





Annex A – Bios of hosts and performers

Host	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">Avery Yeo</p> 	<p>Avery Yeo is a DJ with English radio station Mediacorp 987, who co-hosts <i>The Down Low</i> with Germaine Tan and anchors the weekly countdown show <i>Hot 20</i>. Avery also has a background in hosting and voice acting. He has flown to Australia and Brunei to host events for the Republic of Singapore Airforce, and lent his voice for audiobooks and voice-overs for <i>NAFA x TEDX</i>.</p> <p>Prior to joining Mediacorp 987, Avery was a personal trainer who enjoys sharing his knowledge on staying fit while having fun with others. A fitness junkie himself, Avery enjoys hitting the gym to unwind after a long day, and he loves riding his motorcycle and all things F1. Avery is constantly seeking out his next adrenaline-filled adventure.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hazelle Teo</p> 	<p>Hazelle Teo is a DJ with Chinese radio station Mediacorp YES 933. Currently co-hosting the evening timebelt with Zhong Kunhua and Chen Qijia, Hazelle was offered the opportunity to explore the world of radio after she clinched a Top 12 finish in Mediacorp's talent hunt <i>The Sound Makers</i> in 2016. Hazelle keeps listeners entertained with her bubbly personality, and enjoys bringing her creative ideas to life while on air.</p> <p>Hazelle graduated from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelor's Degree, and a double major in Theatre Studies, and Communications and New Media. In her spare time, Hazelle enjoys diving into good Chinese novels, films and dance.</p>

Artiste	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;">AL4HA</p> 	<p>AL4HA is a dynamic mando-rock band comprising of lead singer Desmond Ng, guitarist Simon Lai and drummer Joe Lee. The trio masterfully fuses intense guitar riffs, upbeat rhythms and passionate vocals, producing a warm aural experience that also serves as a cathartic outlet to listeners.</p> <p>AL4HA's undeniable stage presence, combined with catchy melodies and tempos, guarantees fans an enjoyable and captivating viewing experience.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Amni Musfirah</p> 	<p>Amni Musfirah is a pop/ R&B singer-songwriter and producer. Inspired by her parents' love for singing, Amni was empowered to find her own artistic identity and began performing at the tender age of 10.</p> <p>After completing her studies at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Amni released several singles and an album <i>CROWN</i>, which garnered listenership from all around the world. These opened the doors of collaboration for Amni, as she went on to join hands with other artistes from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. Amni believes great music that hits the soul is timeless, and exists in all genres.</p>

Benjamin Kheng



Benjamin Kheng is a versatile Singaporean artiste, writer and director who is known for his works in music, theatre and film. As a member of pop group The Sam Willows, Benjamin achieved significant success, including composing the popular *Cai Fan* song.

Benjamin has also contributed to *National Day Parade* performances, participating in the 2015, 2019 and 2021 editions. For his works, and having amassed 95 million streams on Spotify, Benjamin was nominated for “Best Southeast Asia Act” at the *MTV EMAs 2020*, and won “Single of the Year” at the *Youth Music Awards 2021*. Among his other career highlights include writing, directing and music producing roles in acclaimed projects such as Forward SG’s short film *Beautiful Dreamer*.

Bonnie Loo



Bonnie Loo is a versatile actress and singer, stepped into the limelight in 2013, after emerging as champion of Mediacorp’s talent reality competition *Campus SuperStar*. Mentored by accomplished musician Roy Li, Bonnie has since released her solo album, performed drama theme songs and held music showcases that received raving reviews.

True to her versatility, Bonnie has starred in multiple Chinese dramas, which secured her nominations for “Best Supporting Actress” at Mediacorp’s *Star Awards*. For her roles in *Crouching Tiger* and *Hidden Ghost*, Bonnie was also nominated for “Best Actress in a Supporting Role” at the *Asian Television Awards 2021* and “Best Supporting Actress” at the *Seoul Webfest 2022*.

Diverse Abilities Dance Collective



The Diverse Abilities Dance Collective (DADC) aims to create a coexisting collaborative space for persons with disabilities and art-makers. DADC practises dance techniques which are inspired by the Indian classical dance form Bharatanatyam and contemporary dance.

A division within the Maya Dance Theatre, the community-initiated DADC was established in 2018 and also engages members to learn employability skills related to the arts. These include costumes management, administrative works, as well as teaching in preschools.

Desmond Ng



Desmond Ng is an actor and singer whose powerful vocals cannot be denied. Combined with his charismatic stage presence, Desmond beat out veterans to clinch the win at *The Getai Challenge* in 2015. Desmond is also the voice behind multiple popular drama theme songs. In 2019, Desmond took home “Most Potential Award” at the *ASEAN+3 Song Contest*.

Apart from singing, Desmond is also a skilled and well-loved host and actor. He made his acting debut in 2012, in Jack Neo’s *Ah Boys to Men 1*, went on to star in various Chinese dramas including *In Safe Hands*, *Your World in Mine* and *Once Upon A New Year’s Eve*. Among his hosting works include the Chinese variety programme *BENGpire*.

Faith Music Centre (Fire Rainbow Band)



Fire Rainbow Band is one of Faith Music Centre’s bands for persons with disabilities. Formed in partnership with SG Enable in 2018, Fire Rainbow Band is a seven-piece group comprising a drummer, keyboardists, a bassist, guitarists and a vocalist.

Fire Rainbow Band performed and previewed their debut original single at *CANA* in 2022, in partnership with Faith & Light Group. They were also involved in the *Chingay 2022’s You’ve Got Talent* performances in old age homes, and the virtual *Singing Lotus Concert 2021*. More recently, the band performed in the *Memories Forever* concert in partnership with People’s Association’s imPact@Hong Lim Green.

Jack & Rai



Jack & Rai started off as solo acoustic musicians. They came together in 2002 to form the acoustic pop/ rock duo everyone knows today. Jack & Rai's engaging performances, coupled with their chemistry that borders telepathic, guarantees audiences a captivating experience.

Together with their long-time drummer Joseph Saleem and bassist Clement Yang, this band of buddies, known as EIC, has been rocking venues with their covers of songs from the likes of The Rolling Stones, The Beatles, Queen, Coldplay, U2, The Dave Matthews band and John Mayer. Mashed up with their own tunes, EIC is always ready to turn any gig, whether live or steamed, into one that is to be remembered.

Jeremy Chan



Jeremy Chan is a host, actor and singer, who gained recognition for his performance in Mediacorp's 2006 talent reality competition *Project SuperStar*. Following the competition, Jeremy made his acting debut in Chinese drama *Table of Glory*, and went on to secure more major roles in multiple other productions. These included *My Agent Is A Hero*, for which he bagged "Best Comedy Performance" at the *Asian Academy Creative Awards* in 2018, *All That Glitters*, which secured his "Best Actor" win at Mediacorp's *Star Awards 2024*, and *Crouching Tiger Hidden Ghost*, for which he was nominated "Best Actor" at the *26th Asian Television Awards*.

A multi-talented artiste, Jeremy has also hosted a variety of programmes over the years including *Project SuperStar 2014*, *Star Awards 2015*, *Let's Talk About Health* and most recently, *Double J Baecation*.

JJ Neo

JJ Neo is a multi-faceted artiste who began performing in her teenage years. In addition to singing at school events, JJ also wrote, directed and starred in multiple plays as part of her school's theatre programme. In addition to these, JJ tried her hand at acting in Mandarin, as part of the *Huayi Brothers Icon Search*, where she emerged as one of the final winners.

On the music front, JJ has collaborated with numerous industry professionals since 2015, including indie electronica music producers from Australia, France, UK and US, as well as local artistes. In 2020, together with fellow singer Jarell Huang, JJ released an inspirational song *The Light*, which aimed to rally Singaporeans to cheer on frontliners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Klass

John Klass is an award-winning artiste with three decades of illustrious presence in the entertainment industry. Currently a DJ with English radio station Mediacorp GOLD 905, John shares his wealth of knowledge through courses on public speaking and vocal training. He has also made his mark in hosting, acting and music scenes.

In 1995, John starred in the English drama *Masters of The Sea* and showcased his musical prowess in the American production *Big Bang*. Later in 2001, John captivated audiences as the host of pop programme *OK!*. Most recently, in 2024, John release his debut solo album, accompanied by a series of shows to celebrate his new music.

Joie Tan



Joie Tan is a Singaporean songstress who dreams of sharing her stories through songs to others all around the world. Joie's foray into the scene began in 2008, with covers posted on YouTube. Her vocal-heavy takes on popular tunes were highly received, and her audience pool started to swell.

Joie has produced a honeyed coo signature style, uniquely intertwined with her personality, which has been endorsed by chart-topping producers Avicii and Kygo. Joie released her debut album in 2018, which features 10 self-written tracks.

Juara Mic Junior Alumni



Mediacorp's Malay children's talent reality competition *Juara Mic Junior* winner Sarah, and fellow Top 16 Ariana, Jannah, Adrianna and Izhaan, shone on the stage as they showcased their artistic talents beyond signing, including acting, storytelling, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Following the conclusion of the competition, these young talents will join forces with other performers to present an energetic number to kickstart this year's *National Day Concert*.

Liu Ling Ling



Liu Ling Ling is a singer, actress and comedian, who has over five decades of industry experience under her belt. Especially popular in the local getai scene, Ling Ling is a stalwart figure who possesses a beautiful voice and exuberant personality.

Apart from music, Ling Ling has also graced the screens, starring in many local dramas and films including *118*, *Eat Already?*, *Soul Old Yet So Young*, *I Not Stupid Too*, *991* and *Mr Unbelievable*. Ling Ling continues to receive much acclaim for her works, and her popularity is cemented with multiple nominations for "Top 10 Most Popular Female Artistes" for Mediacorp's *Star Awards*.

Olivia Ong

Olivia Ong is a Singaporean singer who found success in Japan with English renditions of bossa nova classics. The multilingual singer's career began at 15, in 2001, when she was awarded a recording contract in Japan after winning a singing contest. A former member of the J-Pop group Mirai, Olivia went on to make her solo debut at 19, with the album *A Girl Meets Bossa Nova*. While Olivia broadened her repertoire, her bossa novas proved to be an audience favourite, and she released *A Girl Meets Bossa Noova, Vol. 2* in 2006.

Among her most recent releases include *光影 (Light and Shadow)*, a gentle ballad with a unique melodic style, distinct from her earlier Mandarin releases.

omarKENOBI

omarKENOBI, otherwise known as Omar Amir, has been sharpening his skills on the microphone ever since he was a child. A rapper, voiceover artiste and producer, omarKENOBI has blown audiences away with his unique vocals and music production prowess.

omarKENOBI made his debut as part of the three-man hip-hop group Mediocre Haircut Crew (MHC), which gained recognition for their playful punchlines and energetic boombap beats. omarKENOBI also continued his solo performance journey, having collaborated with fellow artistes including Charlie Lim, Fariz Jabba, Fauxe, Khally and Sam Rui, and performed on Mediacorp's *President's Star Charity 2023* and *Let's Celebrate 2024*. Presently, he is also a DJ with Mediacorp's indie radio station Mediacorp Indiego.

Rahimah Rahim



Rahimah Rahim is veteran singer and Cultural Medallion recipient, who is regarded as a national treasure. Rahimah began performing at a young age, alongside her father who was known as Singapore's Nat King Cole. She released her first EP *Mana Ibumu (Where Has Your Mother Gone?)* in 1972. Since then, she has over a dozen hit albums under her belt.

A powerful and versatile songstress, Rahimah is adept in a range of genres, from Malay pop to jazz as well as Cantopop. Having been in the local music scene since the 70s, she has also performed alongside prominent artistes including the Miami Sound Machine, Cantopop kings Alan Tam and Leslie Cheung, as well as Malaysian star Sudirman Arshad.

Rumble Music Collective



Rumble Music Collective is a bespoke band of top-flight musicians who have years of experience under their belts. Presenting a multi-ethnic timbre that appeals to the masses, the band guarantees listeners an entertaining experience charged by showcases of their musical artistry.

Members of Rumble Music Collective, greeting audiences at the *Gardens by the Bay and Mediacorp National Day Concert 2024*, will consist of Chew Lixian on the sheng, Paul Veer on the dhol, Farhan Remy and Amir Hasif on the trumpets, Bian Tong on the tenor saxophone and Erwin Tan on the trombone.

RRILEY


RRILEY is an artiste who debuted in 2012 as a founding member of the pop group The Sam Willows. In 2019, RRILEY dropped her debut solo single *Burn*, which quickly took over the airwaves. RRILEY also experimented with incorporating key principles of ASMR (Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response) into the production and visual execution of *you should have said so*.

Hoping to be a source of comfort for her listeners, RRILEY's latest release *growing pains* amassed over 50,000 streams within four weeks of its release. The track was also among those featured in Apple Music's 100 Best Songs of 2022.

Sezairi


Sezairi is a singer-songwriter who rose to fame in 2009, after winning the third season of the talent reality competition *Singapore Idol*. Following his win, Sezairi signed with major label Sony Music Entertainment in 2015, and went on to release his self-titled EP the following year.

Continuing to produce more tunes over the years, Sezairi's most recent album *Self Soothing*, is a homage to his youth and details how music has always been a constant source of comfort for him. In 2022, Sezairi made his mark as the first Singaporean artiste to garner more than 100 million streams on Spotify.

Shabir


Shabir is one of the most esteemed flag bearers of Tamil music in Singapore. Having won multiple awards, the singer-songwriter, music producer and performer found the limelight in 2005 after being crowned the inaugural winner of Mediacorp's talent reality competition *Vasantham Star*.

Since then, Shabir has achieved mainstream success in India's highly competitive Indian film music industry. In 2019, Shabir released back-to-back tunes, and garnered 115 million views on his *Yaayum* music video. Shabir is the first Singaporean composer to have signed 10 feature films in India, and for his works, he was conferred the "Singapore Youth Award", the highest national honour given to young achievers.

Taufik Batisah



Taufik Batisah is a natural-born performer with strong vocal prowess, captivating showmanship and mesmerising aura, who won the hearts of the masses when he was crowned the first ever *Singapore Idol* in 2004. With a wide music repertoire of jazz, sentimental ballads, street hip hop and pop, Taufik has established himself as a versatile artiste.

Taufik's debut album *Blessings* (2005) left a significant footprint in local music history as the best-selling local English album. Taufik is also well-known for his catchy viral single *Awak Kat Mane*, which took Malaysia and Singapore by storm, and was also the voice behind National Day theme songs *Reach Out For The Skies* and *Stronger Together*.

Vasantham Boyz



The Vasantham Boyz is a decorated local band consisting of vocalist Mohamed Rafee, his two brothers Mohamed Bashir and Mohamed Noor, as well as bassist Daniel Sitranen. Starting out as child artistes in the 70s, they went on to becoming a professional Indian musician, singer and recording band group.

With over 40 years of experience in the entertainment industry, the band has released numerous tracks and worked on countless projects in Singapore, Malaysia and Kollywood. Apart from performing at live concerts, the Vasantham Boyz have also graced the screens, including in Mediacorp's talent reality competition *Yaar Antha Star*, as well as radio airwaves.

Yaar Antha Star Alumni



Mediacorp's Tamil talent reality show *Yaar Antha Star* winner Pallavi as well as finalists Swathy and Soorya, captured the attention of viewers through their melodic vocals.

Following the conclusion of the competition, they will join forces with fellow performers to present an energetic number to kickstart this year's *National Day Concert*.

Yung Raja



Yung Raja is a Singaporean breakthrough artiste who is the indelible face of Southeast Asian hip hop. Best known for his crisp flow and witty lyricism, the bilingual rapper's music tastefully melds Western and Tamil cultures with an infectiously positive energy.

Following the viral success of his debut single *Mustafa*, the trailblazing rapper kept the momentum going with a steady stream of hits. Yung Raja's second single *Mad Blessings* received cosigns from Lupe Fiasco and M.I.A., and was the first English-Tamil song to receive airplay on Malaysia's leading Malay radio station ERA. Following that, his tune *The Dance Song* has skyrocketed in Singapore, Malaysia and India, garnering over six million views and eight million videos created with its sound on TikTok.