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# Celebrity line-up for Grand Opening of Universal Studios Singapore®

*Jet Li, Paula Abdul, Maggie Cheung, Fantasia Barrino and Vicki Zhao Wei  
Lead list of stars at the Region's No. 1 Theme Park's biggest celebrations!*

**SINGAPORE, 24 MAY 2011** – The Grand Opening of Universal Studios Singapore is set to be one of the entertainment highlights of the year, with big names from East and West hitting the shores of Singapore to wow the audiences during the theme park's Grand Opening celebrations on 27 and 28 May 2011.

Leading the outstanding line-up of international celebrities coming together and bringing the silver screen to life with true Hollywood style and glitz are:

- Chinese martial artist, film producer, philanthropist and international superstar, **Jet Li**;
- American recording artist, dancer, choreographer, actress & television personality, **Paula Abdul**;
- One of Asia's most decorated actresses and screen icons, **Maggie Cheung**;
- Singing sensation, Broadway actress and former American Idol winner, **Fantasia Barrino**; and
- Asia's well-loved TV and film personality, **Vicki Zhao Wei**.

### **Action-packed Pow-wow**

Legendary for his thrilling action-packed martial arts epics, international film star **Jet Li** will be immersed in the celebration and excitement of this milestone event. Fans have long admired him for his role in many Chinese and Hollywood action films as well as his social entrepreneurial spirit, having founded *One Foundation*, which advocates broad-based participation in philanthropy and volunteerism as a way of life.

### **The American Idols**

American recording artist, dancer, choreographer, actress and television personality, best known for her dance prowess, choreography talent and stint on American Idol – **Paula Abdul** brings her sweet sense of optimism with her to celebrate the Grand Opening. She was most recently announced as the latest judge to join the American version of talent show X Factor which will premiere in September 2011.

Joining her in grand style is singing sensation and former American Idol winner, **Fantasia Barrino**. A true inspiration for her generation, Fantasia became the third American Idol in 2004,

with three Grammy nominations in 2006. Most recently, Fantasia played the role of *Celie* in the Broadway musical *The Color Purple*, for which she won the Theatre World Award in 2007.

### **Asian elegance**

**Maggie Cheung** is one of Asia's most renowned versatile action stars, talented comedienne and actresses. Maggie has transcended the Hong Kong film industry to become a vibrant figure in international cinema and film society. The most internationally-awarded Chinese actress in history will grace the Grand Opening evening gala party.

Joining her is one of Chinese cinemas most well-loved personalities, **Vicki Zhao Wei**, who continues to generate much affection with her versatile portrayal of a myriad of different roles, and the release of four pop albums. Vicki has also been an inspiration for both her fans, and younger actresses with her strong commitment to charity.

### **Bringing movies to life!**

Mr. Dennis Gilbert, RWS's Senior Vice President of Attractions said: "We are thrilled that Jet Li, Paula Abdul, Maggie Cheung, Fantasia Barrino and Vicki Zhao Wei will be gracing the Grand Opening of Universal Studios Singapore. They are some of the most representative icons of our entertainment industry, both in the East and West, with stellar international appeal."

Mr. Michael Silver, President of Global Business Development, Universal Parks & Resorts, said: "With the Grand Opening filled with the glitz and glamour of Hollywood, this event is set to bring guests a spectacular once-in-a-lifetime experience. What excites us is that these superstars bring magic, movies and entertainment to life. And this epitomizes what Universal Studios Singapore is all about."

Set for Saturday 28 May, 2011, the official Grand Opening celebrations will be highlighted by a colourful ceremony at the signature 21-metre tall archway entrance of Universal Studios Singapore, featuring a grand and exuberant character procession of the theme park's world-renowned resident stars.

Universal Studios Singapore's Grand Opening activities kick off on the evening of May 27, with the transformation of the park's Hollywood and New York zones into a glamorous Hollywood gala dinner party for 1,600 invited guests. Red-carpet arrivals will include many widely famous East and West superstars and Singapore celebrities strolling down the traditional Hollywood red walkway.

Guests can log on to [www.facebook.com/ResortsWorldatSentosa](http://www.facebook.com/ResortsWorldatSentosa) to catch the latest updates as the park gets ready for its Grand Opening Celebrations.

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### **About Resorts World Sentosa**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Singapore's first integrated resort is located on the resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, the resort has welcomed over 15 million visitors since it

opened in January 2010. RWS is home to the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park, a casino, luxurious accommodation in four unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Center, celebrity chef restaurants as well as specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers entertainment ranging from its resident theatrical circus spectacular Voyage de la Vie, to public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Resorts World Sentosa is currently developing the second phase of the Resort. Upon completion, RWS will open the Maritime Experiential Museum and Aquarium, the Marine Life Park, a destination spa and two additional hotels. Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group.

### **About Universal Parks & Resorts**

Universal Parks & Resorts (UPR), a unit of Comcast Corporation's NBCUniversal, encompasses today's most relevant and popular entertainment experiences, creating emotional connections with guests around the world. Each year, millions of guests visit UPR theme parks to experience thrilling, world-famous attractions that use ground-breaking technology and cannot be found anywhere else. Universal Studios is a globally respected and internationally renowned theme park brand. With three-time Academy Award winner Steven Spielberg as creative consultant, its theme parks are known for some of the most thrilling and technologically advanced "ride-the-movies" motion picture and television show-based attractions. NBCUniversal owns and operates a valuable portfolio of news, sports and entertainment networks; Universal Studios, a premier motion picture company; significant television production operations; a leading television stations group; and world-renowned theme parks. NBCUniversal is 51%-owned by Comcast, with 49% owned by General Electric.