



**Annex A – Bios of hosts and performers for the *Gardens by the Bay and Mediacorp National Day Concert 2023***

Host	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fauzie Laily</b></p> 	<p>Fauzie’s career was launched to stardom following his appearance in Mediacorp’s Malay reality singing competition <i>Anugerah</i> in 2005. Since then, Fauzie has produced chart-topping hits including his debut single <i>Selalu</i> and latest single <i>Tersebutlah Kisah</i>. Through his music, Fauzie aims to bridge the sounds of pop music today with traditional Malay artforms, which inspires his unique style.</p> <p>A jack of all trades and a master of all, Fauzie is a multi-talented artiste – an award-winning singer, established actor and versatile host. Among Fauzie’s notable on-screen appearances include the English longform drama <i>Tanglin</i>, English police procedural series <i>Code of Law</i>, as well as numerous Malay and Chinese dramas. On the hosting front, Fauzie has been a host for several major events and shows including the <i>National Day Parade</i>, <i>Chingay</i>, Mediacorp’s English charity programme <i>President’s Star Charity</i> as well as Mediacorp’s biennial Malay awards show <i>Pesta Perdana</i>.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vernetta Lopez</b></p> 	<p>Vernetta has more than two decades of experience in the entertainment scene as a DJ, host and actress. Vernetta’s first appearance on-screen was in the English sitcom <i>Under One Roof</i> in 1995. Since then, she has established herself as a household name with GOLD 905, entertaining audiences with her charisma, infectious energy and witty humour.</p> <p>Vernetta has proven herself to be a versatile host with a bevy of achievements under her belt. Among her notable hosting engagements include lifestyle programmes <i>The 5 Show</i>, <i>Money Week</i> and <i>Body &amp; Soul</i>, as well as events such as the <i>National Day Parade</i>, the <i>Southeast Asian Games</i>, and Mediacorp’s annual countdown party <i>Let’s Celebrate</i>.</p>

Performing artiste	Bio
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ayden Sng</b></p> 	<p>Ayden Sng is a rising star who first made his acting debut in 2019 in the short film <i>The Play Book</i>. Since then, he has taken up numerous lead roles in an assortment of programmes including the Chinese drama <i>Loving You</i>, starring alongside prominent actress Jesseca Liu. Among other programmes under his belt include <i>C.L.I.F. 5</i>, <i>Lobang King</i>, <i>The Descendant</i>, <i>The Unbreakable Bond</i>, and recently in 2022, Ayden was offered a major role in <i>Hungry Souls</i>, a drama co-developed by CJ ENM Hong Kong and Zhao Wei Films.</p> <p>A versatile artiste who is musically-inclined, Ayden has also displayed his talents beyond acting, playing the erhu, piano and violin. Ayden was a former member of the Singapore National Youth Orchestra, and continues to remain involved in the scene as he now hosts their online programme <i>Music Chatterbox</i>.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jaynesh Isuran</b></p> 	<p>Jaynesh is a multi-faceted media personality with over 25 years of experience in the entertainment scene. The former Oli 968 DJ is also a versatile actor, host, model, comedian, dancer, singer and rapper. Through his infectious personality onscreen, Jaynesh has established a loyal fanbase locally as well as across the causeway in Malaysia. The highly-sought after actor also caught the eye of Indian TV network Angel TV, who offered Jaynesh a lead role in their local drama series.</p> <p>On the hosting front, Jaynesh also holds an impressive portfolio, having hosted Mediacorp's Tamil awards show <i>Pradhana Vizha</i> as well as the Tamil variety programme <i>Vasantham LIVE</i>. For his performances, Jaynesh has been accorded an array of awards including "Most Popular Personality" at <i>Pradhana Vizha</i> in 2014, 2016 and 2021, as well as the "Best Comedy Actor".</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joanna Dong</b></p>	<p>Joanna is a homegrown singer, recognised for her vocal prowess and unique jazz tunes, who has shone on the global</p>

	<p>stage. Her passion for singing was sparked by the karaoke sessions she participated in as a young child. Since then, Joanna has released multiple albums, most recently <i>天天月年年 DMMYY</i>, and collaborated with popular artistes including Chok Kerong, Benjamin Kheng and Charlie Lim.</p> <p>Joanna continues to captivate audiences with her charismatic stage presence. In 2017, Joanna participated in the reality singing competition <i>Sing! China</i> and rose above many others to clinch a second runner-up finish. Later in 2020, she collaborated with The Purple Symphony to perform the nostalgic number <i>Semoga Bahagia</i> as part of the Purple Parade 2020. On top of singing, Joanna is also a host and actress. In 2018, Joanna was awarded the “Top 10 Most Popular Female Artistes” award at Mediacorp’s Chinese awards show <i>Star Awards</i>.</p>
<p><b>Juara Mic Junior S2 Top 8</b></p> 	<p>Following the success of its inaugural run, Mediacorp’s Malay reality singing competition <i>Juara Mic Junior</i> returned for a second season, and recently crowned 10-year-old Sarah Alia as champion. The second season featured 16 young local talents who competed in a series of solo and duet performances that put their vocal capabilities to the test. <i>Juara Mic Junior S2</i> also introduced a new competition component to highlight contestants’ artistic talents beyond singing such as acting, storytelling, dancing and playing musical instruments.</p> <p>Apart from winner Sarah Alia, the Top 8 consisted of Aaliyah, Adrianna Putri, Ahmad Khabir, Arissa Zara, Deeyanee, Nur Ariana, and Quraisyah.</p>
<p><b>Kit Chan</b></p>	<p>Kit Chan is regarded as one of Singapore’s most iconic and influential singers, who is most notably known for singing the National Day song <i>Home</i>. Kit first rose to fame in 1994 with her debut album <i>Heartache</i>, which quickly became a bestseller across Asia. Following the release of more albums regionally, Kit’s popularity soared and secured her opportunities to perform globally in countries including the United States, South Korea and Hong Kong.</p>



Kit possesses a powerful voice, and is able to deliver highly emotional performances. A decorated singer, Kit has been recognised in various awards such as Mediacorp’s Chinese awards show *Star Awards*, the *Singapore Hit Awards* and the *Hit Radio Awards 2000*. This year, Kit is also marking the 30th anniversary of her singing career, and will be performing a three-night concert later in September.

**Mavis Hee**





Mavis is the voice behind the highly popular and reprised ballad *Moonlight in the City*. Mavis first found the limelight after she finished as second runner-up in Singapore’s *Miss Chinatown Pageant* in 1992. Following this, she was scouted by famous Mandopop composer Chen Jiaming to join his record company. Ever since then, Mavis has topped the charts in album sales, with two and a half million copies sold, beating artiste Faye Wong and the “Four Heavenly Kings of Cantopop” Jacky Cheung, Andy Lau, Aaron Kwok and Leon Lai.

A beloved singer-songwriter and actress, Mavis is best known for her ballads *Regret*, *Iron Window*, *Living by Night* and *Moonlight in the City*, the theme of the 1996 Chinese drama *Tofu Street*. Most recently, Mavis has teased the release of new music in the near future, along with a tour in China.

**MICappella**

MICappella is one of Asia’s leading vocal bands. Effervescent, dynamic and versatile, the homegrown acapella band, whose humble beginnings started in 2009, has since show to international fame. The group has clinched the championship at the *Moscow Spring A Cappella Festival*, and



	<p>has performed for fans across Europe as well as in countries including Australia, China and the United States.</p> <p>Apart from international gigs, MICappella has also appeared on big stages locally including the <i>National Day Parade 2022</i>, as well as performing a rendition of the Singapore National Anthem at the <i>Singapore Grand Prix</i> Flag-off ceremony. To date, MICappella has released more than 10 albums, and secured the “Best Original Song by a Professional Group” award at the <i>Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards 2020</i>.</p>
<p><b>Suthasini Rajendran</b></p> 	<p>Suthasini is a singer-songwriter, music producer and host who shot to fame following her win in Mediacorp’s Tamil reality singing competition <i>Vasantham Star 2011</i>. Since then, Suthasini has branched out to participate in other regional competitions including Malaysia’s <i>Astro International Superstar 2015</i>, and was among one of the finalists in the Indian singing contest <i>Singing Stars</i>.</p> <p>Known for her smooth and powerful vocals, Suthasini provides a refreshing voice. Apart from the local entertainment scene, Suthasini’s works are also part of several Tamil films including <i>Chennai</i>. Most recently, Suthasini produced the Tamil National Day Song <i>Nam Singapore</i>. A fusion of electronic dance music and Indian folk genre music, the track instantly became a viral hit, garnering over 1.1 million views on YouTube.</p>
<p><b>The Freshman</b></p>	<p>The Freshman is a dynamic duo, made up of Carrie Yeo and Chen Diya, that was formed in 2010. The two, who first met on the set of the Chinese reality competition <i>Project Superstar</i>, have since succeeded in pursuing their dreams to make it big. Since the release of their debut album <i>Life Experiment 101</i>, The Freshman has garnered nearly 83,000 monthly listeners and a slew of awards crediting their works. Some of their notable tracks include the karaoke hit <i> Holding On</i>, which topped the charts and was recognised as one of the “Top 10 Singles of the Year” at the <i>10th Freshmusic Awards</i>, as well as their upbeat hit <i>It’s Love, Harry</i>, which was</p>

	<p>nominated for “Best Theme Song” at the Mediacorp Chinese awards <i>Star Awards 2018</i>.</p> <p>Their soothing vocals and harmonised melodies have made it on national screens, and earned the praise of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. The pair performed their Singapore-centric hit <i>Call Me (Not Maybe)</i> on the <i>National Day Parade 2021</i> stage, and most recently, they released their latest single <i>Throw</i> for the Chinese drama <i>Fix My Life</i>. The Freshman has also graced international stages, completing 233 shows to date as backup vocalists for Hong Kong’s “Heavenly King” Jacky Cheung and popular popstar JJ Lin in his recent <i>JJ20 World Tour</i>.</p>
<p><b>Umar Sirhan</b></p> 	<p>Umar Sirhan is a fresh face on the block who is known for his pensive lyrics and smooth vocals. The singer-songwriter and aspiring producer has produced several self-penned singles including <i>If</i>, <i>Evergreen</i> and <i>Love from Afar</i>, which has garnered over 1.2 million listens.</p> <p>Umar was first recognised as one of Singapore’s up-and-coming artistes in 2017, when he opened for local big hit Lewloh’s album launch. Later, he went on to perform on the stage of Mediacorp’s English charity programme <i>President’s Star Charity 2020</i>, alongside local artistes Jarrell Huang, JJ Neo and Meenakshy. Umar has also performed with legend Dick Lee and popular singer Nathan Hartono on the big <i>National Day Parade</i> stage.</p>
<p><b>Vocaluptuous</b></p>	<p>Vocaluptuous, formed in 1997, is one of the earliest vocal bands in Singapore who made history by performing in Singapore’s first acapella musical <i>No Strings Attached</i>. With a long list of performances in concerts, events and shows in over 25 years, Vocaluptuous has continually entertained both local and global audiences with their eclectic mash of music styles including traditional, jazz, bossa nova, R&amp;B and pop. Among their notable performances include the stage of the inaugural <i>Youth Olympic Games</i>, opening for Sir Elton</p>



John for his concert at the Marina Bay Sands *An Evening with Sir Elton John*, and many high-level state functions such as the *ASEAN Ministerial Summit*.

Throughout the years, the funky and refreshing group has established a distinctly unique Singaporean flavour that they have incorporated into their numerous albums. Presently, Vocaluptuous continues to delight audiences with unique covers of pop songs and local tracks such as *My Old Hometown Katong*.

### Voices of Singapore



Voices of Singapore (VoS) empowers and inspires Singaporeans to sing, create and learn through choral participation. Starting off as a choral training school for choirs, VoS has grown into a family of multiple choirs, part of a national network, who have collaborated with big names including the National Museum of Singapore, Sony, the Singapore Tourism Board, and more.

Among the various choirs under VoS is the VoS Starlight Voices, which involves children with disabilities. VoS Starlight Voices have performed for a multitude of shows and events including Mediacorp's English charity programme *President's Star Charity*, the *Goh Chok Tong Enable Awards* and VoS Festivals.