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NTU STUDENTS MUSIC TO THE EARS OF NEEDY CANCER PATIENTS

Nanyang Technological University (NTU) students are once again lending their talents to help the less privileged.

Members of the NTU Symphonic Band (NTUSB) will hold Music from the Hearts, their fourth charity concert on 31 July at the Esplanande Concert Hall in aid of the Singapore Cancer Society (SCS).

Raising funds is becoming a tradition of the symphonic band, whose first charity concert at the Victoria Concert Hall raised $10,000 for the National Kidney Foundation. Their second concert raised $5,000 for the Community Chest while their most recent charity concert, held last year, was a sold-out success with over $17,000 raised for the Community Chest.

Funds raised so far for the Singapore Cancer Society have crossed the $30,000 mark, surpassing previous amounts raised through charity concerts. Other firsts for NTUSB include commissioning Singapore composer, Mr Iskandar Ismail, to compose a song and inviting guest singers, Miss Amy Cheng and Mr Darren Seah, to perform and inaugurate the commissioned song at the charity concert.

Of their collaboration with NTUSB, a spokesperson from the Singapore Cancer Society says, “The Singapore Cancer Society is pleased to have the opportunity to work with the Nanyang Technological University Symphonic Band in staging a charity concert in aid of our society and also to celebrate our society’s 40th anniversary. The captivating notes of the band’s music, coupled with the commendable efforts from the band’s members, will not only touch the hearts of the audience, but also help raise funds for needy cancer patients.”
On helping SCS raise funds NTUSB chairperson Ms Yvonne Koh, a third-year student from the Nanyang Business School (Accountancy) says, “Cancer is a terrible disease made worse when one cannot afford the necessary medical treatment and care. *Music from the Hearts* acknowledges the plight of needy cancer patients and helps raise funds for these patients so that they may focus on overcoming the disease.”

*Music from the Hearts 2004*, will feature popular tunes from famous musicals, such as *Miss Saigon*, *Chess* and *Les Misérables*. The evening will reach a crescendo with the commissioned piece for SCS. The Guest-of-Honour is Mr S Iswaran, Member of Parliament of West Coast GRC.

**About Nanyang Technological University**

The Nanyang Technological University (NTU) is a top-tier university, ranked among the best science and technological universities in Asia. It has a business school that is consistently ranked among the top ten in Asia.

Established in 1991, the university has since been positioning itself to be a global university of excellence and is committed to its mission in *Educating Leaders and Advancing Knowledge for Singapore and Beyond*. NTU has an undergraduate and graduate enrolment of about 25,000 and an international faculty of over 1,500. It offers a broad-based curriculum, which focuses on the development of global views, entrepreneurship and adaptability, through the following schools:

1. College of Engineering, which consists of five schools:
   - Civil and Environmental Engineering
   - Computer Engineering
   - Electrical and Electronic Engineering
   - Materials Engineering
   - Mechanical and Production Engineering
2. Nanyang Business School
3. School of Biological Sciences
4. School of Communication and Information
5. School of Humanities and Social Sciences
6. School of Art, Design and Media (*to be established by 2005*)
7. School of Physical Sciences (*to be established by 2005*)

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