in D minor	2013
18.	Camille Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto in G minor, Op. 22 (Singapore Metropolitan Festival Orchestra, conductor: Chan Tze Law)	2013

Creative Output (Music Performances)

Concerts/Performances

	Details	Date
1.	Echoes and Variations, Piano Solo Recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	28 June 2026
2.	《月光下的呢喃：別離、夢想與思念》 Vocal Recital by Dr. Ang Mei Foong, Dr. Yap Sin Yee (collaborative piano) NTCH Recital Hall, Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C	30 April 2026
3.	《月光下的呢喃：別離、夢想與思念》 Vocal Recital by Dr. Ang Mei Foong, Dr. Yap Sin Yee (collaborative piano) National Taichung Theatre, Taichung, Taiwan R.O.C	25 April 2026

4.	Ravel 150: Dreams and Nightscapes, Solo Piano Recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	16 November 2025
5.	Collaborative Pianist, Flute Fireworks- A Showcase of Romantic Brilliance, FluteFest Malaysia Recital II by Yuka Emes, Foo Chie Haur on flutes The British International School of Kuala Lumpur	28 September 2025
6.	Collaborative Pianist, Echoes of the Imagination , FluteFest Malaysia Recital I by Koh Yew Kia and Kalaya Phongsathorn on flutes The British International School Kuala Lumpur	27 September 2025
7.	Harpichordist, Resilience: Early Music of Survival and Recovery by Wicked Music People (WMP) The Red Bean Bag (RBB), Kuala Lumpur	22 March 2025
8.	Reflections and Resonance: Solo piano recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	24 November 2024
9.	Pianist, Virama Ensemble (Malaysia) presents: <i>The Unanswered Question</i> (Virama Ensemble international debut at National Taichung Theatre, Taiwan)	26 July 2024
10.	Pianist, Virama Ensemble (Malaysia) presents: <i>The Unanswered Question</i> Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	23, 24 July 2024
11.	Collaborative pianist, UCSI Institute of Music presents Faculty Saxophone Recital by Dr. Low Chee Meng UCSI University Recital Hall	4 July 2024
12.	Collaborative pianist, <i>The Art of Ghibli</i> with Dr. Low Chee Meng (saxophone) and Dr. Yap Sin Yee (piano) Aurora Music Recital Space, Seremban	1 June 2024
13.	Collaborative pianist, Rondo Production presents Malaysian ABRSM Wind Music Prize 2023 Winner Recital, by Shahrizal Kamal (saxophone) UCSI University Recital Hall	18 May 2024
14.	Collaborative pianist, <i>The Art of Ghibli</i> with Dr. Low Chee Meng (saxophone) and Dr. Yap Sin Yee (piano) Staccato Studio, iNOTE Music Academy, Melaka	20 April 2024
15.	Collaborative pianist, <i>The Art of Ghibli</i> with Dr. Low Chee Meng (saxophone) and Dr. Yap Sin Yee (piano) The Dome at Meru Valley, Ipoh	16 March 2024
16.	Collaborative pianist, <i>The Art of Ghibli</i> with Dr. Low Chee Meng (saxophone) and Dr. Yap Sin Yee (piano) Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	27, 28 January 2024
17.	Harpichordist, Wicked Music People (WMP), at MF Music Festival by Rondo Production The Godown Arts Center, Kuala Lumpur	10 December 2023
18.	Collaborative pianist, SoundBridge: The 6th Contemporary Music Festival 2023 Opening Concert : Dr. Anothai Nitibhon (Thailand) Miniature Portrait Concert/ with Saori Nakazawa,	11 November 2023

	violin; Pei-Lun Tsai, clarinet; Guo Yi Tong, cello; Tiong Boon Yik, guzheng Chung Hwa High School, Muar, Johor	
19.	Collaborative pianist, <i>SoundBridge: The 6th Contemporary Music Festival 2023, Young Rising Star Series: Bach meets Malaysian composers</i> /with Guo Yi Tong, cello; Carl Tew, violin/ Chung Hwa High School, Muar, Johor	11 November 2023
20.	Music for Fun: Joint Piano Recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee and William Fu J Music Studio Recital Hall, Serdang, Selangor	9 July 2023
21.	A Piano Evening: Solo piano recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	17 June 2023
22.	Northern Malaysia Solo Piano Recital by Dr. Yap Sin Yee DML Creative Music, Recital Hall, Sungai Petani, Kedah	26 May 2023
23.	Orchestra pianist, <i>Disney in Concert: Live Your Dream</i> Plenary Hall, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre	6, 7 May 2023
24.	Orchestra pianist, <i>Disney in Concert: A Magical Celebration 2022</i> Plenary Hall, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre	24, 25 December 2022
25.	Harpsichordist, <i>Solace: Wicked Music People (WMP) in Penang</i> Jetty 35, Pengkalan Weld, Georgetown, Penang	7 August 2022
26.	Piano soloist, Peter I. Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto no. 1 in B flat minor, Op. 23 <i>Tchaikovsky: The Great Romantic Master</i> with Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac) Orchestra and conductor Mr. Lee Kok Leong Pentas 1, Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre	22, 23, 24 July 2022
27.	Piano soloist, Sergei Prokofiev: Piano Concerto no. 3 in C major, Op. 26 Michigan State University College of Music Honours Concert with MSU Symphony Orchestra, conductor Mr. Octavio Más-Arocas Wharton Centre of the Performing Arts, East Lansing, Michigan, USA	25 March 2022
28.	Collaborative pianist, <i>LSO @ The Robin Theatre</i> : Lansing Symphony Orchestra Contemporary Chamber Concert Series Robin Theatre, REO Town Lansing, Michigan, USA	3 March 2022
29.	Collaborative pianist, Violin and Piano Recital by Jirajet Jesadachet (violin) and Yap Sin Yee (piano) Deciso Fine Violins Recital Space, Kuala Lumpur	26 July 2019
30.	Solo piano recital: <i>Allure</i> by pianist Yap Sin Yee, Kris Foundation Artist Recital Series Esplanade- Theatre on the Bay Recital Studio, Singapore	8 August 2018
31.	Piano soloist, Robert Schumann: Piano Concerto in A minor Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra, with conductor Mr. Thanapol Setabharmana Prince Mahidol Hall, Bangkok, Thailand	21 July 2018

32.	Clavier Music Studio presents Solo piano recital by pianist Yap Sin Yee , works by Domenico Scarlatti, Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Schumann, Alexander Scriabin Clavier Music Studio Recital Hall, Selangor	1 July 2018
33.	Penang Philharmonic presents Solo piano recital by pianist Yap Sin Yee, works by Domenico Scarlatti, Ludwig van Beethoven, Robert Schumann, Alexander Scriabin The Star Pitt Street, Georgetown, Penang	23 June 2018
34.	Solo pianist , Marion Rubin Berman 31' Piano Honors Concert/ Frédéric Chopin: Scherzo no. 4 in E major, Op. 54 Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory, Boston, USA	27 April 2017
35.	Bentley Music Academy Young Artists Platform presents Solo Piano recital by Yap Sin Yee Bentley Music Academy Recital Hall, Kuala Lumpur	13 August 2016
36.	Collaborative pianist, <i>An Evening of Grandeur Romantic Music: Violin and Piano Recital by Jirajet Jesadachet (violin) and Yap Sin Yee (piano)/ Thailand Concert Tour in Bangkok</i> Yamaha Concert Salon, Siam Music Yamaha, Bangkok	26 May 2016
37.	Collaborative pianist, <i>An Evening of Grandeur Romantic Music: Violin and Piano Recital Violin and Piano Recital by Jirajet Jesadachet (violin) and Yap Sin Yee (piano)/ Thailand Concert Tour in Chiangmai</i> CRK Recital Hall, Duriyasilp College, Payap University, Chiangmai	21 May 2016
38.	Solo pianist , French Music Concert presented by students from Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, Singapore / selections from Maurice Ravel: <i>Miroirs</i> French Ambassador's Residence, Singapore	22 March 2016
39.	Penang Philharmonic presents 1st Young Artists Showcase: Piano Solo Recital by Yap Sin Yee , Vincent Ong, Charles Gunn and Gan Zi Hao The Star Pitt Street, Georgetown, Penang	18 March 2016
40.	Collaborative pianist, Gary Hoffman Chamber Recital / Anton Arensky: Piano Trio no. 1 in D minor, Op. 32/ with Gary Hoffman, cello; Alexandre Korniev, violin Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Concert Hall, Singapore	17 January 2016
41.	Pianist, <i>DiverseCity, No Black Tie</i> presents Kuala Lumpur International Arts Festival: Classical Excursions I Concert No Black Tie, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	6 September 2015
42.	Solo piano recital at The International Holland Music Sessions Ruïnekerk, Bergen NH, The Netherlands	27 July 2025
43.	Piano soloist, Sergei Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43 <i>Rhapsody</i> with Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac) Orchestra and conductor Mr. Lee Kok Leong Pentas 1, Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre, Malaysia	3, 4, 5 July 2025
44.	Collaborative pianist, A Chamber Evening with Webern and Schumann/ Schumann Fantasiestücke Op. 73 with Nicola Boud , Principal Clarinet from <i>Orchestre des Champs-Élysées</i> ,	13 March 2015

	Paris Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Concert Hall, Singapore	
45.	Solo pianist, 35 th Kirishima International Music Festival: Professor Elisso Virsaladze Class Piano Recital Miyama Conseru Small Hall, Kirishima, Japan	1 August 2014
46.	Collaborative pianist, Penang Philharmonic and Steinway Bentley Penang presents Penang Philharmonic Wind Trio Chamber Recital Eastern and Oriental Hotel, Cornwallis Suite, Georgetown, Penang	25 May 2014
47.	Orchestra pianist, Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO) and Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (MPYO) Side by Side: Ho! Ho! Holiday Special Christmas Concert/ Kevin Field, conductor Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	20 December 2013
48.	Piano soloist, Camille Saint-Saens Piano Concerto no. 2 in G minor, Op. 22 Singapore Metropolitan Festival Orchestra, conductor Mr. Chan Tze Law	8 December 2013
49.	Solo piano, Kuala Lumpur Piano Gala Festival/ Sergei Prokofiev, Piano Sonata no. 2 in D minor, Op. 17 Chin Woo Stadium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	24 March 2013

Professional Services

Jury Adjudication

No.	Services	Organization	Date
1.	East United International Music Competition, Grand Final (Piano Division)	East United International Music Competition (EUIMC)	31 January 2026
2.	43 rd Macau Young Musicians Competition (Piano Division: Intermediate Level)	Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macau SAR Government	21-25 July 2025
3.	7 th Muar Youth Piano Competition (Online Preliminary Round)	Chung Hwa High School, Muar, Johor	July-August 2025
4.	2024 Gold Star International Music Competition, Piano Kuala Lumpur Regional Preliminary Round	Claviera Music, Malaysia	23, 24 March 2024

Masterclasses/Workshops

No.	Services	Organization	Date
1.	Northern Malaysia Piano Masterclass and Workshop	DML Creative Music, Sungai Petani, Kedah	27 May 2023
2.	Piano Masterclass for Trinity Diploma Piano Exam Candidates	J Music Studio, Serdang	4 December 2022
3.	Piano Masterclass and Workshop: Trinity Diploma Piano Exam Preparation	J Music Studio, Serdang	14, 17 August 2022

Collaborative work

No.	Services	Organization	Date
1.	Piano Recording Project with Vocalists/ Malaysia Chinese Independent Junior Middle High School Music Textbook Curriculum	United Chinese School Committee Association Malaysia	11-14 December 2023
2.	Research Assistant on Collaborative Piano	Michigan State University, College of Music	August 2019- May 2022