

ALLIED CHAMBER DUO

Iau Jo Yee, piano

Darrin C. Milling, bass trombone

Allied Chamber Duo is a concertizing team of "East & West" featuring Chinese-Malaysian pianist Iau Jo Yee and African American bass trombonist Darrin C. Milling. While the combination of piano and bass trombone is new to some, this formation has roots and original compositions dating back to the Classical period. Allied's programming displays a dialogue between two instruments and cultures with its vast richness of repertoire by Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Gershwin, Francisco Braga, Ida Gotkovsky, Huang Ruo, Yeo Chow Shern, and more. The Duo is one of few permanent artistic ensembles of this type and has performed throughout Southeast Asia since 2018.

IAU JO YEE, pianist

Born in Kedah, Malaysia, Jo Yee began her studies in music at age 9 with Ms. Loh Bee Tin and obtained her Diploma in Music Performance from the Malaysian Institute of Art studying with Ms. Chee Su-Yen. In addition, Ms. Iau completed her Bachelor of Music with First Class Honours from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, under the tutelage of Jan Loeffler, and won the Marjorie Hazlehurst Piano Award for her full-length solo CD recording, "Jazzy Things Out There." Jo Yee has performed extensively throughout Southeast Asia as a chamber artist with various ensembles, including Allied Chamber Duo which she co-founded in 2018. In addition, she's an active collaborative pianist working closely with vocalists as one of the core pianists of VerSes Music Ensembles, directed by tenor and vocal coach Scott Woo. Jo Yee is an instructor at the Malaysian Institute of Art (MIA), Akademi Seni Budaya & Warisan Kebangsaan (ASWARA) and Yamaha Sonata Music and Art.

DARRIN C. MILLING, bass trombonist

Darrin's multiple premieres of bass trombone concertos with orchestras and bands, as well as unaccompanied solos, dedicated to him are a major part of his career as a solo and chamber musician. Milling has been featured with DePaul Chamber Orchestra (USA), Chamber Orchestra of Chile, Goais Philharmonic Orchestra (Brazil), National Theatre Orchestra (Brazil), Greater Miami Youth Symphony (USA) and McGill Wind Symphony (Canada), to name a few. An artist of Edwards Instrument Company since 1991, he's a graduate of The Curtis Institute of Music, a founding member of Posaune Decuple with trombone legends Blair Bollinger and Joe Alessi, co-founded Allied Chamber Duo with pianist Iau Jo Yee and has performed as a guest musician with The Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony and Baltimore Symphony. Currently, Darrin is a member of the Artistic Advisory Board of Luzerne Music Center (USA) and, in 2014, received the 'Cultural Merit Award' and distinguished title of 'Comendador' from The Carlos Gomes Brazilian Society of Arts, Culture and Education.