

press release

Resorts World® Sentosa unveils Singapore's first-ever circus theatre spectacular

International cast and Singaporean lead take centerstage

SINGAPORE, 21 April 2010 –Singapore's first integrated resort Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), today unveiled its resident show *Voyage de la Vie*, as well as an international cast led by a debutant Singaporean lead in Singapore's first international circus production.

Voyage de la Vie or "journey of life" in French, premieres at the resort's 1,600-seat purpose-built Festive Grand showroom on 17 June 2010 and will make history as Singapore's first multi-million dollar original theater production.

The fast-paced, colorful, stunt-a-minute show will be filled with death-defying circus acts, feats of agility and stunning sets and costumes, performed by an ensemble of over 40 international cast members credited with accolades from New York Times, the Herald Tribune and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Baileys.

Singaporean singer and songwriter, Jonathan Leong takes centerstage as the lead protagonist, **Boy.** He joins highly acclaimed international circus stars Viktor Kee – recognized as one of the best jugglers in the world - French trapeze contortionist Aurelia Cats and handstand artist Melanie Chy, as well as crossbow artist Martii Peltonen, the beautiful Finnish rope aerialist Linna Aunola, 15-year old prodigy contortionist Alexey Goloborodko, and the famous Las Vegas duo with their innovative illusions and magic acts, Jarrett & Raja, to complete the stellar cast list.

Ms Andrea Teo, Vice President of Entertainment at RWS and Executive Producer, *Voyage de la Vie*, said: "This is the first contemporary theatrical circus spectacular to originate in Singapore. Unprecedented in scale and magnitude, we had to scout the globe to find the right performers with circus skills - those with the best fit for the various challenging roles especially since Singapore has no prior experience or talent in the theatrical circus field. Right from conceptualisation, we sought to identify and groom local talent for a world-class production that will be seen by an international audience."

Voyage de la Vie, or *journey of life* in French, tells the story of a **Boy**'s metaphoric journey as he searches for his identity along his journey to adulthood. Led by the mysterious Lantern Keeper and the mischievous Game Master, the **Boy** meets unusual characters who extrapolate symbols of his inner struggles: love, temptation, conflict and resolution, life and death. The show's stunning climax occurs in the scene when the **Boy** gets his epiphany: that the journey, not the destination, had been his quest.

Jonathan, the 2006 Singapore Idol first runner-up, has performed at numerous high-profile events. He said: "This is a dream come true for me, to be able to share the stage with some of the best global talents in circus and theater production. It's a world-class production, a world stage, and I hope that Singaporeans will be proud that we are bringing this to Singapore and come and support the show. I will give it my all."

Presented by RWS, in collaboration with the Generating Company UK, Voyage de la Vie is supported by Official Card DBS Cards, Official Newspaper *The Straits Times Life!*, Official Makeup M.A.C, Official Freight Forwarder Agility Logistics and Official Sponsor Sennheiser (S) Pte Ltd along with its media partners Mediacorp, Singapore Press Holdings, SMRT Media & Zo Media.

Tickets for *Voyage de la Vie* are now on sale at all SISTIC outlets. As the Official Banking Partner of RWS, DBS brings special privileges to DBS / POSB cardholders. From 1 April to 30th June, DBS / POSB credit and debit card members will enjoy a 15 per cent early bird discount. A 10 per cent discount will be extended to DBS classic card members and an exclusive 15 per cent discount will be extended to DBS Gold and Platinum card members from 1st July onwards. Genting Rewards Classic Card members will be entitled to a 5 per cent discount while Genting Rewards Silver Card members will be entitled to a 10 per cent discount. Students, Senior Citizens and Full Time NSFs will enjoy a 10 per cent off. Families purchasing tickets using DBS credit cards are also entitled to a 30 per cent discount for children between 4 -12 years old under the weekend family special. Children must be accompanied by 1 adult.

For more information, and detailed performance schedules please visit <u>www.rwsentosa.com</u> or call 6577 8888 for enquiries. Alternatively, book your tickets through SISTIC at 6358 5555 or <u>www.sistic.com.sg</u>.

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About Resorts World Sentosa

Resorts World Sentosa, one of the world's most extensive and expensive integrated resorts at S\$6.59 billion, was built in a record time of under three years. Resorts World Sentosa has soft opened its four hotels on 20 January 2010, its shopping and dining strip, FestiveWalk on 30 January 2010, Singapore's first casino on 14 February 2010, together with the Resorts World Convention Centre, which includes its Compass Ballroom, 26 function rooms and 1,600-seat Festive Grand theatre and Southeast Asia's first and only Universal Studios Singapore on 18 March 2010. Supporting the attractions are a 3,500-lot carpark facility, restaurants, retail stores, entertainment and public attractions that include Emmy-award winner Jeremy Railton's Lake of Dreams and Chamber of Treasures.

Resorts World Sentosa will open the world's largest Marine Life Park, its Maritime Xperiential Museum, a destination spa and two remaining hotels with a total of 500 rooms in phase two development.

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Presenting the lead star of Singapore's first-ever circus theatre spectacular, Jonathan Leong



Contemporary singer and song-writer, Jonathan is one of the most recognizable faces and voice in the local music scene since winning Singapore Idol as the first runner-up in 2006. With humble beginnings and growing up in a family when his father was once a musician in a band, he has worked hard to pave his career in music and the arts. After being chosen for the role of **Boy**, the lead protagonist of *Voyage de la Vie*, Jonathan trained for months and not only recorded 3 original songs for the production but also imbued skills as a circus and theatre actor.

"We are absolutely delighted to have our very own Jonathan Leong on board this eagerly-anticipated production. He has audience appeal, a visual presence and great vocals. Not only has he had additional training in these areas, he has also acquired a whole new suite of circus skills, which is quite a feat for someone of his age. Jonathan has worked hard these past months to become the consummate performer – singer, actor, acrobat."

- Andrea Teo, Executive Producer of Voyage de la Vie & Vice-President of Entertainment, RWS

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Voyage de la Vie, resident show of Singapore's first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, is the firstever circus theatre spectacular originating from Singapore that will be in the league of world-class theatre productions. *Voyage de la Vie* premieres 17 June 2010 at the purpose-built 1600-seat Festive Grand showroom of Resorts World Sentosa.



Starring Singapore's very own Jonathan Leong as the lead, alongside some of the world's most acclaimed international circus stars Viktor Kee, Aurelia Cats, Melanie Chy, Martti Peltonen, Linna Aunola and more, Resort's World Sentosa's *Voyage de la Vie* will woo audiences of all ages around the world.