

**SO CONFIDENT
SO PRACTICAL
SO CLEAN**

*What you didn't
know about
Singapore
women in bed*

**HER WORLD
BEAUTY AWARDS**

**VOTE &
WIN A
RESORT
STAY
WORTH
\$2,500**

381 REASONS TO SHOP NOW

- BE THE BEST DRESSED
IN YOUR OFFICE
- FAB FINDS: 50 DRESSES
BELOW \$500
- WATCHES AND
JEWELLERY SPECIAL

HOW I CAUGHT MY FIVE- TIMING BOYFRIEND

SUPER SERUM T&T

THE BEST 23
THAT WORK IN
TWO WEEKS
(WE TRIED
OVER 60!)

YOU SAID WHAT TO YOUR BOSS?

Save yourself
from verbal
faux pas at work



A class act

Staccato! Music School is the only academy here that offers a classical music early education programme. Its founder, Dr Lee Pei Ming, 32, tells us more.

Did you start learning music young yourself?

I started with the piano when I was 4 and I got my Grade 8 certification by the time I was 12. I enjoyed the lessons, but I hated practising so much, my mother had to sit next to me with a cane.

Why did you decide to set up a music school for kids between six months and five years?

I want to help children develop an enjoyment for classical music. It's been shown that children who learn music have better concentration and discipline. My school now has over 100 students, and we've agreed to franchise our programme to another school.

Do you think teaching kids at such an early age could be bad for them?

Not at all. Our kids come here to

develop their motor skills by playing with balls or hula hoops as they listen to music. We don't even enforce exams because we want them to cultivate a passion for music, not cram. Asians are big on exams, but in Europe and the US, you don't need to be graded. I got accepted into the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, through an audition, not my certification. Of course, if parents want their kids to sit for exams, our teachers will help.

By day, you're a professor at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music at the National University of Singapore. What's your teaching philosophy?

I give my students the liberty to be independent, and I like it when they challenge my ideas on how a piece should be played.