

press release



RWS redefines glam and *getai* in its first-ever original Chinese theatrical production

Rewind to Singapore's 1980s with the glamorous Ge Tai – The Musical which makes its global premiere on 20 April 2016 at Resorts World Theatre

SINGAPORE, 2 March 2016 – For the first time in Singapore theatre, well-known *getai* performers will come together and bring the house down in a fabulous new musical production at Resorts World Theatre (名胜世界剧场) making its international debut on 20 April 2016. ***Ge Tai – The Musical*** (歌台音乐剧) will magnify the combined star power of charismatic *getai* performers - Desmond Ng (黄振隆), Hao Hao (皓皓), Lin You Fa (林尤发), Bao Bei Sisters (宝贝姐妹) and Tay Ying Ying (郑盈盈) in a newly created heartwarming production amidst spectacular staging, that will entertain all ages and tug at heartstrings. This live musical, adorned with uplifting music and elaborate costumes, is Resorts World Sentosa's (RWS) first-ever original Chinese production. Ticket sales begin today.

Along with the leading cast, ***Ge Tai – The Musical*** also features a star-studded line-up of six Asian heavyweight guest performers including Zhuang Xue Zhong (庄学忠), Sakura Teng (樱花), Yang Xiao Ping (杨小萍), Zhang Di (张帝), Cai Qiu Feng (蔡秋凤) and Qing Shan (青山) who play as themselves entering the local *getai* scene from overseas. Each of them will take turns to make a weekly special appearance and reprise their timeless hits with their mellifluous voices during the show run.

“We are thrilled to have some of the biggest and most recognised names in the local *getai* scene performing in ***Ge Tai - The Musical*** which adds a touch of authenticity to our first-ever foray into original Chinese theatrical production. This musical extravaganza tells an endearing story of how the male protagonist, a little-known amateur performer in the 80's, who ultimately blossoms to become a *getai* star, after experiencing some trials and tribulations. Many of us grew up watching *getai* and it has become part of our collective and distinctive local heritage. Through ***Ge Tai - The Musical***, RWS is expanding our entertainment offerings to reach a wider audience, and at the same time, playing our part in preserving this popular indigenous art form and presenting it in the grandiose of a

theatrical setting at Resorts World Theatre,” said Ms Andrea Teo (张韵爱), Vice President of Entertainment, RWS (圣淘沙名胜世界娱乐统筹部副总裁).

Set in two different eras, ***Ge Tai – The Musical*** tells the heartwarming story of how Hao Hao (who plays himself as a *getai* performer from overseas) overcomes the prejudice and discrimination from local performers to eventually becoming popular with the locals. Along his *getai* journey, he was inspired by Liu Ge, played by Desmond Ng, a local crowd-favourite in Singapore who had experienced first-hand in the 80’s what Hao Hao is going through now. Audiences will get to enjoy the energy of a live concert, comedy and drama of musical theatre which also brings out the sweat, tears, loyalty and kinship that define and bind the local *getai* community.

Backed by a creative team with more than 19 years of arts and entertainment experience collectively

Ge Tai - The Musical is backed by a team of local musical theatre creators with more than 19 years of experience in Singapore’s arts and entertainment scene. It is led by director Jalyn Han (韩雪卿), who has an impressive portfolio of productions, such as theatrical work *Beauty World* and movie *Judgment Day*, under her belt. The musical’s script that tugs at the heartstrings is by local renowned script writer Jonathan Lim (林志坚). Music that sings to the ears is entrusted to Xin Yao (新谣) veteran and song writer Jiu Jian (玖健) who will also be composing three brand new songs for this musical. Highly sought-after costume designer Fredrick Lee will be dressing the stars and Singapore’s most prolific producer, Annie Pek (白秉如), will be harmonising the entire musical. ***Ge Tai - The Musical*** receives advisory support from *getai* veterans including Marcus Chin (陈建彬), Chen Ming Pei (陈明佩), Aaron Tan (陈志伟) and Alan Phua (潘永顺), and is supported by Singapore Artistes Association (新加坡艺人公会) and Artistes & Performance (演艺协会).

It will be a blast from the past for audiences, as the talented cast members, dressed in their glitzy costumes, belt out familiar classics like *Cupid* (爱神), *Passionate Desert* (热情的沙漠) and Hokkien crowd-favourite *Fight to Win* (爱拼才会赢). Their flamboyant performances not only portray the lives of the *getai* community, they also showcase the colour and vibrancy of the local *getai* scene that spans more than three decades.

“By blending the essence of grassroots *getai* with elements of musical theatrics under the same roof at Resorts World Theatre for ***Ge Tai - The Musical***, we are providing audiences an exclusive pass to the backstage depicting the lives of these very talented *getai* performers. Audiences will be treated to much glitter and comedy as they immerse in the glamorous world of *getai*. Much as the musical’s characters re-discover the irreplaceable significance of kinship, we hope that our audiences will come with their loved ones to enjoy this high-quality production and reminisce the past together as a family,” concluded Ms Teo.

EDITORS’ NOTES

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WHAT: *Ge Tai – The Musical*
WHEN: Premieres 20 April (Wednesday) at 8pm till 29 May 2016
Friday: 8pm, Saturday and Sunday: 3pm (Matinee) and 8pm
WHERE: Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa
TICKETS: Tickets are priced at S\$38, S\$48, S\$68, S\$88 and S\$98. Prices exclude SISTIC booking fees and handling charges. Tickets can be purchased via: (65) 6348 5555 | www.sistic.com.sg | Resorts World Theatre | www.rwsentosa.com

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