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Speak Mandarin Campaign's first ever *Mandarin Music Nite'* with William So *live'* in concert

The first ever Mandarin concert on rhythm and blues (R&B), rap, rock and jazz will be held on Sun 2 Dec 2001 at Events Square, NTUC Lifestyle World Downtown East from 5.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Harnessing music is another means for the Speak Mandarin Campaign (SMC) to promote Mandarin to younger Chinese Singaporeans

2 The *Mandarin Music Nite'* (中文金曲劲歌夜) will showcase different genres of music in Mandarin such as jazz, rock, evergreen, *xinyao* and contemporary pop songs to demonstrate that Mandarin can be trendy and enjoyable. Local Chinese rock bands including Chou Pi Jiang (臭皮匠), Tian Di Hui (天地会) and V'S will astound you with their arrangements of Mandarin music in modern hip-hop, rap and R&B, while singers like Aubrey Ng (黄慧璇), Cai Lilian (蔡礼莲) and Joe Pang (冯学峰) will sway you with harmonious Mandarin jazz compositions. The concert will also feature favourite *xinyao* tunes *xí shuǐ cháng liú'* (细水长流) by Liang Wen Fu (梁文福). For those who are especially fond of endearing Chinese music such as those from the late legendary singer Teresa Teng (邓丽君), or from Tang Lan Hua' (汤兰花) Mandarin evergreens like *yue liang dai biao wo de xin'* (月亮代表我的心), *wo you yi duan qing'* (我有一段情) will bring back fond memories. These Mandarin evergreens and *xinyao* will be performed by music composers from Tan Chang Ren Music Lounge (弹唱人民歌餐厅) and The Ark Music Lounge (木船歌餐厅), two popular venues where local music composers and budding performers gather regularly to showcase their musical and performing talents. The concert will also be interspersed with karaoke segments where the public can belt out their song selection.

3 The concert aims to promote the language to younger English-educated Chinese Singaporeans and this is one way to hold their interest which is necessary in order for them to appreciate the Chinese language and its vibrant culture.

4 Lending a glamour appeal to the event, the concert's highlights feature popular Hongkong pop singer William So (苏永康) and SMC Celebrities and top MediaCorp artistes Sharon Au (欧菁仙), Tay Ping Hui (郑斌辉) and Dasmond Koh (许振荣). Admission to the concert is free. For information on SMC, please visit <http://mandarin.org.sg>

5 A copy of the programme of the *Mandarin Music Nite*' (Annex A) is attached for your reference.

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Annex A

Programme of *Mandarin Music Nite'* (中文金曲劲歌夜)

17 00 - 18 00

Mandarin Evergreen and Folk music

Featuring singers and music composers from Tan Chang Ren Music Lounge (弹唱人民歌餐厅) and The Ark Music Lounge (木船民歌餐厅)

18 00 - 19 30

Mandarin Rock

Featuring Chou Pi Jiang (臭皮匠), Tian Di Hui (天地会) and V'S

19 30 - 20 15

Mandarin Pop

Featuring Speak Mandarin Campaign celebrities Sharon Au (欧菁仙), Tay Ping Hui (郑斌辉) and Dasmond Koh (许振荣)

20 15 - 20 45

Mandarin Jazz

Featuring Aubrey Ng (黄慧璇), Cai Lilian (蔡礼莲) and Joe Pang (冯学峰)

20 45 - 21 00

Mandarin Pop

Hongkong pop singer William So (苏永康)