

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MUSIC EDUCATION

Studio 72 was established in December 2012. The vision was to set up a music school for all ages in the heart of the city, starting out with a few teachers and several students. Then located at 45A Circular Road, the school had 3 music rooms, each one with facilities catering for drum, guitar and vocal lessons.

From the outset, Studio 72 started a tradition of organising regular jam sessions where students from various music disciplines, playing different instruments would get together and play. This not only helped to build a strong and passionate music community but also gave students an opportunity to perform. This proud tradition has not only survived but thrived.



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STUDIO 72 was the vision and dream child of Ivy Toh. Previously an assistant Vice President of Coutts Bank, she quit her job to start her very own Music school. In spite of spending 5 years in finance and the previous 14 in hospitality, Ivy didn't hesitate to seize the chance to fulfil her childhood dream. She has loved the drums since she was a child, but was discouraged and instead was urged to take piano lessons. It was only in 2009 when her girlfriends asked her to join their weekly drum lessons that her love for drumming was rekindled.



"It has been an exciting time for STUDIO 72. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have had wonderful teachers and dedicated students who have played an important part in the last 10 years. From the bottom of my heart, I would like to personally thank each and every person who has been with me throughout this amazing journey. Cheers and here's to many more musical years for STUDIO 72!"

**IVY TOH**

Ivy also helms the band Rock Rosettes, originally an all female rock band. Ivy together with lead singer Rachel Lu, are currently the only females in the band. The Rock Rosettes have established themselves as one of the premier rock bands in town, and are very active performing at numerous clubs and nightspots, as well as at The Esplanade.



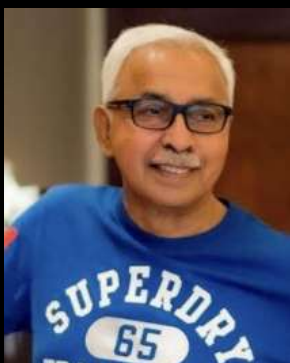
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STUDIO 72 moved to the current premises at 24B Circular Road in October 2019. It now has 6 music rooms and a classroom for group classes.



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First established in 2012, STUDIO 72 has had several hundred students who have benefitted in their musical journey and have enjoyed their lessons tremendously. STUDIO 72 has a wide and varied demographic with students of many different nationalities, and ages. Here are some heartfelt thoughts shared about STUDIO 72.



"As a novice, my journey to learn how to play guitar began about 3 years ago with 2 different coaches. Both of their syllabuses were in what I came to understand was in a rather traditional way with simple songs they suggested that had 2 or 3 chords. All the songs they suggested were not in my preferred list. I then got the impression the songs I preferred were too advanced for a beginner like me. I convinced myself it was the necessary pain I needed to undergo with their boring songs in my weekly classes. It wasn't too long I lost my momentum and after 3 months or so, my guitar began to gather dust.

About 3 months ago, my daughter persuaded me to try out a new school and coach. My new coach started out by asking me to name ANY 3 songs that I liked. That lit the "fire within me". He then asked me to sing any of these songs and within a minute he was able to identify which key I was comfortable with. He then rewrote all the chords that needed to fit with my singing key. He then asked me to follow his playing/singing my chosen song in the best way I could. The long and short of it, I signed up for another 3 months!"

**VICTOR MIRANDA**



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"I have been learning guitar for 3 years with my teacher at STUDIO 72 since I was 8. He is very experienced and very engaging and his lessons are always fun!"

**JARETT POH**



"My vocal lessons at STUDIO 72 always transport me into a world of fun, far away from the mundaneness of everyday life. I have learnt many valuable tips and tricks from my vocal instructors to improve my singing journey. I always look forward to my classes."

**CHAN SU YING**



"STUDIO 72 offers not only a place to learn music but also a community to meet other musicians and jam together bringing your learning experience to a different level. Everything about my journey with the studio has been great; our master teacher, the vibe, the location, the recitals and live performances by students makes learning music more fun!!"

**ABRAR MANDOURAH**

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I love my experience with STUDIO 72!! The singing and keyboard lessons are the highlight of my week! My teacher is absolutely amazing. He is patient, makes me feel comfortable and confident. My singing has improved and I enjoy playing the keyboard. I would highly recommend STUDIO 72 to anyone interested in taking vocal or music lessons!

**KENNY SANTIKA**



I signed up for Studio 72's guitar classes hoping to learn enough strumming to play some simple songs at home. Did not expect that 1.5 years later, I've somehow ended up playing in a band on stage. It has been a wonderful journey with my teacher, as he made the learning awesome and enjoyable. He is the one who ignited my passion for guitar and I can't thank him enough for it. Keep on rocking Mel and all the teachers at Studio 72!!

**DARYL YEO**



The Community and friendliness of teachers and students sets this studio apart from the rest. I have only been at STUDIO 72 for about 8 sessions but have already joined a students performance and have another one in the pipeline! Great opportunities to build confidence and connect with other students that might want to play the same things as you. The place is great if you're looking to find or rekindle spark for music and performing.

**LAUREN MOFFIT**

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I have always wanted to learn the ukulele and did try when I took some time off work once but there was not enough motivation to keep going. Then I was introduced to STUDIO 72 and I found my Ukulele Sensei. Regular sessions are a must for instrument learners as it gives you that push to practice. My teacher is an all-rounded musician who can play many types of music to accompany you and it makes the lesson that much more fun! The studio also organises student performances so that we have a goal to work towards and have exposure in playing in front of an audience (which is nerve wracking to say the least!!) Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday STUDIO 72. Thank you and wishing you continued success in nurturing budding musicians.

### SHERRY WONG

I started gaining my interest in guitar during the COVID lockdown, The trial lesson I had was through ZOOM in May 2021. I decided that I wanted to learn guitar and had my first in-person lesson in June 2021. I really enjoy how you can choose what song you want to learn and how kind the teachers are.

During the beginning of 2022 I brought my best friend with me to try out a few classes as a band together, she would play bass and I would play guitar, We ended up having only 4 lessons together because she had to relocate to Thailand, but we really enjoyed the experience. I also started taking additional vocal lessons in late 2021. The teachers are really kind and helpful and the atmosphere at STUDIO 72 overall is REALLY GREAT!



### TRINITY LEGGETT