



**EAST ZONE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MUSIC
PASIR RIS CREST SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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All Principals
East Zone Primary Schools

EAST ZONE CHOIR CAMP 2009

As part of our efforts to develop our musically talented students, the East Zone Centre of Excellence for Music (EZ COE Music) will be organizing the East Zone Choir Camp 2009. The East Zone Choir Camp is opened for students who are currently in Primary School Choirs with at least **one** year of choir experience.

The East Zone Choir Camp aims to provide a platform for students to rehearse and perform together with their peers from other schools; to improve on their singing technique; and to prepare physically and musically for the SYF Central Judging in 2010. The full details of the East Zone Choir Camp are in the Programme Overview attached.

The East Zone Choir Camp will be held from **Monday 23 November 2009, 8.00am-5.30pm to Tuesday 24 November 2009, 9.00am-6.30pm** at Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School. There is no registration fee required and all meals for the duration of the camp will be provided.

Schools are encouraged to nominate interested students (**maximum of 10**) to participate in the East Zone Choir Camp with the attached registration form.

The closing date for registration is **Monday 16 November 2009**. Please fax the completed registration form to my Subject Head for Music (Covering), Mr Marvin Leung at **fax: 6581-3226**. If you need any clarification, please email: leung_wai_chi@moe.edu.sg or Tel: 6581-1655 / ext124.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Dr James Ong
Principal
Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School
Chairman, EZ COE Music

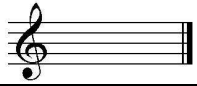
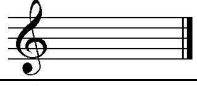
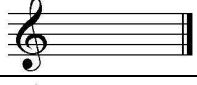
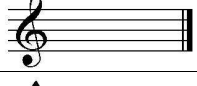
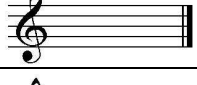
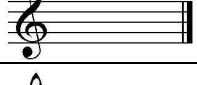
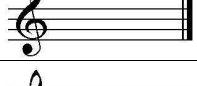
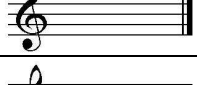
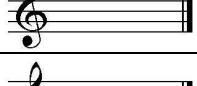
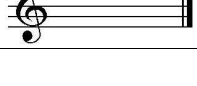
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 Subject Head for Music (Covering)
 Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School

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East Zone Choir Camp 2009

Registration Form (Deadline for Registration: 16 Nov 09)

SCHOOL: _____

| No. | Full Name of Student and Contact Number | Class | Years in Choir | Voice Range | Vegetarian/Halal Meals |
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| Name of Teacher-in-charge: | | | | | |
| Email and Contact No: | | | | | |
| Any other additional information: | | | | | |

Principal's Name & Signature: _____

Date: _____

EAST ZONE CHOIR CAMP 2009: “HOW DO I SING WELL?”

Programme Overview

East Zone Choir Camp 2009: “How Do I Sing Well?” is an event organized by East Zone Centre of Excellence for Music @ Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School.

It is a fun-filled 2-day programme full of engaging musical activities for students from school choirs in the East Zone Primary Schools. These activities are conducted by experienced choir instructor, Ms Ong Chiak Yin and her team of sectional tutors.

The Participants of the East Zone Choir Camp 2009 will:

- Gain a deeper insight on how one can sing well through fun and effective approaches.
- Have small group practice sessions conducted by experienced sectional tutors who are also accomplished singers with experiences performing in both local and overseas concerts and competitions.
- Take part in games and quizzes to reinforce their learning and be rewarded with small gifts along the way.
- Perform in an evening concert in the combined East Zone Primary Schools Choir on the second day of the choir camp. The concert will also feature guest choirs from the East Zone Schools.
- Make new friends with students from the various school choirs in the East Zone.

Schedule & Venue

0800-1730, 23 Nov to 0900-1830, 24 Nov, Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School

Fee

The East Zone Choir Camp is fully sponsored by the EZ COE Music. All meals for the duration of the camp will also be provided.

Programme

Day 1

0800 Registration, Briefing
0830 Section Rehearsal - Audio Orientation of the 2 Camp songs
0900 Combine Rehearsal - Part I, with the 2 Camp songs
0945 Morning Break
1015 Section Rehearsal - Part I with the 2 Camp songs
1100 Combine Rehearsal - Presentation on the 2 Camp songs
1200 Lunch
1300 Combine Rehearsal - Part II with the 2 Camp songs
1345 Section Rehearsal - Part II with the 2 Camp songs
1430 Afternoon Break
1515 Combine Rehearsal Presentation on the 2 Camp songs
1600 Combine Rehearsal for the 2 Songs @ PRCS School Hall
1700 Q & A
1730 End of Day 1

Day 2

0900 Combine Rehearsal - Part I & II (Revision)
0945 Section Rehearsal - Part I & II (Revision)
1030 Morning Break
1100 Combine Rehearsal - Audio & Video Assessment Of Day 1's Recording.
1200 Lunch
1300 Combine Rehearsal for the 2 songs @ PRCS School Hall
1500 Preparation for Concert & Arrival of Guest Choirs
1630 All participants and audience to be seated in the school hall
1700 Concert
1830 End

Choir Conductor: Ms Ong Chiak Yin



Back in 1999, none would have guessed that Chiak Yin, a Mathematics graduate from the National University of Singapore, would have made choral conducting the career of her choice. Since then, she has worked with children's choirs, youth groups and adult choirs engaging in choral music of various natures: chamber, symphonic; equal and mixed voices.

Chiak Yin's career milestones include winning awards in local and International choral events like:

- The Singapore Youth Festival choir competition, a nation-wide school competition organized biennially by the Ministry of Education
- The 21st Century International Choral Festival 2003 in Genting Highlands, Malaysia
- The 16th Australia International Music Festival in Sydney
- Voyage of Songs 2005, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

In the course of developing quality choral music, Chiak Yin has collaborated with many celebrated musicians. In 2004, she collaborated with Maestro Tsung Yeh of China in Singapore Chinese Orchestra's Phenomenal Zhao Ji Ping - Raise the Red Lantern. In 2005, she worked with Maestro Fraser Goulding of the UK in Singapore Lyric Opera's (SLO) production of Glimpses of Asia, its 15th Anniversary Concert. She was also the Co-Chorus Master in SLO's production of Puccini's famous opera, Madama Butterfly. In 2006, she worked with Dr L. Subramaniam from India and Dr Lum Yan Sing from the NUS Chinese Orchestra for the international premiere of Transformation, a new age fusion piece combining classical Chinese instruments with Indian drums and choral voices.

Chiak Yin continues to further herself in the knowledge of Vocal and Choral music. After receiving a Distinction in Level 8 Singing Performance from the Australian Guild Music Conservatorium and her ATCL (Associate of Trinity College London) qualification in Recital Singing, she went on to the Westminster Choir College of Rider University in New Jersey, USA, to attain Distinctions in "Choral Conducting" & "Group Vocal Technique" courses conducted by Dr James Jordan and Ms Heather Buchanan. In 2006, she was the only representative from Singapore who attended the highly acclaimed "Eric Ericson Master Class on Choral & Orchestral Conducting" in Lund, Sweden, conducted by Maestro Eric Ericson, Per Norgard, and other well-known conductors and composers all over the world.

In 2007, Chiak Yin participated the "4th European Academy for Choral Conductors & Singers", organised by FENIARCO (Federazione Nazionale Italiana – Associazioni Regionali Choral) in Fano, Italy. She was one of the 12, selected from a group of more than 40 conductors from all over the world, to conduct the Coro Giovanile Italiano (Italian Youth Choir) and the Coro Laboratorio (lab choir) under the direction of Maestro Filippo Maria Bressan (Italy). In 2008, she was one of the 8 active conductors to undergo an 8-day intensive Conducting Master Class by Maestro Gabor Hollerung (Hungary), one of the Artistic Directors of "Musica Mundi" & "INTERKULTUR" International Music Foundations and Competitions.

Chiak Yin is the choral conductor Wild Empire, a self-funded adult choir which she co-founded. This year, she led Wild Empire to the Gold Award at the "Orientale Concentus II" International Choral Competition in Hang Zhou, China. She is also the resident choral conductor of several other choirs, including choirs from:

- Pioneer Junior College
- Tampines Junior College
- Kranji Secondary School
- Pasir Ris Crest Secondary School
- Tao Nan School
- St. Joseph's Institution (Junior)