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Local and Regional Celebrities Join Star-Studded Cast of Resorts World Sentosa's Highly Anticipated Mandarin Production – *Musical TARU*

- *Mandarin original musical features multi-market collaboration of creative talent as well as local and regional stars including Wong Jinglun, Ling Xiao and Freya Lim*
- *Audiences will embark on a magical adventure in a museum as its ancient inhabitants, including enthralling life-size dinosaurs fossil, come alive*

SINGAPORE, 31 August 2018 – Familiar celebrities including Singaporeans Wong Jinglun (黄靖伦) and Ling Xiao (凌霄) are joined by Taiwanese songbird Freya Lim (林凡) to form the star-studded cast of Resorts World Sentosa's (RWS) (圣淘沙名胜世界) highly anticipated Mandarin musical – *Musical TARU* (恐龙复活了!).

Theatre-goers will be swept up in a fantasy musical adventure as they embark on a captivating journey in a museum set in modern day Singapore together with iconic historical characters resurrected from prehistoric times in ancient Egypt and China. *Musical TARU* tells a heart-warming tale of three young protagonists, together with their awakened museum friends from the past, pursuing a mission in search of **TARU** (塔鲁), the stolen fossil of a beloved baby T-Rex (暴龙).

Produced by RWS in collaboration with Taiwan's AMcreative and South Korea's Culture Holic, *Musical TARU* is a localised adaptation of South Korea's box-office hit awarded 'No. 1 Family Musical

in Korea' (韩国最佳家庭音乐剧大奖) by Arts Council Korea (韩国文化艺术委员会) and will make its regional premier in Resorts World Theatre (名胜世界剧场) on 7 December 2018.

Fuelled by the curiosity to discover more about a natural history museum's latest attraction – a rare and fascinating pair of mother-and-child T-Rex fossils – three young protagonists, Nali (崔娜莉), Gao Feng (崔高峰) and Da Fa (吴大发) found themselves on an unexpected journey during a mysterious lunar eclipse. Striking up an unlikely camaraderie with the museum's resurrected residents – Tila (提菴), the protective mother T-Rex; Cleopatra (克丽欧佩特拉) the beautiful and vivacious ancient Egypt matriarch; and Mummy (木乃伊), a suave sidekick of Cleopatra – the intrepid trio traversed through familiar Singapore landmarks such as Bukit Timah Hill and Changi Point as they joined forces to recover baby T-Rex **TARU**'s stolen fossils.

Star-studded local and regional cast in this magical theatrical production

Multi-talented Taiwan-based Singaporean singer and actor Wong Jinglun, who rose to regional stardom as the most popular contestant in Taiwanese hit-televised singing competition *One Million Star* (超級星光大道), marking his next theatrical milestone as Da Fa, the aspiring archaeologist who leads the search for **TARU**. Expressing his excitement: "When I received the invitation to be part of this musical, I was elated! Not only does the musical take place in Singapore, which gives me the chance to perform for my fellow Singaporeans, I will also be joined by another outstanding artist, Freya, making it an even more delightful collaboration. Freya is one of the female singers I greatly admire, and I frequently listen to her songs. Having the opportunity to work with her, as well as return to Singapore to perform is something I really look forward to and am excited for."

On the potential challenges that he may face, Jinglun added: "For the upcoming musical, dancing will likely be my greatest challenge. For most of my performances, I rarely dance. I will require more training in this area. Nonetheless, I will give it my very best onstage to ensure everything is perfect. Audiences can, therefore, look forward to a wonderful performance!"

Freya Lim (林凡), acclaimed Taiwanese singer with numerous awards under her belt, assumes the stage role of Cleopatra, one of the museum's alluring resurrected denizens. Having recently concluded an earlier theatrical stint, she shared: "I am very glad that right after my involvement in a musical in the early part of this year in Taiwan, I can work on another musical in the second half of the year! This is my maiden overseas live theatrical project, and also my first attempt in being part of a multi-market collaboration with over 30 shows. This, indeed, is my greatest performing challenge yet!"

Joining both renowned stars is Ling Xiao (凌霄), a local award-winning veteran singer with heavy involvement in nurturing Singapore's local music scene and over 100 albums to his credits, who plays the museum's irascible and comedic Curator (馆长). He says of his breakthrough theatrical role: "I am looking forward to working with the Taiwan artistes! In this musical, I have to act, sing, dance, and, this to me, is a challenge. However, I am determined to play this role well and not let my fans down!"

First-ever three-market collaboration

The first-ever three-market theatrical collaboration between Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea, **Musical TARU** reflects RWS' ongoing efforts to explore new and dynamic ways to create and refresh its offerings for visitors of all ages and interests.

Locally adapted from a 2016 hit production from South Korea, it also incorporates ingenious puppetry from South Korea. With the creative support and direction from Taiwan's AMcreative, **Musical TARU** is a musical extravaganza to behold.

Poised to thrill and enthrall viewers of all ages and interests, the fantastical story of modern-day adventurers-meet-prehistoric dinosaurs and ancient Egyptian icons marries action with emotions, making it a not-to-be-missed visual spectacle for the entire family. Featuring not only a slew of energetic dance numbers, enchanting music, arresting visuals made possible through elaborate stage sets and props, but also creative life-sized dinosaur fossil puppetry and intricate costuming; **Musical TARU** is filled with heart-warming and hilarious moments that will tug and tickle at heartstrings, celebrating a mother's love and the pursuit of one's dreams.

From now till 23 September 2018, theatre goers get to enjoy a 'Bring your child for free' promotion, where they can receive one complimentary children ticket with the purchase of one adult ticket for the show dates during December. Terms and conditions apply.

- WHAT:** **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)**
(<http://www.rwsentosa.com/musicaltaru>)
- WHEN:** Premieres on 7 December 2018, Friday, and running till 13 January 2019, Sunday, for 31 shows on selected nights at 8pm and selected weekends' matinees at 2pm
- DURATION:** 80 minutes (without intermission)
- LANGUAGE:** Mandarin (with English surtitle)
- WHERE:** Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa
- TICKETS:** Tickets are priced at S\$38, S\$58, S\$78, S\$88 and S\$108. 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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Caption: Singaporean Wong Jinglun (黄靖伦), takes on the role of Da Fa, (吴大发), the aspiring archaeologist, in Resorts World Sentosa's (圣淘沙名胜世界) highly anticipated year-end Mandarin musical – **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)**.

Biography:

A Taiwan-based Singaporean singer and actor, Jinglun started his foray into the industry by participating in Singapore Mediacorp's talent show, Project Superstar (绝对 Superstar). He went on to take part in Season 3 of 'One Million Star' (超级星光大道) in Taiwan. Jinglun won the sixth position in the competition and was voted the most popular contestant. His debut album, 'Jing's Note', was released in Taiwan in 2008 and was a great success in Taiwan selling over 45,000 copies.



Caption: Taiwanese songbird Freya Lim (林凡), assumes the role of Cleopatra (克丽欧佩特拉) in Resorts World Sentosa's (圣淘沙名胜世界) highly anticipated year-end Mandarin musical – **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)**.

Biography:

A Taiwanese singer who was born in Taipei with family lineage in Malaysia, Penang, Freya released her first album titled "Freya" in year 2000. Awarded Singapore's 8th Singapore Hit Awards (新加坡金曲奖) as Upcoming Artist in 2001, she released her 2nd album "都是他" in the same year. In 2002, she hosted the radio FM98.9 programme "娱乐飞行船", and released her 3rd album "非爱不可". Freya performed her 1st theatrical show "爱情里程" in year 2009. She was subsequently nominated for 'Best Mandarin Female Singer' in Taiwan's 22nd Golden Melody Awards (金曲奖) with her song ~"眼泪流回去" in 2011. Having released more than six albums to date, Freya was awarded 'hito K Song award' in 2015 for her song titled "明明爱你".

Caption: Singaporean Ling Xiao (凌霄), plays the museum's Curator (馆长) in Resorts World Sentosa's (圣淘沙名胜世界) highly anticipated year-end Mandarin musical – **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)**.

Biography:



Local veteran singer who was awarded a “Special Tribute Award” in 2003, and “Best Evergreen Male Singer” in 2004 in an award ceremony held by COMPASS (Composers and Authors Society of Singapore Ltd, 新加坡词曲版权协会), Ling Xiao was also awarded “Special Tribute Award” at the Singapore Street Festival Music Pioneer Award Presentation. He had released more than a hundred albums to his credits and was crowned as the Top Ten singers in both Singapore & Malaysia. Known as the “Auntie-Killer” when he starred in several of Mediacorp’s television drama serials, Ling Xiao is also the resident judge for Mediacorp’s singing contest 黄金年华.



Caption: Ms Vanessa Lin (林奕君) (left), Chief Executive Officer and Founder (创办人及行政总裁) of AM Creative and Executive Producer (音乐剧制作人) for **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)** together with Singaporeans Wong Jinglun (黄靖伦) (right in grey jacket) and Ling Xiao (凌霄) (centre in light blue jacket) as well as Taiwanese songbird Freya Lim (林凡) (orange outfit) attended the media conference for Resorts World Sentosa’s (圣淘沙名胜世界) highly anticipated year-end Mandarin musical – **Musical TARU (恐龙复活了!)** today.

