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A rousing start to T'ang Quartet's 30th Anniversary celebrations

Humble Beginnings

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L-R: Ng Yu Ying, Ang Chek Meng, Wang Zihao, Han Oh

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April 25, 2022: Singapore's pre-eminent string ensemble, the T'ang Quartet, performed their first regular concert – to an audience not limited in numbers by coronavirus restrictions – in two years with a rousing performance at the Victoria Concert Hall on Friday evening, April 22.

The Quartet, comprising Ng Yu-Ying (first violin), Ang Chek Meng (second violin) as well as new members – Han Oh (viola) and Wang Zihao (cello) – performed Joseph Haydn's String Quartet Op. 76 No. 2 "Fifths" and Alexander Borodin's String Quartet No.2 in D Major in the first of a series of concerts this year to mark their 30th anniversary.

The hour-long concert, called Humble Beginnings, featured the kind of music that inspired the founding members to come together to form the T'ang Quartet 30 years ago. The show drew about 300 concertgoers, comprising the who's who in Singapore's arts and classical music scene – as well as longtime fans and new fans of the Quartet.

Said Chek Meng: "This concert was an opportunity for us to reconnect with our audience after such a long break and was, in a sense, our 'love letter' to them in the way Borodin's string quartet was a love letter to his wife Ekaterina to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their first meeting."



Added Yu-Ying: "We were also able to introduce Han and Zihao, who became part of the T'ang Quartet, in a proper, unrestricted outing. We're grateful that the audience were appreciative of our show and we will be back for more this year."

The evening ended with an after-concert meet-and-greet for the audience. Following Humble Beginnings, the Quartet will work on the next instalment of their 2022 30th Anniversary programme, including the release of their coffetable book, *Tang At 30*.



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