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Singapore's leading international violin competition returns in 2018

– Applications Open 1 June –

The Singapore International Violin Competition (SIVC), the landmark cultural initiative for Singapore and South-East Asia launched in 2014/2015, returns in 2018 and expects a pool of world-class talent to be gracing Singapore's concert hall stages.

In its inaugural year the Competition welcomed 35 competitors between 17 and 30 years of age to Singapore from 14 countries. Proving the truly global nature and immense reach and interest in the competition internationally. The winner, Tseng Yu Chien from Taiwan has since enjoyed an impressive career performing with some of the world's best orchestras including the London Philharmonic Orchestra among others.

Applications open on 1 June for competitors and the organisers expect to receive applications from around the globe.

The live final rounds of the Competition will take place from **28 January – 8 February 2018** across Singapore's concert halls and the finalists will perform with the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory Orchestra and the Singapore Symphony Orchestra.

The winner will receive prize money of USD\$50,000, significant international performance engagements and a loan of a fine, rare instrument from the Rin Collection owned by Founding Partners of the SIVC, the late Mr. Rin Kei Mei and Mrs. Rin.

The Competition is again being hosted by the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YST) at the National University of Singapore, and is supported by the National Arts Council of Singapore.

The triennial competition serves to promote the continued growth and strength of classical music in the region and around the world.

Important Dates:

Applications Open:	1 June 2017
Applications Close:	30 September 2017
Announcement of 30 Shortlisted Competitors:	10 October 2017
First round:	28-30 January 2018
Semi-Finals:	1-3 February 2018
Finals:	5-6 February 2018
Grand Final:	8 February 2018

Applications and more information:

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