

AT THE SYMPHONY

Fly, My Kite - FLY!

SETS SOAR IMAGINATIONS!

"The concert was very very nice, I loved Selene and her dancing!"
- Bryony Wallace, student.

"It was such a beautiful surprise when the kite glided down!"
- Daniel Yuen.

"The concert is easy for kids to understand because of the exciting theatrical elements!"
- Ms Karen Albuequerque, teacher.

"I'm looking forward to the next SSO Concerts for Children already!" - Ng Liqin, student.

What do you get when you put together the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, two young and vibrant entertainers, and an innovative storyline by a skilled composer and writer? The answer is an exciting SSO Concert for Children - *Fly, My Kite - Fly!*, held on 20 March 2004 at Victoria Concert Hall.

A joint effort by composer Alf Hoffmann and writer Monika Reimers, *Fly, My Kite - Fly!* tells the tale of young Selene and her kite, which has been given to her as a present. Excited, Selene brings her kite out to fly, but is faced by stormy weather, resulting in her kite being separated from her. What follows is a magical journey around the world as Selene imagines the kite's excursions to many destinations such as Egypt and China.

The concert began with Alec Roth's *Dolphin Dances*, which was greeted by enthusiastic applause. Then narrator Paerin Choa and Selene (played by Teo Kiat Seng) came on stage. Lively Kiat Seng enchanted the children, their eyes following her every move as she and Paerin led the audience through the journey of Selene and her kite. The performance ended with a bright eye-catching kite gliding down to the stage from a second level balcony, its entrance bringing awe and delight to the audience below.



Oh dear, where has my kite gone...



What a beautiful kite!



Who's afraid of the centipede kite?

Cast and crew of *Fly My Kite - Fly!*



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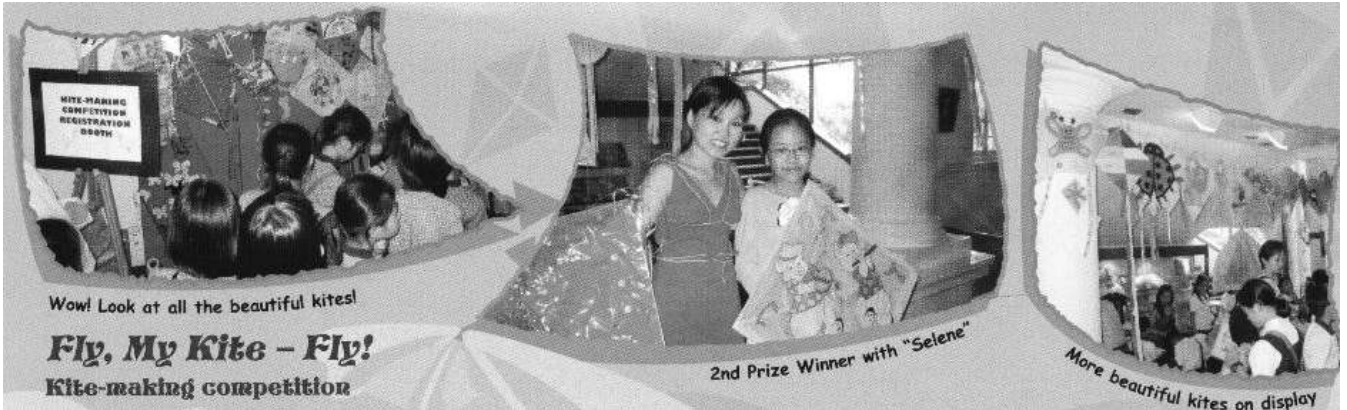
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Wow! Look at all the beautiful kites!

Fly, My Kite – Fly!
Kite-making competition

2nd Prize Winner with "Selene"

More beautiful kites on display

The Kite-making competition, held in conjunction with the Concert for Children - *Fly, My Kite – Fly!* was welcomed enthusiastically with more than 100 entries submitted. The judges had a difficult time choosing the best kites among the numerous creative entries as there was certainly no lack of talent in the young here. The three winning kites showed unique designs and structures as well as many elements of childhood.

We are happy to congratulate the following young kite-artists:

- First Prize** : Ong Yen Lee (Qifa Primary School)
- Second Prize** : April Koh (Fairfield Methodist Primary School)
- Third Prize** : Sherman Lim (Holy Innocents' Primary School)

The winners won themselves a SSO merchandise hamper each, as well as a pair of concert tickets to the next SSO Casual Concert on 18 July 2004. 5