

## press release



### RWS unveils stellar local cast of *Super Mommy*, a new heartwarming Mandarin musical from Taiwan

- Direct from Taiwan to Singapore, *Super Mommy* (我的妈妈是 ENY? 獅城溫馨版) makes its premiere at Resorts World Theatre in May, after multiple sold-out runs in Taiwan
- Backed by two accomplished Taiwanese heavyweights – Lang Tsu Yun (郎祖筠) as Director and Kay Huang Yun Ling (黄韵玲) as Music Director
- Featuring local performing talents: Jaspers Lai (赖宇涵), Lin You Fa (林尤发), Chriz Tong (汤薇恩) and Benjamin Josiah Tan (陈俊铭)
- Peppered with many surprising comedic yet poignant moments, this endearing live theatrical production promises to tug at one's heartstrings by shedding light on modern pertinent societal issues around domestic helpers, work-life balance, familial kinships and dementia

SINGAPORE, 16 March 2018 – Be inspired by the power of kinship, filial piety and respect for our domestic helpers as *Super Mommy* (我的妈妈是 ENY? 獅城溫馨版), a heartwarming and entertaining Mandarin musical, makes its global debut outside of Taiwan at Resorts World Sentosa (RWS) (圣淘沙名胜世界) on Friday, 18 May 2018, after multiple sold-out runs in Taiwan last year.

Running for five weeks at Resorts World Theatre (名胜世界剧场) with a total of 30 shows, this live original theatrical production features an eminent local cast including Jaspers Lai (赖宇涵), Lin You Fa (林尤发), Chriz Tong (汤薇恩) and Benjamin Josiah Tan (陈俊铭) taking on stage characters set in a three-generation household who grapple with real life issues like vulnerability of family ties, treatment of domestic helpers, work-life balance and dementia.

Dramatic changes descend upon the lives of young Jeremy (小杰), Mother, Father and Grandma when Grandpa's dementia deteriorates. To better care for Grandpa, Indonesian helper, Eny, is

brought in to help out. From someone the family barely knows about, Eny gradually bonds with everybody and becomes an anchoring member the family can barely do without.

Neglected by his preoccupied parents, Jeremy develops an attachment to the capable Eny, who also misses her own son in her hometown, as his motherly figure. Expect loads of simmering tensions, misunderstood intentions, emotional outbursts and tear-jerking moments.

Through this family's experiences, the thoughtful musical fleshes out social issues close to our hearts today – the pressures felt in multi-generation households; how dual-income working parents pull off the juggling act of bringing home the bacon and caring for family; prejudices against domestic helpers; and the challenges of caregivers for sufferers of dementia; and more.

### **Local homegrown performing talents in this lively original theatrical production**

As a premium lifestyle destination resort and entertainment hub that supports home grown performing talent, RWS has pulled together a recognisable local cast for ***Super Mommy*** that paints a touching story of one modern family's love and sacrifices.

Popular multi-talented comedian and host, Jaspers, will take on a breakthrough role by cross-dressing as the Grandma. "I'm very thrilled and honoured to be able to work on this project! This story has deeply touched me as I used to be very close with my domestic helper from Indonesia as well. This will be the first time I cross-dress on a live musical stage. So, it will be a huge challenge for me to sing in female keys. I also need to design the character to be realistic, funny and still likeable to the crowd. I feel it is a story that will definitely touch the hearts of every local family, and I cannot wait to bring the audience through an emotional roller coaster. So, be prepared to laugh and cry together with us!" said Jaspers on his involvement.

Local familiar face, You Fa, also a former radio deejay, veteran host, singer and actor, plays the role of Grandpa who suffers from dementia. He shares: "It is a challenge for me to act as an elderly with dementia. This is my first collaboration with a Taiwanese team. I hope to learn more from this experience."

Chriz, who has starred in previous RWS's theatrical production, ***Ge Tai – The Musical*** (歌台音乐剧) together with You Fa and Jaspers, plays the Mother, a career woman chasing the rat-race. She says: "I am really honoured to be working with our Taiwanese counterparts especially veteran thespian Lang Tsu Yun and musical icon Kay Huang Yun Ling. I believe this collaboration will ignite new sparks because of our cultural similarities and differences. The audience can look forward to an intimate peek into a modern family's struggle to juggle work-life balance and also the harsh challenges faced by our new immigrants."

Up-and-coming local television heartthrob, Benjamin Josiah pairs up for the first time with 'Queen of Theme Songs', singer and songwriter Chriz, taking on the stage roles of the young parents to their growing son called Jeremy.

Playing the Father, Benjamin Josiah reflects his excitement: "To do a full musical on stage has been something I have wanted to do for a while now. To have that opportunity given to me through ***Super Mommy***, I am beyond excited! I think the crowd will really connect with the storyline. There will definitely be lots of tears and laughter!"

The titular role of Eny, who braves unpleasant prejudices and rises to her call of duty in holding the family together, is portrayed with great conviction by Taiwanese theatre actress and singer Luo Mei

Ling (罗美玲). She has played this endearing role in previous instalments of the musical in Taiwan, to great acclaim and excellent reviews.

Separately, eight child performers including Estovan Reizo Cheah (谢颖泽) who plays Jeremy, were handpicked in person by effervescent Hong Kong actress Nancy Sit (薛家燕) through an audition for **Super Mommy**, and coached by Mother Hong Kong Arts Centre (家燕妈妈艺术中心), an arts centre founded by Nancy. Together with the principal adult cast, they will take theatre goers on a reflective life journey that promise to tug at one's heartstrings, as they view the complicated adult world through their innocent lenses.

### **Backed by a stellar creative team from Taiwan**

Produced by RWS in collaboration with Taiwan's AMcreative, **Super Mommy** reflects RWS's continued efforts in pushing the creative boundaries of entertainment with relevant localised content that resonates with audiences. This live Mandarin musical, peppered with many surprising comedic yet poignant moments, also features a stellar creative team from Taiwan.

Performing arts veteran and actress-turned-director Lang Tsu Yun (郎祖筠) takes the helm aptly as the show director (导演), where her very own Indonesian helper also cared for her late father. Celebrated and renowned pop-music maestro Kay Huang Yun Ling (黄韵玲) has been roped in as Music Director (音乐总监) who depicts Eny's inspiring journey from outsider to fellow family member through her energetic yet soulful music.

With great acting, wonderful music, a touching storyline and backed by a well-experienced creative production team, **Super Mommy** is set to enthrall and move the entire family. Tickets are now on sale. From today till 6 April 2018, theatre goers get to enjoy an early-bird promotion where they receive one complimentary Category One ticket worth S\$88 by buying three Category One tickets for any show dates during the show run. Terms and conditions apply.

- WHAT:** **Super Mommy (我的妈妈是 ENY? 狮城温馨版)**  
(<http://www.rwsentosa.com/supermommy>)
- WHEN:** Premieres on 18 May 2018, Friday, and running till 22 June 2018, Friday, for 30 shows on selected nights at 8pm and selected weekends' matinees at 2pm
- DURATION:** 120 minutes (with intermission)
- 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](http://www.sistic.com.sg) | Resorts World Theatre Box Office

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### **ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, RWS is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Other attractions include the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa, a casino, six unique hotels and the Resorts World Convention Centre. With the most number of Michelin stars in one destination, RWS offers award-winning dining experiences at renowned celebrity chef restaurants, establishing itself as a key player in Singapore's vibrant and diverse dining scene. The integrated resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as the Crane Dance and

the Lake of Dreams. RWS has been named “Best Integrated Resort” since 2011 for seven consecutive years at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific’s travel industry.

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**Super Mommy (我的妈妈是ENY? 狮城温馨版)**, a Resorts World Sentosa’s (圣淘沙名胜世界) original Mandarin musical, will debut at Resorts World Theatre (名胜世界剧场) in Singapore on 18 May 2018 (Friday) and run till 22 June 2018 (Friday).



The local cast at the launch of **Super Mommy (我的妈妈是ENY? 狮城温馨版)**, a moving original Mandarin musical by Resorts World Sentosa (圣淘沙名胜世界) about the importance of family ties, appreciation for domestic helpers – the unsung heroes in our lives – and the pursuit of career in rat-race Singapore.



## Mr Jaspers Lai

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### Actor, composer, singer and host

Starting out as a VJ in “in988” - an internet radio station, Jaspers (赖宇涵) had the opportunity to work with international artists from Quan Yi Feng to Hong Kong artist Kay Tse On-kei and Taiwan artist Pan Hui Ru.

As an actor, Jaspers also works with different directors and played many prominent supporting characters in movies such as “WIRA WAH” directed by award-winning Hong Kong director Lee Lik-Chi and MediaCorp television series “On the Fringe”, “Tiger Mum”, etc.

Jaspers is also a host for many corporate events. He never ceases to capture audiences’ attention, raising laughters and winning the hearts of many with his humour. His flamboyant character, wittiness and bi-lingualism landed him as a guest speaker in “Smart@Work”, nominated in Asia TV Awards 2013 for best talk show for Channel U. Jaspers also wrote and produced two singles "Say Who" and "Love Fiesta" in 2013 earning the title “Opening Theme Song Composer and Singer” for Channel U’s hit show - “Smart@Work”.



## Mr Lin You Fa

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### Former radio deejay, veteran host, singer and actor

Lin You Fa (林尤发) is a former radio deejay, veteran host, singer and actor. Known to many as the first radio deejay who could sing and speak in fluent Thai, he even hosted a Thai segment programme.

You Fa has also released several Thai albums and acted in many local drama series.

His popularity extends beyond Singapore and has fans in Malaysia, Thailand and even China.



## Ms Chriz Tong

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### Actress

Since 2011, Chriz (汤薇恩) has been recording for MediaCorp television drama serials' theme songs. Her first theme song, "Kampong Ties" was nominated as the Best Theme Song in Star Awards 2012. Thereafter, from 2012 to 2015, she sung several other theme songs such as "Truth, Virtue and Beauty" for the drama "Don't Stop Believin'", "Coffee Love Song" for dramas "96°C Café" and "Blessings". These theme songs were continuously nominated for Singapore TV Star Awards annually.



In 2013, Chriz held her first sold-out concert at the Esplanade Recital Studio. She has since been known as the Queen of Theme Songs from 2014. She continued to pursue her love for music and in 2016, she performed in large productions such as Ge Tai - The Musical, ALIVE 2016 Charity Concert and Broadway Beng. Chriz's songs were also loved beyond Singapore as she was invited to Beijing Tian-Qiao Theatre to perform and released her album 'Unfinished' in Taiwan where she did a promotional tour in Taipei.

## Mr Benjamin Josiah Tan

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### Actor

Benjamin (陈俊铭) began acting in Chinese Opera productions when he was 14. From there, he transitioned into stage theatrical productions.

After graduating from the National University of Singapore, with a major in Finance, Benjamin went on to attend Lee Strasberg Theater & Film Institute in Los Angeles, California. During his time in Los Angeles, he also started training in classical ballet.

He made his film debut in 2016, as Ah Hee, in Jack Neo's *Long Long Time Ago* (2016). Since then, he has expanded his body of work to include local television productions and independent films. In 2017, Benjamin played the lead role in *Nocturne*, one of the five short films in *667* (2017), an anthology film by acclaimed director, Royston Tan. *667* (2017) was one of the top two contenders to represent Singapore for the 2018 Oscars in the Best Foreign Language Film category.



Benjamin speaks fluent English, Mandarin and Hokkien, and is one of the few Singaporean actors who is able to transition between stage, television and films seamlessly. Notably, Benjamin is of Chinese, Javanese and Peranakan descent.