



THE HARP ASSOCIATION
SINGAPORE

IAHA INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AWARD 2024

SOLO & ENSEMBLE

DATE

8 – 11 Aug 2024

LIVE COMPETITION VENUE

The Arts House

WINNER GALA CONCERT VENUE

Victoria Concert Hall

COMPETITION

MASTERCLASS



Rave Harps International Prestige Award 2024



Testimonials by past RH Prestige participants

"I have enjoyed participating in RH Prestige Award both solo and chamber categories over the years."

"So privileged to have so many opportunities to perform and become my best in these competition and concerts."

"I look forward every year to this event as I make new friends besides growing in my playing."

Rave Harps International Prestige Award was introduced to extend the reach of current music exams, and to inculcate the love for performing in growing young musician. The competition is held with SOLO and CHAMBER categories on alternate years.

Rave Harps International Prestige Award:

- Encourages **Harp Solo & Chamber performances** at different learning stages, thus building the confidence of students to perform from a young age.
- Creates a wonderful opportunity to receive constructive comments from professional international harpists & musicians.
- A platform for musicianship growth and forging friendships amongst young musicians.
- Better equip students for future performances & artistic endeavors.

In its 7th edition, RH International Prestige Award 2024 will be **Harp Solo** category and is open to all nationalities. We are excited to announce there will be a new **Harp Ensemble Category** this year.

All successful awardees will receive certificate, medal/trophy and their achievements recorded in the yearly RH Prestige Award Honour Roll. High achievers will also be selected to perform in RH Prestige Winners' Gala Concert. We hope to see students strive and advance successfully in each category of their harp journey.



KATRYNA TAN

Artistic Director, RH International Prestige Award

A warm welcome to our 7th edition of RH International Prestige Award 2024. Over the years, The Harp Association (Singapore) & Rave Harps have been building a new generation of excellent harpists in the region and nurtured many young harpists to become confident young performers and professionals at the instrument. We have witnessed how this platform has groomed many young musicians, changed lives, instill passion and forged many wonderful friendships amongst the youth. We hope to continue inspiring young students in this direction. Come and enjoy your time with us in Singapore!

Past Years International Panel of Jury (2024 Jury panel to be announced later)



Perform in some of the most prestigious concert venues in Singapore



THE ARTS HOUSE

Built in 1827, the Old Parliament House is the oldest government building and perhaps the oldest surviving building in Singapore.

1 Old Parliament Ln, Singapore 179429



VICTORIA CONCERT HALL

The Victoria Concert Hall is the oldest concert hall in Singapore and has been the Home of the SSO since 1980.

11 Empress Pl, #01-02, Singapore 179558

GENERAL RULES

I. Age & Categories

- Categories are capped at the stated age as of year 2024. Participants can choose a category suitable to their level of playing.
- Participants can enrol in more than one category but the choice piece would need to be different.
- All members of the group participating in the Harp Ensemble category should fall within the category's age group. Exceptions can be made for a maximum of 1 member whose age is just over the age limit.

II. Eligibility

- Rave Harps International Prestige Award is open to all nationalities.
- Past winners awarded with "Distinction with Honours" are not eligible to join the same category.

III. Performance Standard & Repertoire

- All music must be played from memory for solo categories. Optional for Harp Ensemble categories.
- Choice Piece must be from the standard harp classical repertoire.
- Participants exceeding time limit will be penalized & may be asked to stop in performance.
- Maximum time is the duration of the performance program *including* breaks between the pieces.

IV. Enrolment

- Enrolment period 1 - 25 April 2024.
- THA (The Harp Association) members are eligible to receive 5% discount for Solo Categories.

V. Results

- All decisions and grades awarded by the Jury are final and cannot be appealed.

VI. General

- The organizing committee reserves the right to make any changes to the rules, dates and other information related to the competition. All photographs, videos, or audio recordings taken of contestants during performance or competition shall be the property of the Organizer. The Organizer may use the material in any medium and in any reasonable manner they see fit.

SOLO CATEGORY

Qualifying Round is required for Solo Categories. This is assessed via video submission. Results will be announced on 1 May 2024.

- (1) Registration & Qualifying video submission: 1 - 25 April 2024
(2) Live Competition in Singapore: 8-11 Aug 2024

Qualifying Round video submission requirements

Participants are required to submit a video of one piece – it can be either the required piece or free choice piece.

Please upload your video on YouTube/YouKu and submit an UNLISTED link together with your registration form. The video is not to be filtered, edited, or processed in any way; failure to comply will result in disqualification. Video must show full view of harp and performer.



NEW! Harp Ensemble Category

- Join the New category for Harp Ensemble.
- No qualifying round is required.
- Lever Harp Ensemble size : 7 – 15 pax
- Pedal Harp Ensemble size: 7 – 12 pax
- Repertoire: ONE FREE CHOICE PIECE, preferably a piece that represents your country.
(In conjunction with Singapore National Day, celebrating International Friendship)
- The piece should have minimum of 4 different harp parts



ADDED-TIER Concerto Category

- Participants registered in the solo category are invited to join this added-tier category.
- This is an **Online Competition**.
- **Video Submission Date:** 1 July, 2024
- **Results will be announced:** 15 July, 2024
- The “**Best Performance Award**” of each concerto category will be invited to perform live in the winner’s concert in Singapore (11 August, 2024) with a string quartet/ensemble.

Video Submission Guideline

Participants in the Concerto Category are required to submit a VIDEO performed with a piano accompanist.

Please upload your video on YouTube/YouKu and submit an UNLISTED link to RHPrestige@raveharps.com before or by 1 July 2024. The video is not to be filtered, edited, or processed in any way; failure to comply will result in disqualification. Video must show full view of harp ,performer and pianist.

AWARDS

There will be 4 awards for each standard category: “Pass”, “Merit”, “Distinction” or “Distinction with Honours”. Multiple awards may be presented and the jury reserves the right to not award a position if groups do not meet requirements.

Awardees will receive *jury comments, certificate, trophy/medal, and will be recorded in the RH Prestige Award Honours Roll.*

Harp Ensemble groups will receive certificate for each member and only one trophy/medal for the group.



SPECIAL AWARDS

“**Best Performance Award**” will be awarded to the best performance from each category from the Live Competition. Best Performance Awardee will receive *Cash Prize and perform in Winners’ Concert. (There is no cash prize for Harp Ensemble category)

“**Special Musicianship Award**” is awarded to best interpretation of “Evening Light” & “The Cry of the Flamingos” (Pedal Young Artist Category)

“**RH Prestige Solo Virtuoso Gold Award**” will be awarded to the best group of this highest category. This is the highest award possible in the RH Prestige Award Solo Competition! (no further “Best Performance Award” is awarded in this category.)

*CASH PRIZE

- S\$ 200** Lever (Apprentice, Youth Open & Non-Professional Adult)
- S\$ 250** Lever (Intermediate, Advance), Pedal (Intermediate, Non Professional Adult)
- S\$ 300** Pedal (Advance, Young Artist)
- S\$ 350** Pedal (Young Professional)
- S\$ 500** RH Prestige Solo Virtuoso Gold Award
- S\$ 100** Special Musicianship Award “*Evening Lights*” & “*The Cry of the Flamingos*”

Category & Repertoire – Lever Harp

LEVER HARP CATEGORIES

CODE	CATEGORY	AGE	PROGRAM	MAX. DURATION
L-A	LEVER APPRENTICE	Aged 7 and under, born in or after 2017	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) "I'm a Little Teapot", Nursery Rhyme arr. by K. Tan (*Alakazam, Harping Fun (b) "Morning" by E. Greig arr. by K. Tan (*Alakazam, Harping Fun II) ii. Free Choice Piece	4 mins
L-B	LEVER INTERMEDIATE	Aged 9 and under, born in or after 2015	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) Choose one of the following from "Little Classics" (Kleine Klassik) - 20 Small Pieces by Leopold and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, by W. Maerz. (a) V - Menuett (with repeats) (b) VII - Menuett (with repeats) (c) XI - Menuett (with repeats) ii. Free Choice Piece	5 mins
L-C	LEVER ADVANCE	Aged 12 and under, born in or after 2012	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) La Gimblette (Theme, Var 1, 2, 7, 9, Finale) by Bernard Andrès (b) Theme & Variations by Kuhlau, from "Panorama de la harpe celtique" Vol 1, by D. Bouchaud ii. Free Choice Piece	6 mins
L-D	LEVER YOUTH OPEN	Aged 13-20, born between 2011 and 2004	i. Compulsory Piece Choose One Compulsory piece from one of the categories above ii. Free Choice Piece	6 mins
L-E	LEVER NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	Aged 21 and above, born in or before 2003	i. Compulsory Piece Choose One Compulsory piece from one of the categories above ii. Free Choice Piece	6 mins

**Music can be purchased from bit.ly/PrestigeAwardRepertoire*

Category & Repertoire – Pedal Harp

PEDAL HARP CATEGORIES

CODE	CATEGORY	AGE	PROGRAM	MAX. DURATION
P-A	PEDAL INTERMEDIATE	Aged 10 and under, born in or after 2014	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) I - "Joyful Overture" from <i>Petite Suite Classique</i> by M. Grandjany (b) VI - "Bourree" from <i>Petite Suite Classique</i> by M. Grandjany ii. Free Choice Piece	6 mins
P-B	PEDAL ADVANCE	Aged 12 and under, born in or after 2012	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) "Rondo" from 3rd movment of <i>Sonata in C minor</i> by S.G. Dussek (b) "Tocata" from <i>Sonatine no. 2 in C minor (Sept sonates Progressives)</i> by F.J. Nadermann ii. Free Choice Piece	8 mins
P-C	PEDAL YOUNG ARTIST	Aged 15 and under, born in or after 2009	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) * "Evening Lights" by Ho Chee Kong (Approx. 4 min) (b) * "The Cry of the Flamingos" by Sirin Pancaroglu (Approx 3:35 min) ii. Free Choice Piece	10 mins
P-D	PEDAL YOUNG PROFESSIONAL	Aged 18 and under, born in or after 2006	i. Compulsory Piece (Choose one) (a) <i>Divertissement No. 1: À la Francois</i> by A. Caplet (b) <i>Vers la Source dans la bois</i> by M. Tournier ii. Free Choice Piece	12 mins
P-E	PEDAL RH PRESTIGE SOLO VIRTUOSO	Aged 20 and under, born in or after 2004	Program: Design your own thematic program of 15 - 20 minutes. Include a theme (max 5 words) and Statement for the program (max. 200 words). Participants will be judged on performance as well as creativity of program.	15-20 mins
P-F	PEDAL NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	Aged 21 and above, born in or before 2003	i. Compulsory Piece Choose One Compulsory piece from one of the categories above ii. Free Choice Piece	6 mins

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Category & Repertoire - Concerto

Added-Tier: CONCERTO Category

Eligibility: Participant must have participated in one of the Solo categories above
 ONLINE SUBMISSION by 1 July 2024

CODE	CATEGORY	AGE	PROGRAM
C-A	LEVER CONCERTO	Aged 12 and under, born in or after 2012	i. Concerto in C major by A. Vivaldi (Movement 1), arr. by K.B. Moore
C-B	PEDAL CONCERTO I	Aged 14 and under, born in or after 2010	i. Wagenseil Harp Concerto in G Major (Movement 1)
C-C	PEDAL CONCERTO II	Aged 18 and under, born in or after 2006	i. Aria in Classic Style by Marcel Grandjany

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Category & Repertoire-Harp Ensemble

NEW! Harp Ensemble Category

- New category for Harp Ensemble.
- No qualifying round is required.
- Lever Harp Ensemble size : 7 – 15
- Pedal Harp Ensemble size: 7 - 12
- Repertoire: ONE FREE CHOICE PIECE, preferably a piece that represents your country.
(In conjunction with Singapore's National Day, celebrating International Friendship)



HARP ENSEMBLE Category Repertoire: One Free Choice Piece

CODE	CATEGORY	AGE	MAX. DURATION
E-A	LEVER APPRENTICE	Aged 7 and under, born in or after 2017	4 mins
E-B	LEVER INTERMEDIATE	Aged 12 and under, born in or after 2012	5 mins
E-C	LEVER ADVANCE	Aged 20 and under, born in or after 2006	5 mins
E-D	LEVER NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	Aged 21 and above, born in or before 2004	5 mins
E-E	PEDAL INTERMEDIATE	Aged 12 and under, born in or after 2012	6 mins
E-F	PEDAL ADVANCE	Aged 20 and under, born in or after 2004	7 mins
E-G	PEDAL NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	Aged 21 and above, born in or before 2003	6 mins

Important Dates - Summary

IMPORTANT DATES			
DATE	SOLO CATEGORY	ENSEMBLE CATEGORY	CONCERTO (Added Tier)
1 - 25 April 2024	REGISTRATION to submit (1) Registration Form (2) Registration Fees (3) Video for Qualifying Round	REGISTRATION to submit (1) Registration Form (2) Registration Fees	REGISTRATION to submit (1) Registration Form (2) Registration Fees
1 May 2024	RECEIVE Qualifying Results		
7 May 2024	CONFIRM Participation		
1 July 2024			
15 July 2024			SUBMIT Competition Video
			RESULTS ANNOUNCED
8 - 11 August 2024	(1) LIVE COMPETITION (2) PRESTIGE ACADEMY 2024 (Masterclass, Workshops & International Orchestra) (3) PRESTIGE AWARD GALA CONCERT & AWARDS CEREMONY 2024		



Look Forward to the Gala Concert in an amazing venue!

Fee Schedule

LEVER HARP Category			PEDAL HARP Category			HARP ENSEMBLE Category		
CODE	CATEGORY	FEES	CODE	CATEGORY	FEES	CODE	CATEGORY	FEES per group
L-A	LEVER APPRENTICE	S\$ 180	P-A	PEDAL INTERMEDIATE	S\$ 200	E-A	LEVER APPRENTICE	S\$ 500
L-B	LEVER INTERMEDIATE	S\$ 200	P-B	PEDAL ADVANCE	S\$ 250	E-B	LEVER PRIMARY	S\$ 500
L-C	LEVER ADVANCE	S\$ 200	P-C	PEDAL YOUNG ARTIST	S\$ 250	E-C	LEVER SECONDARY	S\$ 500
L-D	LEVER YOUTH OPEN	S\$ 200	P-D	PEDAL YOUNG PROFESSIONAL	S\$ 300	E-D	LEVER NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	S\$ 500
L-E	LEVER NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	S\$ 200	P-E	PEDAL RH PRESTIGE SOLO VIRTUOSO	S\$ 350	E-E	PEDAL PRIMARY	S\$ 600
Added-Tier: CONCERTO Category			P-F	PEDAL NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	S\$ 200	E-F	PEDAL SECONDARY	S\$ 600
CODE	CATEGORY	FEES				E-G	PEDAL NON PROFESSIONAL ADULT	S\$ 600
C-A	LEVER CONCERTO	S\$ 250						
C-B	PEDAL CONCERTO I	S\$ 250						
C-C	PEDAL CONCERTO II	S\$ 250						

THA members are eligible to receive 5% discount for Lever and Pedal Harp Solo Category!
 Not a member yet? Visit www.theharpassociation.org

REGISTER IN 3 STEPS

Registration date 1-25 April 2024

STEP (1)

Complete application form

bit.ly/RHPrestigeAwardRegistration



STEP (2)

Complete Registration fee

Please upload payment slip in Application Form

STEP (3)

Upload Video link for qualifying round
(Not required for Harp Ensemble Category)

PAYMENT METHODS

Singapore Participants

- (a) Bank Transfer:
DBS Bank: RAVE.HARPS Acct no: 025-901113-3
- (b). PayNow



International Participants

- (a) *Bank Telegraphic Transfer:
DBS Bank: RAVE.HARPS Acct no: 025-901113-3
Swift Code: DBSSSGSG
Add: 12 Marina Boulevard, DBS Asia Central,
Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower 3, Singapore
018982
**Please note all bank charges to be borne by applicant.*

- (b) PAYPAL**
Paypal account: info@raveharps.com
** additional 6% transaction fee is payable
. Eg. \$100 x 1.06 = S\$106.00

All participants in the 2024 RH Prestige International award Competition are eligible to join the RH Prestige Academy. Learn more with international harp friends and make the most of your harping time with us in Singapore. View past concerts by the 2023 RH Prestige Academy participants at :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKrNu47pUoM>



RH PRESTIGE ACADEMY PROGRAM - "Voices of Harps"

- **WORKSHOPS**
- **MASTERCLASS**
- **Be part of the "INTERNATIONAL HARP ORCHESTRA"** – Receive performance training by professional faculty.
- **SPECIAL COMMISSIONED PIECES FOR "International Harp Orchestra"** : Participants will receive music parts.
- **CONCERTS:** International Harp Orchestra will perform in Gala Concert. Possible extra outreach concert on *Singapore National Day*.
- **ACCESS TO ALL EVENTS:** Participants will have access to all events, competitions, all concerts including gala concert & award ceremony
- **MEDIA KIT:** Participants will receive certificate of participation, program booklet, welcome package, professional videos and photos of concert

ACCOMPANYING PARENT PASS. *Be part of your child's music journey!*

- **ACCESS TO ALL EVENTS:** Accompanying parent pass will have access to all competitions, all concerts including gala concert & award ceremony (Category 1 tickets).

RH Prestige Academy Fee S\$ 450

Accompanying Parent Pass S\$ 150

*We look forward to welcoming you to Singapore
& Rave Harps International Prestige Award 2024!*



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