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### **Film Score composer TAY Chee Wei sweeps 2 awards at the 2010 COMPASS awards**

Singapore, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 — Singapore born Film score composer Tay Chee Wei received 2 top awards at the prestigious 15<sup>th</sup> COMPASS (Composers and Authors Society of Singapore) awards presentation.

Composer Chee Wei, 34, was awarded the “COMPASS Young Composer of the Year” and “Top soundtrack” for his work on PBS’ (American television) documentary “NOVA : Ocean Animal Emergency”

This is the first time in Singapore’s history that a non-pop composer ever received the “Young composer of the year” award.

Chee Wei’s works were extensively used and heard in films and documentaries shown on PBS, Animal Planet, Discovery Ch, National Geographic, Channel NewsAsia and many other international Channels.

He also garnered many nominations and wins at international awards including that of Cannes Film Festival, Seoul International Short Film Festival and Lyon Asian Film Festival among others.

The COMPASS awards is a held annually to recognize the achievements in the local music industry. The award is given to outstanding individuals who have excelled in the various music genres.

“NOVA : Ocean Animal Emergency” features the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, CA, the largest facility in the world to treat injured sea creatures. This documentary takes viewers inside this very special ER to witness the efforts of a renowned team of wildlife veterinarians as they fight to save their animal patients as well as to uncover the cause of a mysterious neurological illness plaguing marine mammals like California sea lions and harbor seal pups.

“NOVA : Ocean Animal Emergency” was also nominated for the “Best Environmental Program” at the Banff World Television Awards.