

press release



Local celebrities Pierre Png and Ann Kok to star in *Mulan The Musical*, a new RWS's musical comedy

- Tickets to this brand new Singapore adaptation of a successful Taiwanese production which premieres at Resorts World Sentosa from 16 December 2016 and runs to 5 February 2017 are now on sale.
- Retold in a rambunctious new musical comedy, this in-camp pandemonium and romantic hysteria with Hua Mulan (花木兰) as the protagonist also features Taiwanese powerhouse vocalists Lee Chien-Na (李千娜), Lai Ying Ying (赖盈莹) and Chou Ting-Wei (周定纬).
- Audiences can expect hilarious modern twists to this well-loved evergreen tale which continues to celebrate filial piety, female empowerment and courage to defy social conventions.

SINGAPORE, 25 October 2016 – Award-winning Mediacorp actor Pierre Png (方展发) and veteran award-winning actress Ann Kok (郭舒贤) will join the star-studded cast in *Mulan The Musical* (木兰少女) – Resorts World Sentosa's (RWS) blockbuster year-end production – that also features Taiwanese powerhouse vocalists Lee Chien-Na (李千娜 or Chloe Lee), Best Newcomer winner at the 47th Golden Horse Awards (金马奖); multi-talented singer-performer Lai Ying Ying (赖盈莹); and Chou Ting-Wei (周定纬 or Judy Chou), Taiwanese singer and 'One Million Star' finalist.

Mulan The Musical will make its global debut outside of Taiwan at RWS in Singapore this December. Direct from Taiwan after two sold-out runs, this original and inspiring Chinese theatrical production showcases a blend of uplifting music score, witty dialogue, live singing and hilarious comedic elements. Among the exciting line-ups in RWS's festive year-end entertainment calendar, this timeless classic will be brought to life at Resorts World Theatre (名胜世界剧场) from Friday, 16 December 2016 to Sunday, 5 February 2017 for a total of 36 shows.

Given a fresh Singapore adaptation, *Mulan The Musical* heralds RWS's first-ever collaboration with Tainaner Ensemble (台南人剧团) – one of Taiwan's most recognisable and progressive theatrical companies – and Studio M (疯戏乐工作室) – known to be at the forefront of experimental musical productions – to stage this musical comedy. This marquee year-end production also marks RWS's foray into offering top quality Chinese productions that will captivate the regional Chinese-speaking

audiences as well as contribute to the growth of the local Chinese theatre and entertainment scene in Singapore.

"Mulan The Musical will be the first ever Mandarin musical to be staged in Singapore that re-tells the evergreen story of the filial and courageous young lady who braved all odds to defend her country. This time, however, audiences can expect to be treated to a military pandemonium and romantic hysteria as our favourite Mulan becomes entangled in a gender-bending comedy of errors and mistaken identities. It will be a delightfully funny show interspersed with unexpected comedic timings, catchy tunes, emotive singing and colourful characters played by popular industry veterans both from Singapore and Taiwan.

"With more creative elements being added to this original Singapore version including new scenes and songs, we are excited to bring to guests our latest new-to-market production that will be part of their memorable experience at Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort," said Mr Khoo Shao Tze, Vice President for Resort Sales and Entertainment, RWS (圣淘沙名胜世界市场营销与娱乐统筹副总裁, 邱韶智).

Backed by top entertainment and stage talents hailing from Singapore and Taiwan

Based on the well-loved timeless classic tale of Hua Mulan (花木兰), **Mulan The Musical** will deliver a refreshing reboot, playfully subverting the familiar storyline and promising hilarious twists and turns while celebrating the themes of feminist empowerment; courage to defy social conventions; enduring love; and the kinship that binds.

As the war raged on, the Chinese court ordered a mobilisation of male soldiers, and Mulan's family was not spared. Unfortunately, her father, was too frail; her effeminate brother was deemed not masculine enough to take on the enlistment; and her bewitching older sister, Hua Mulian (花木莲), played by Ann Kok, was pregnant. "I feel very honoured to be a part of **Mulan The Musical**, a brand new Singapore adaptation of a famous musical from Taiwan. I am excited to bring a different kind of performance to everyone and I hope the audience will like it," said Ms Kok on her involvement.

Left with no choice and after many internal struggles, Mulan disguised as a man and enlisted into the army as Hua Munan (花木男). Apart from fighting the war, she also had to fend off cupid's arrows in camp – with both the dashing General (大将军), played by Chou Ting-Wei, and her affable childhood sweetheart falling for the protagonist. Taiwanese powerhouse vocalists, Lee Chien-Na and Lai Ying Ying will take turns to perform the titular role of Mulan during the show run, belting out songs after songs as the character grapples with romantic pursuits, conflicted emotions and duty to the nation.

Mediacorp artist Pierre Png has been picked to play the manly and intimidating army camp's company sergeant major (总教头). He said: "I'm truly excited to be involved in **Mulan The Musical**. I've always wanted to do musicals, and because this musical is in Mandarin - I just know I'm going to have so much fun! To be honest, I'm really looking forward to collaborating and exchanging ideas with the cast and creative team. I hope to show the audience something different - something fun and memorable!"

This lively and entertaining production is backed by a team of top musical theatre doyens who were behind the production when it was staged in Taiwan to popular reception. It is helmed by Director Lu Po-Shen (吕柏伸) who is also Artistic Director of Tainaner Ensemble. Hailed as the role model of contemporary theatre by the arts media in Taiwan, Tainaner Ensemble's works is renowned for their cutting-edge and experimental theatrical styles, providing theatre-goers with brand new experiences when watching their productions.

New-generation musical talent, Wang Hsi-Wen (王希文 or Owen Wang), takes on Musical Director and oversees the front-to-end music production, song-writing and orchestration for **Mulan The Musical**. Award-winning and one of Taiwan’s highly sought-after songwriters, record producers and movie music producers, Hsi-Wen has collaborated with the who’s who of Taiwanese pop music scene including the likes of MayDay (五月天), Yoga Lin (林宥嘉), LaLa Hsu (徐佳莹) and Peggy Hsu (许哲珮). He has specially created new original compositions to complement new scenes in this original Singapore production. The rating and consumer advice for **Mulan The Musical** is “Advisory 16 (Some Mature Content and Coarse Language)”.

WHAT: *Mulan The Musical* (木兰少女) (<http://www.rwsentosa.com/Mulan>)
WHEN: Premieres on 16 December 2016 (Friday) and runs to 5 February 2017 (Sunday) on selected nights at 8pm
DURATION: 120 minutes (including 15-minute interval)
WHERE: Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa
TICKETS: Tickets are priced at S\$38, S\$68, S\$98 and S\$128. Prices exclude SISTIC booking fees and handling charges. Tickets can be purchased via: (65) 6348 5555 | www.sistic.com.sg | Resorts World Theatre Box Office

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ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

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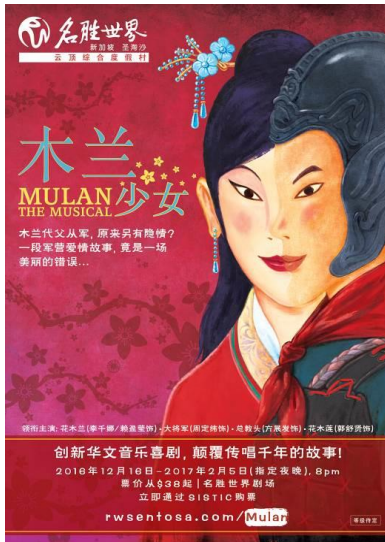
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Mulan The Musical (木兰少女), a Resorts World Sentosa's original and innovative Mandarin theatrical production, will make its global debut outside of Taiwan at Resorts World Theatre in Singapore on 16 December 2016, Friday, following two sold-out runs in Taiwan, and running till 5 February 2017, Sunday.



Taiwanese powerhouse vocalist Lee Chien-Na (李千娜) plays Mulan (木兰) in **Mulan The Musical (木兰少女)**, a musical comedy that makes its global premiere outside of Taiwan at Resorts World Sentosa's Resorts World Theatre in Singapore on 16 December 2016, Friday, and running till 5 February 2017, Sunday. Image is to be attributed to: 木兰少女有限公司 (Mulan The Musical Limited Liability Company) .



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