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Resorts World® Sentosa presents *Incanto* – A brand new original theatrical magic spectacular

Joe Labero, Superstar Illusionist to headline as The Sorcerer

SINGAPORE, 6 September 2012 – Come November 8, guests at Festive Grand Theatre at Resorts World Sentosa will enter the realm of fantasy with the world premiere of *Incanto*, an original multi-million dollar theatrical magic show featuring one of the world's top illusionists, Joe Labero.

Three-time recipient of the Merlin Award – the equivalent of the Oscars of the magic world, Joe Labero is internationally famous not only for large-scale illusions but close-up magical acts. He has performed to sell-out crowds from Vegas, to Australia, Sweden and South Africa, and his television special was broadcast throughout Europe and watched by millions of amazed viewers. For the first time in Singapore not as the magician himself, but as part of a large-scale theatrical production, Labero will play the role of the Sorcerer in *Incanto*.

Among the mind-blowing illusions Labero will be performing in the show are bold spectacles never before witnessed in Singapore such as the *Double Levitation*, where both Seeker and Sorcerer soar more than 10 metres simultaneously above the stage, and the *Blade Runner*.

Ms Andrea Teo, Vice President of Entertainment at RWS and Executive Producer of *Incanto* said: "Incanto is magic, theater and music. It is 90 minutes of high-energy family entertainment at its best, and original content no less, produced by an international crew and cast for Singapore."

Incanto revolves around the heart-throbbing adventure of a Seeker performed by local talent Miss Oon Shu-Ann who slips into a mysterious world. Discovering an abandoned monastery, her curiosity draws her deep into the forbidden world as she befriends the Sorcerer, meets the whimsical Jester and finds herself inextricably woven into a battle of Good and Evil between the fearful Dungeon Master and the Sorcerer.

"*Incanto* is exceptional. It is magic, it is theatre and it is surreal. You have to see it to believe it. We are privileged to work together with Resorts World Sentosa and a talented production team that hails from five continents around the globe to create one of our most spectacular shows ever." said Ben Russell, Director of *Incanto*.

"The show features death-defying stunts by one of the most awarded acrobatic troupes in the world, creative sets and state-of-the-art special effects. With a storyline led by award-winning illusionist Joe Labero's magic - the action is as real as it can get," said John Eramanis, Co-Founder of Danze Fantasy and Creative Producer of *Incanto*.

Complementing Labero's magic is an ensemble of 50 international performers including magician assistants, leading and rhythmic dancers, actors, as well as acrobats from the Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe who will perform on the 12-metre high *Wheel of Death* for the very first time in Singapore.

Incanto is put together by a team of show design talents led by Lindy Russell and John Eramanis of Danze Fantasy Productions, known for their trademark of giving shows an innovative touch with the use

of special effects that blur the boundaries of movies and theatre. The duo was named Producers of the Decade by the 2012 Merlin Award. Singapore-born director, Ben Russell, a recipient of the 2012 Merlin Award for Best Director, is also part of the creative team.

Presented by Resorts World Sentosa, in association with Danze Fantasy Productions, *Incanto* will be staged from 8 November 2012 through to 10 March 2013 at Resorts World Sentosa's purpose-built 1600-seat Festive Grand Theatre. Public preview performances will be staged on 4 and 5 November, ahead of the official opening night premiere on 8 November 2012.

Tickets for *Incanto* are priced at \$148, \$98, \$88, \$78, \$48 and initial ticket sales for shows up till 31 Dec 2012 will go on sale from 7 September 2012 at Resorts World Sentosa's ticketing counters and all Sistic outlets. From 7 September to 22 October 2012 only, there is a 15% early bird discount for purchase of category 2 – 4 tickets to shows from 8 November 2012. RWS Invites members are also entitled to exclusive discounts of 50% off rack rates for the preview and 25% off rack rates for other show dates from 8 November 2012 onwards when they purchase their tickets at the RWS Invites Service Centre and Festive Grand Ticketing Centre. Mobile and e-tickets are now available for the convenience of show-goers.

For more information and detailed performance schedules please visit www.rwsentosa.com and call 6577 8888 or visit www.sistic.com.sg and call 6348 5555 for enquiries.

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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 Maritime Experiential Museum, a casino, luxurious accommodation in six unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Centre, celebrity chef restaurants, a world-class destination spa as well as specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers entertainment including public attractions such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Coming soon is the world's largest oceanarium - the Marine Life Park. Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group. For more information, please visit www.rwsentosa.com.

About Danze Fantasy Productions

In 1980, Lindy Russell and John Eramanis joined forces with a simple goal, to provide true entertainment and in so doing, formed Danze Fantasy Productions. From its humble beginning, the company has grown to become a leading innovator in theatre, harnessing the latest talents and incredible effects to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Encompassing all areas of performance genres and styles, their expertise has seen their shows viewed by millions all over the world.

From Musicals to Stage Spectaculars, Pantomimes, Television, Trade Shows and Cruise Lines, the company's scope of influence and exceptionally high standard and quality is recognized throughout the entertainment industry.

Due to their steady growth, Danze Fantasy now has offices on 2 continents with the Head office in England and a subsequent office in Singapore.

Danze Fantasy continues to push the boundaries of entertainment and brings the magic to life in the new soon to be hit show, 'Incanto'.

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Curtains will rise on 8 November 2012 at Resorts World Sentosa's Festive Grand Theatre for *Incanto*, a 90-minute high-energy theatrical magic spectacular that revolves around the heart-throbbing adventure of a Seeker performed by local talent Miss Oon Shu-Ann who slips into a mysterious world. Discovering an abandoned monastery, her curiosity draws her deep into the forbidden world as she befriends the Sorcerer, meets the whimsical Jester and finds herself inextricably woven into a battle of Good and Evil between the fearful Dungeon Master and the Sorcerer.

Featuring a host of incredible, unprecedented specialty magic and acrobatic acts, dynamic dance, lavish costume, stunning vocals and epic special effects in a light-hearted gothic-comedic style, this multi-million dollar show is entertainment for the whole family.



Three-time recipient of the Merlin Award – the equivalent of the Oscars of the magic world, superstar illusionist Joe Labero plays The Sorcerer in *Incanto*, the thrilling new theatrical magic spectacular that will premiere at Resorts World Sentosa's Festive Grand Theatre.



Acrobats from the award-winning Shenyang Acrobatic Troupe will perform on the 12-metre high *Wheel of Death* for the very first time in Singapore for *Incanto*, the thrilling new magic spectacular to premiere at Resorts World Sentosa's Festive Grand Theatre.