

News Release

Legal talents put on charity concert to raise funds for ex-offenders

Singapore, **30 July 2013** – Over 70 members from the legal fraternity including judges, lawyers, law academics and students will be singing, dancing or playing musical instruments for a one-night only charity concert, "The LeX Factor- Law Has Talent" on 12 September. The concert is organised by the Singapore Academy of Law ("SAL") in support of the YRF-SAL STAR (Skills Training Assistance to Re-start) Bursary.

The YRF-SAL STAR Bursary is a programme under the Yellow Ribbon Fund which provides bursaries to financially needy ex-offenders for vocational and skills training to help them achieve employment and self-sufficiency. SAL has so far raised \$228,487.00. All ticket proceeds will also be donated to the Bursary and presented to YRF on behalf of SAL by the Guest-of-Honour President Tony Tan at the close of the concert on 12 September.

Show Director, Mr Jeremiah Choy of Orangedot Productions, also a former lawyer, said "The legal fraternity has talents. It is exciting to put together a programme where we have so many performers from all walks of law from judges to law students - all coming for the worthy cause of believing in giving others a second chance at life."

"17 groups of SAL members and law students came forward to audition for a part in the concert. Others like Attorney-General Steven Chong, SC, Senior Minister of State Ms Indranee Rajah, The Honourable Justice Lee Seiu Kin, The Honourable Justice Lai Siu Chiu and Francis Xavier, SC were invited and they were happy to contribute to this worthy cause," said Mr Choy.

Mr Steven Chong and a group of three young prosecutors will be singing together with The Revivals, a group of musicians who have gone through the Prisons' music rehabilitation programme. Other performers include



song writer Mr Kelvin Soh who was an ex-offender and former legal service officer turned professional local jazz singer Ms Rani Singam.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale at www.sal.org.sg on 30 July. They are priced at \$160.50 for the Stall seats and \$107.00 for the Circle seats, inclusive of GST. Those who require more information can call 6332 0078 or 6332 4133.

SAL is appealing for the public to participate in this good cause and donate generously to the Bursary to help ex-offenders reintegrate into society. The donation form is available on www.sal.org.sg/sal25/CharityConcert. The public can also call Mr Premchand Shahri at 6214 2832 or email Premchand_shahri@score.gov.sg.

The main sponsor behind the production of "The LeX Factor- Law Has Talent" concert is nTan Corporate Advisory Pte Ltd. Other sponsors include Baker & McKenzie. Wong & Leow, Rajah & Tann LLP and RSM Chio Lim LLP are its sponsors.

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