Yong Siew Toh Conservatoire of music
Why Choose YST

• Brilliant study opportunity for strings, piano, opera, (classical) students. (jazz/baroque modules developing)

• Experience Eastern culture in a very western setting.

• No extra cost stay for 5 months in an exciting and prosperous environment
Rin Collection

- Collection of 500+ string instruments loaned to YST students for the duration of their study, since 2003. This includes international exchange students.

- Specialization in violins (Amati, B.G. Guarneri, Antonio Stradivari) for exhibition and others on loan to students at YST, Central and Shanghai conservatoires.

- Repair and covered by TongMingXi luthiers, and a lot of the brand extras are cheaper to buy there.
What’s the BMUS strings course like

- Early start (beginning of August – mid December)
- Course modules
- Individual lessons
- Chamber music / coaching
- Orchestral projects / outreach projects
- Option to do a winter recital (junior recital).
Accommodation

- NUS offers halls specifically to music students
- Prince Georges Park Residences
- On other NUS campus locations
- Recommended that you use PGPR, as most YST students stay there.
- Information about price will be emailed to you. YST offer an in-depth step-by-step guide through application for Accommodation, application for any study visas etc. Should offer no problems, and SAAS can cover this.
How to get there

- Use of the SMRT system very fast and connects to whole city.
- Frequent bus service that goes straight from PGPR to YST, and to other spots on campus for food.
- 15-20 minute walk from PGPR to YST
Living

• Comparatively small rooms
• More cost effective to buy meals at NUS Kopitiams than groceries
• Get a SMRT card, accesses all sectors of Singapore.
• Tropical weather, prepare!
Mandarin, or languages module

- You might be able to choose it as a module towards your credits, from a course within the NUS, speak to Sarah beforehand and arrange
- Speak with your YST coordinator ASAP
- Can arrange lessons with fellow colleagues, perhaps arrange teaching English swap.
Activities/Sports

• Plenty of Sports activities within the NUS student union, apply before arrival so you guarantee your space.
• Lots of courts available for personal practice in PGPR (basketball, ping pong, tennis, gyms) and other student halls on campus.
• FREE swimming pool in NUS hub, and pay swimming pool in the new University Sports Centre just across from YST.
What is there to do in Singapore?

- Sentosa island (beaches, universal studios, Halloween festival)
- Marina bay Safari
- Gardens by the bay (mid autumn festival)
- Concerts with SSO
- Explore the city
- Malls
How would you benefit

• Develop your Independence
• see the international standard
• Excellent choice of instruments and teachers for string players/pianists/vocalists.
• Away from home, can give you more time to focus on your principal study
• Learn a new language
• Immerse yourself in the culture/explore the surrounding countries (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand etc.)