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# press release

# Resorts World Sentosa collaborates with Dick Lee on new original production

**LIGHTSEEKER** premieres 24 November 2013



**SINGAPORE, 7 NOVEMBER 2013** – For its third original resident show production, Resorts World® Sentosa has teamed up with internationally-acclaimed songwriter Dick Lee. **LIGHTSEEKER**, a multi-million dollar fantasy musical will premiere at Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) this November. This 90-minute musical features original songs composed by award-winning songwriter Dick Lee performed by an international ensemble cast, including stars from London's West End.

Andrea Teo, Executive Producer and Creative Director, **LIGHTSEEKER** as well as Vice President of Entertainment, RWS who was behind many of Singapore's best loved and multiple award winning sitcoms like *Under One Roof, Phua Chu Kang* and *The Ra Ra Show*, created the show concept and story of **LIGHTSEEKER**. She said, "**LIGHTSEEKER** is a musical that audiences at different life stages can relate to. On one hand, this musical is about the choice between fear versus freedom. On another, it is a metaphor for the corporate world with its power struggles. It is a fantasy fable with spectacular visuals, action sequences and theatrical effects that will appeal to the whole family".

"I set out to create something that combines the pace, scale and story-telling of movies with the immersiveness of live performances. It has a unique soundtrack with Dick's amazing melodies and lyrics performed by an international cast. We've hopefully made something really special, relevant and inspiring to modern audiences."

Dick Lee, Songwriter, **LIGHTSEEKER** said, "When RWS approached me with the concept for **LIGHTSEEKER**, I was sold. The fantasy storyline was something I had never worked on before, and the universal themes of free will and good versus evil inspired me to pen the songs".

"After meeting with Andrea and the producing team, I went home and wrote the first song right away. I hope that the songs will really resonate with audiences, not just in extending the story and bringing the characters to life, but also to evoke the same emotions in the audience", said Dick.

Dick Lee's trademark music is familiar to local and international audiences. He has written many popular stage musicals including *Beauty World* in 1988, *Fried Rice Paradise* in 1991, *Forbidden City* in 2003 and Hong Kong singer Jacky Cheung's groundbreaking broadway-style musical, *Snow.Wolf.Lake* in 1997. His last musical was *P Ramlee* in 2007-8, 5 years ago and in 2010, he refreshed *Fried Rice Paradise*. A celebrated musician, Dick was recognized with the Hong Kong Film Academy Award in 1994 and 1999, the Singapore Cultural Medallion in 2005. He was recently accorded the status of Steinway Artist. Dick

also wrote the iconic National Day theme song 'Home', performed by Kit Chan in 1998 and popular Mandopop hit 'Lovers' Tears' for Hong Kong singer Sandy Lam.

Internationally renowned director-writer, Michael La Fleur, who has created shows for Disney, Universal, numerous famed performance venues world-wide, collaborating with A-list performers such as Celine Dion and Sarah Brightman and many more, directs the musical. Emmy award-winning designer Patrick Larsen is behind the elaborate stage sets. The songs in the musical are composed by Dick Lee, while the original musical arrangement and orchestrations are by Jonathan Lim and Bang Wenfu.

LIGHTSEEKER tells the story of a fantasy world where a wondrous power known as The Light nourishes all life. The General, a terrifying soldier, seeks this precious energy that will make his ominous Emperor more powerful. The search leads him to Nova, a mysterious young girl, who seems to have the ability to create The Light. A battle for The Light ensues and Nova is captured. The General tries to force her to conjure up The Light but soon discovers that, not only is he unable to control her, but her presence threatens the only world he has ever known. Forced to face the unknown future, The General must make the ultimate choice – be secure in the darkness he knows, or take a leap of faith and embrace the promise of a new and better world within the light.

Andrea added, "Since opening three years ago, Resorts World Sentosa has constantly refreshed its offerings and introduced new attractions. With our wide and varied range of entertainment, we have helped to develop the local arts and entertainment industry over the years. **LIGHTSEEKER**, which is another example of the close collaboration between top local and international talents, is the latest offering that we believe will appeal to audiences young and old."

# LIGHTSEEKER, An RWS Musical

- Runs from 24 November 2013 to 23 March 2014 at the Resorts World Sentosa Theatre (previously Festive Grand Theatre)
- A public preview performance will be staged on 22 November 2013, ahead of the official opening night premiere on 24 November 2013
- Tickets priced at \$148, \$98, \$88, \$78, \$48
- Tickets go on sale 16 September 2013 at RWS ticketing counters, website and all SISTIC outlets

**LIGHTSEEKER** is supported by Official Bank Partner, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC). "HSBC is pleased to be the Official Bank Partner for Resorts World Sentosa's new resident show, **LIGHTSEEKER** where our cardholders will get to enjoy exclusive offers for ticket bookings. Partnering RWS, HSBC will also bring more exciting experiences and exclusive privileges to our cardholders at its array of hotels, attractions, retail and F&B outlets," said Mr Harmander Mahal, Head of Customer Value Management, Retail Banking and Wealth Management, HSBC Singapore.

For more information and detailed performance schedules please visit <a href="www.lightseeker.com.sg">www.lightseeker.com.sg</a> and call 6348 5555 for enquiries.

# **Annex: Ticketing & Show Information**

Show Days/ Times	Ticket Price*				
	Premium	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
8pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) 3pm & 8pm (Saturday & Sunday)	\$148	\$98	\$88	\$78	\$48

<sup>\*</sup>excluding SISTIC booking fee of \$3 per ticket.

# Tickets can be purchased via the:

Internet: www.lightseeker.com.sg or www.sistic.com.sg

**Phone:** +65 6577 8888 or + 65 6348 5555

In-Person: Resorts World Sentosa Theatre Ticketing Counter, Universal Studios Singapore Guest Service

Windows 5 & 6, RWS Invites Service Centre and at authorised SISTIC agents.

For Corporate, Group and School bookings, Email: robin.loi@rwsentosa.com or call +65 6577 9883

For Show Packages, visit www.lightseeker.com.sg

# **Ticket Offers**

Period	Offer
HSBC Priority Sales 30 August 2013 to 15 September 2013	HSBC cardholders enjoy 20% off show tickets; HSBC Premier and Visa Infinite cardholders enjoy a complimentary seat upgrade <sup>1</sup>
Lightseeker Showcase at the NHB Night Festival 30 & 31 August	HSBC cardholders enjoy 30% off show tickets plus a complimentary souvenir worth \$10 when they purchase with the Lightseeker promo code issued during the event <sup>2</sup>
RWS Invites® Welcome Package Launch 1 September 2013 onwards	RWS Invites <i>LIGHTSEEKER</i> Welcome Package (worth \$212) for new signups and renewals includes two Cat 1 tickets, a programme booklet and priority entry to the musical
Early Bird Public Sales 16 – 30 September 2013	Public enjoys 15% early bird discount for purchase of Premium and Cat $1-3$ tickets; HSBC cardholders enjoy 20% off show tickets
Public Sales 16 September 2013 onwards	RWS Invites' members enjoy 25% off all tickets excluding Cat 4 tickets
	HSBC cardholders enjoy the following discounts: 15% off for all cardholders 20% off for Premier MasterCard and Visa Infinite cardholders 25% off bulk purchase of 4 tickets and above for all
	cardholders 25% off ticket purchase during cardholder's birthday month <sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Valid for the purchase of Category 2 and 3 tickets.

General show terms and conditions apply. Visit <u>www.lightseeker.com.sq</u> for full details.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Valid for the purchase of Category 1, 2 and 3 tickets. Cardholders attending the Singapore Night Festival event will be issued a promo code. Please quote the promo code during ticket purchase. Valid for ticket purchase from 30 Aug to 5 Sep 2013 for shows in Nov and Dec only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Valid for the purchase during the month of cardholder's birthday. Ticket purchase must be made at Resort World Sentosa ticketing counters. Cardholder has to present their identity card at point of purchase for verification.

#### 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 opened in January 2010 and welcomed over 30 million visitors in its first two years of opening. RWS is home to the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park, the world's largest oceanarium – Marine Life Park, the Maritime Experiential Museum, a casino, luxurious accommodation in six unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Centre, celebrity chef restaurants, a world-class spa as well as specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers entertainment and public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group.

For more information, please visit www.rwsentosa.com.

# **ENTERTAINMENT AT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

With a kaleidoscope of entertainment offerings appealing to audiences of all ages 24/7, there is never a dull moment at Asia's premier destination resort. From public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams to a host of world-class concerts, performances and events, RWS continues to up the Entertainment ante. Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Studios Singapore, a first-of-its kind event in Singapore has become a marquee event with its third instalment set to be the region's biggest fright fest this October. Creating original resident shows at the Resorts World Sentosa Theatre since its opening in 2010, the Entertainment team has helped develop the local arts industry and created new jobs and skill sets.

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An original production by Resorts World® Sentosa, LIGHTSEEKER, An RWS Musical is a fantasy musical set to light up the stage with thrilling epic battles and never-seen-before special effects. LIGHTSEEKER opens at the Resorts World Sentosa Theatre on 24 November 2013.



LIGHTSEEKER, An RWS Musical features original songs specially composed by awardwinning songwriter Dick Lee. Created to appeal to both the young and old, his signature heartrending lyrics and poignant melodies are brought to life by an extraordinary international ensemble cast, including stars from London's West End.

