

**SINGAPORE YOUTH AWARDS 2004**  
**ARTS AND CULTURE (TEAM)**

**THE HUQIN QUARTET**



*“Every concert is a new concert for us.  
We turned our feel and soul into notes.”*

Often described as “a fusion of contemporary and traditional music” and “a combination of East and West”, the talented Huqin Quartet has won critical acclaim around the world as the first Chinese bowed string quartet in the world which plays both Chinese and Western-style pieces.



The Huqin Quartet’s 1999 debut concert in Singapore was deemed to have set an unprecedented milestone in Chinese orchestral music. Since then, the group has been captivating audiences with their unique blend of music at local events, such as the National Heritage Festival Opening, the Esplanade Opening Festival, Overseas Arts / Music Festival Directors Showcase, Singapore Hua Yi Festival at Esplanade with

The T’ang Quartet, and functions for foreign dignitaries.

Comprising Mr Cheng Chung Hsien (Zhonghu), Mr Chiang Kum Mun (Gaohu), Mr Ling Hock Siang (Erhu) and Mr Poh Yee Luh (Gehu), the Huqin Quartet was the first Singaporean arts group to be invited by the Association of Asia Pacific Performing Arts Centre to tour Australia and New Zealand. They performed at prestigious venues like the Sydney Opera House, the Victorian Arts Centre and the Adelaide Festival Centre. The Huqin Quartet has also stunned audiences with their virtuoso performances at various international platforms, such as the Cervantino International Festival in Mexico, the Asia Music Festival in Korea, the New Zealand International Arts Festival and the cultural media tour to Los Angeles and San Francisco in the United States.



The Huqin Quartet also passionately promotes Chinese classical music to youths through their involvement in the National Arts Council's Arts Education Programme. The members also individually reach out to youths as conductors and instructors in schools and community clubs, often leading their charges to achieve distinctions, such as Top Best Non-Professional Chinese Orchestra for the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts City Chinese Orchestra and first prize in Ensemble for the Cheng San Community Club Chinese Orchestra at the 2002 National Music

Competition.

For their pioneering efforts and musical excellence, and for promoting Chinese orchestral music, the Huqin Quartet is conferred the Singapore Youth Award (Team) 2004.