

Greg Chako Trio

Featuring [Billy Martinez](#) & [Edmond Branson](#), performing Sunday Brunch and Mondays through Thursdays 9:00 pm - 12:30 am at The Bar and Billiard Room of Raffles Hotel. The trio is also available for functions and parties.



Located in the World Famous Raffles Hotel, Singapore amongst exquisite gardens and courtyard surroundings in the Bar and Billiard Room, known as a Connoisseur's Haven where you can now enjoy not only the best of

Billiards

Single and Classic Malts from Scotland

A world Class Selection of Cognacs

Beers from Belgium

Havana Cigars from Cuba

The Finest Varhona Chocolates from France, but also

The Best Jazz Music from American Guitarist, Greg Chako

The Music is Light Acoustic Jazz, Melodic and easy to listen to featuring swinging, popular standards, contemporary compositions blues, and pulsating Latin rhythms.



Bandleader Greg Chako distinguished himself early on as an exceptional guitarist by placing first in the American Guild of Music Competition at the age of 11. His formal music education in the USA includes a performance major at Berklee College of Music, Advanced Jazz Improvisation at Hampshire College under Dr. Ray Copeland and Archie Sheep, as well as classical studies in New York City under Edgar Dana and Pat O'Brien. Relocating to Asia six years ago, Greg has established himself as a first rate soloist, bandleader, and composer, performing with the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and in top hotels and jazz clubs in Hong Kong and Singapore. He has recorded five CD's, and critics have described

his recordings as "Pure Magic!", "Impeccable", "Swinging and melodic". A reviewer from England said, "Everything about his CD oozes class!"



Billy Martinez is Singapore's most experienced and sought after bassist, having performed locally for over 30 years in a variety of groups, and with The Greg Chako Trio for over 3 years. He is a former member of the Radio Television of Singapore Orchestra and the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation Orchestra. He is also an adept pianist who has performed as a soloist in Singapore's top hotel's and jazz clubs. His singing abilities are also much in demand and he is affectionately known to his peers and local audiences as "Frank Sumatra". He is the bassist on Greg Chako's jazz CD, "Sudden Impact", and he is the featured vocalist as well on Chako's recent release, "Live at Raffles". When singing for the World Beat band he does bossa-nova favorites like "Girl From Ipanema", "So Danzo Samba", "Once I Loved", "Dindi", and tunes by Michael Franks like "Antonio's Song", and "Down in Brazil".



Edmond Branson has been playing drums since he was 14 years old. His professional experience includes 4 album recordings, international tours, festivals and local concerts playing a wide range of music including gospel, funk, jazz/blues, pop, and ethnic music. He worked for 2 years with Faired Ali in The Pacific Rim Band, 2 years with the Don Gomes Trio at the Regent Hotel, and is a founding member of the percussion group, Tribal Tide. Other playing credits include Dick Lee, Bob Fits (Integrity recording artist), Ernie Watts, Eric Marienthal, Islander Ismail, Hosanna Music Ministry, Strait Jacket, Jive Talking, John Chi's Blues Band and Soiled Out.

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