

perfect harmony

The Singapore Chinese Orchestra's largest concert — One People, Our Music 2014 — takes place at the newly minted Singapore Sports Hub

» The Singapore Sports Hub, the city's newest architectural icon, is set to host its inaugural concert. The Singapore Chinese Orchestra's One People, Our Music 2014 (OPOM), featuring around 5,000 choir and orchestra performers, takes place at the hub's Singapore National Stadium on 28 June.

The epic production revolves around the theme of Singapore's multicultural landscape and aims to unite music lovers. "Traditional rhythms originating from Malay, Indian, Western and Chinese music, have been weaved into

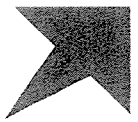


modern and classical melodies to portray Singapore's diversity," co-conductor Quek Ling Kiong says.

The SCO's last mega concert was in 2004 and it involved 2,400 musicians, Quek says. "This year, we're challenging ourselves to achieve one Guinness World Record — by doubling the number of musicians and holding the concert in a space that is set to contain an audience thrice the size of that for our 2004 outing."

OPOM will showcase some novel acts, including a 10-year-old *pipa* (Chinese lute) soloist and a renowned martial artist who will perform to live orchestral music. "It is my hope that OPOM will showcase the current music scene and inspire audiences with the versatility of Chinese orchestras," Quek says. ■

One People, Our Music 2014 takes place on 28 June 2014; opom.sg



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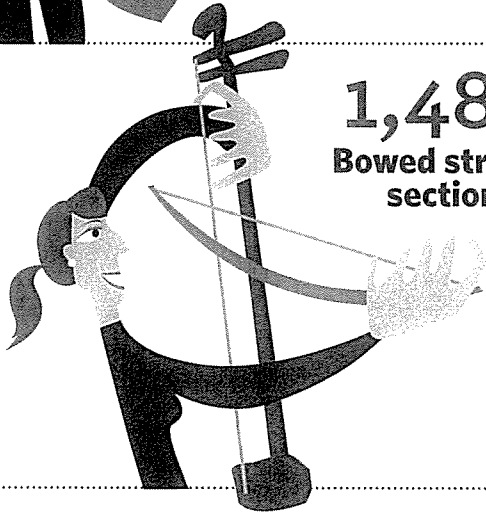
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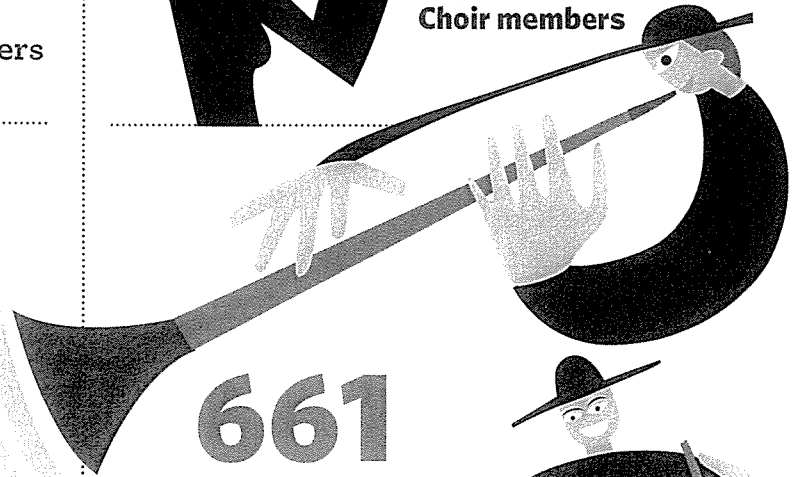
3,820
Orchestra performers



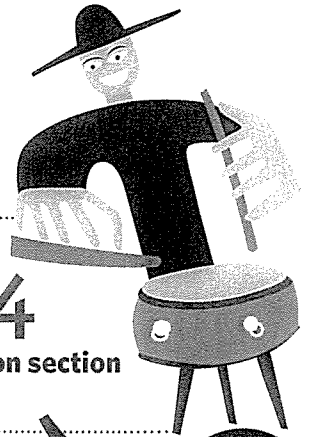
1,380
Choir members



1,482
Bowed strings
section



661
Winds section



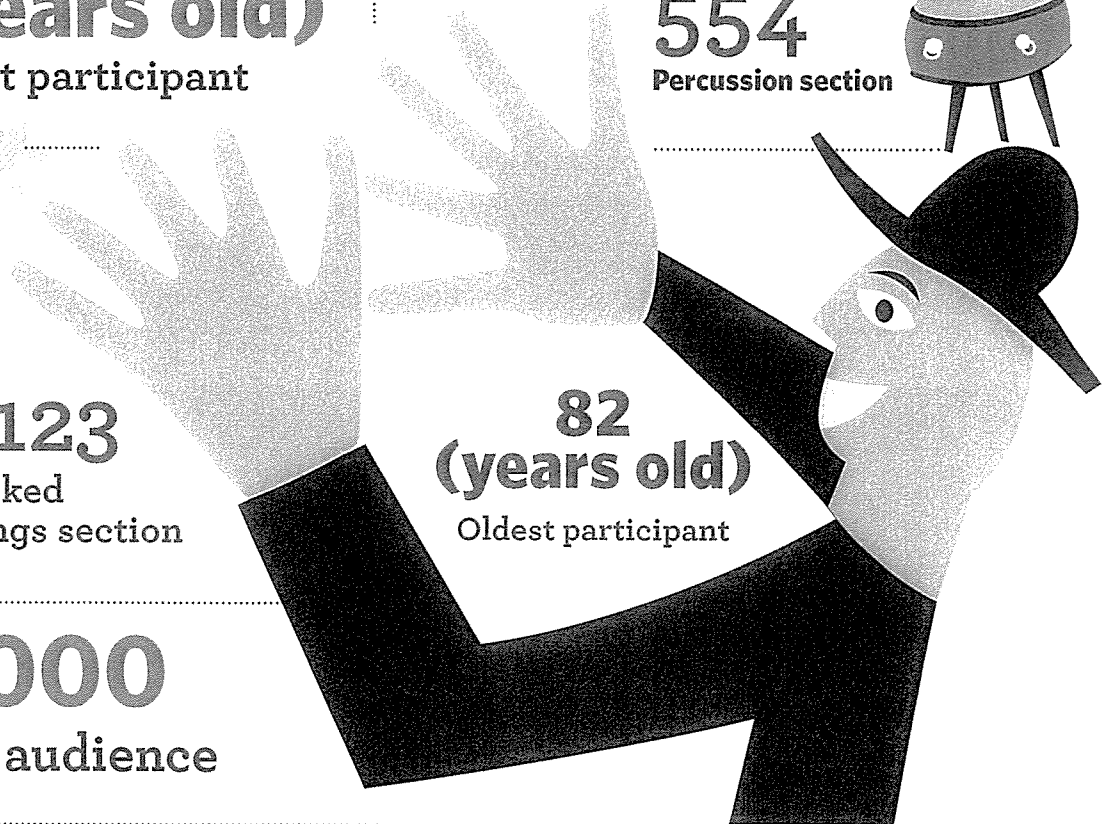
554
Percussion section



2 (years old)
Youngest participant



1,123
Plucked
strings section



82
(years old)
Oldest participant

30,000
Targeted audience