Chen Yang – Timpanist & Percussionist

Chen Yang, a timpanist and percussionist from Tainan, Taiwan, earned his Master of Music in percussion performance from New York University and studied at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore on full scholarships. He is the Principal Percussionist and Timpanist of the Taiwan Artists Symphony Orchestra.

Chen has performed hundreds of orchestral concerts, including Beethoven's symphonies in 2023. He has served as Principal Timpani for the Tainan Municipal Symphony Orchestra and Taiwan Soloist Symphony Orchestra and collaborates with major ensembles such as the Kaohsiung Symphony Orchestra and Chiayi Philharmonic.

As a soloist, he has performed internationally and studied under Joshua Quillen of So Percussion. He co-founded Cc Percussion in 2018, promoting percussion research and international brands in Taiwan. He also performs jazz and French chanson with the Unique Trio.

In 2020, he founded the Cc Music Center, Taiwan's largest percussion-focused music hub. He teaches in Tainan and Kaohsiung, working with youth orchestras and military bands. A sought-after clinician, he conducts masterclasses at Weiwuying and across Taiwan.

His mentors include Jonathan Haas, Jim Saporito, Simon Boyar, Jonathan Fox, and Michael Ju.