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Global sensation Shlomo Mintz to perform solo recital in Singapore for SIVC

World-renowned conductor and violin virtuoso, Shlomo Mintz, will be welcomed to Singapore as the Distinguished Artist in Residence for the 2018 Singapore International Violin Competition (SIVC) offering audiences the opportunity to see him both perform and conduct during his Residency.

Shlomo Mintz, esteemed for his impeccable musicianship, stylistic versatility and commanding technique, will be performing a solo violin recital on 31 January 2018 as part of the SIVC, taking to the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory's concert hall stage. For the recital, he will play the highly technical and eminently beautiful Ysayè solo sonatas.

In addition, Finalists of the SIVC will have the coveted opportunity to perform on stage with Mintz as he will be conducting the six finalists of the Competition with the Conservatory Orchestra at the Victoria Concert Hall on 5 & 6 February 2018.

Top string students will also have the opportunity of a lifetime to attend masterclasses with Mintz for the first time in Singapore.

The 2018 Singapore International Violin Competition (SIVC) is expected to draw talented candidates from all over the world. The addition of Shlomo Mintz as a performer and conductor, lends additional excitement to this very special event.

Tickets for the Recital and the SIVC final live rounds, will go on sale from 2nd November 2017 at SISTIC.

For more information on Shlomo Mintz visit:

www.shlomomintzviolin.com

About the Competition

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 opened on 1 June for competitors aged under 30, born after 1987, 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 Competition is again being hosted by the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music (YST) at the National University 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:	16 October 2017
Priority Booking Period:	2 November 2017
General Public Tickets on sale:	16 November 2017
First round (YST Conservatory of Music):	28-30 January 2018
Semi-Finals (YST Conservatory of Music):	1-3 February 2018
Finals (Victoria Concert Hall):	5-6 February 2018
Grand Final (Esplanade):	8 February 2018

Applications and more information:

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