

Judy Tay

Judy started playing the viola when she was 17, when she joined the Singapore Youth Orchestra (SYO). Under the SYO Tuition Scheme, she studied with Luo Cheng and Lim Soon Lee. In 1990, she was awarded a full scholarship by the Japan Solidarity Committee for Asian Alumni to pursue the Bachelor of Music degree in the Musashino Academia Musicae in Tokyo, Japan. There she had the opportunity to study with the world-renowned violist, Prof. Ulrich Koch. In 1995, having been awarded the Graduate Merit scholarship from the University of Michigan and the National Arts Council Arts Bursary, she pursued the Master of Music performance degree at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, studying with Prof. Yizhak Schotten.

Upon returning to Singapore in 1997, Judy joined the Methodist School of Music as a faculty member and pedagogy coordinator, teaching the violin, viola and music appreciation classes. Other teaching engagements includes chamber music coaching at Raffles Institution (Junior College), Anglo Chinese Junior College, and as a viola tutor in the Singapore National Youth Orchestra. She is also an adjunct faculty in School Of The Arts, teaching the viola. In addition to an active teaching schedule, she also performs with various ensembles, like the Metropolitan Festival Orchestra and the Re:Sound.

Judy believes that one cannot stop learning, therefore, in the summer, she goes to the Savonlinna Music Academy in Finland to enrich her musical skills, learning chamber music with various international renowned musicians like Robert Cohen, Gyorgy Pauk, Peter Hörr, Marko Ylönen, Alexander Baillie, Teemu Kupiain and Mark Gothoni.