##### STEPHEN DE SOUZA

Stephen is a well known professional musician. He has been performing for the past 20 years locally and overseas in various musical groups. He has recorded his own Christmas album that featured collaboration with other local artistes. The album contains original compositions of his. A registered member of COMPASS (Composers, Authors Society of Singapore), Stephen has written beautiful songs over the years, which have been featured in shows and performances, that he was involved. He taught at Royston Music School in the 80’s.

He has also been active with schools for the past 10 years as an instructor and performing artiste. Since 2004, Stephen has been conducting the **NAC-AEP Guitar Enrichment Courses** under Avant Garde Promotions. These are some of the schools that have given his teaching favorable feedbacks.

*Nanyang Polytechnic, Catholic Junior College, Chung Cheng High (Main), Orchid Park Secondary School. Tampines Secondary School, Bishan-ITE, ITE East, Gan Eng Seng Secondary School, Griffiths Primary School, Farrer Park Primary School, Northland Secondary School, Macpherson Secondary School, St. Andrew’s Secondary School, St Gabriel’s Secondary School and Bartley Secondary School.*

Stephen co-instructed as a sectional trainer with the following schools in preparation for SYFs in 2008 and 2010 (Guitar Ensemble): Edgefield Primary, Griffiths Primary and Anderson Primary.

He is also performing with Heartbeat Percussion Band in NAC-AEP “An Introduction to Latin Music”.and “Guitars in Rhythms”. This exposure programme was well received by 200 over schools since 2002. With Avant Garde’s new exposure programme “Introducing the Beauty of Hawaiian Music”, he plays an key role as double bassist and vocalist with the group “Hawaii 5 O”

In the current entertainment circuit, Stephen is a sought after Double Bassist, Vocalist and Guitarist. He performs for various events and functions be it a corporate dinner and dance, weddings, shows and product launches. His versatility is seen in him performing various musical genres from jazz, pop, latin to country in strolling groups to big bands.

He has attained a merit for Trinity–Guildhall Grade 5 Guitar and a Grade 5 in ABRSM Music Theory.

He is currently the instructor and conductor for Fernvale Primary School Guitar Ensemble that attained a Certificate of Accomplishment in their maiden performance at the SYF Arts Presentation in 2014.