

Looking for young talents

If you like to perform and want to help poor kids, here's your chance.
Ang Yiying tells you how

If you enjoy performing and can sing, dance or play a musical instrument, ChildAid wants you.

The annual charity concert is looking for performers aged six to 19 for this year's show – ChildAid 2012: The Electric Edition.

Show director Jeremiah Choy from Orangedot Productions said of the theme: "We've always been talking about hope and friendship. Still within this theme, we want to explore the wilder side of childhood.

"We're looking for something that will shock us out of the blue."

Classical performers can apply, too.

He added: "It'll be good if they can do something that is electrifying. If not, do what they can do best."

Performers will also be doing a good deed as the concert raises money for The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund and The Business Times Budding Artists Fund. Both help poor children.

Since its first show in 2005, ChildAid has raised \$5.86 million.

Last year's performer Kennis Ang, 10, said it was a meaningful experience.

She played Earl Wild's transcription of the Gershwin song I Got Rhythm on the piano. Her agile fingerwork on the fast tune wowed the audience.

Said the Primary 5 pupil at South View Primary School: "I feel happy doing charity work as I can help people in need."

She said she would encourage her friends to take part, adding: "It's not only a learning experience, it's making others happy too."

This year's show will be staged on Dec 7 and 8 at the Marina Bay Sands Grand Theater, which can seat up to 2,155 people.

Those interested in performing can send their applications to childaid@sph.com.sg.

They must send in a video of their performance (of no more than 15MB) and include a short write-up on why they want to take part.

The deadline is May 18. Shortlisted participants will be invited to audition.

For more information, e-mail childaid@sph.com.sg or go to www.straitstimes.com.sg/childaid.



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Kennis Ang, 10, helped to raise money for needy children by playing the piano at last year's ChildAid.