



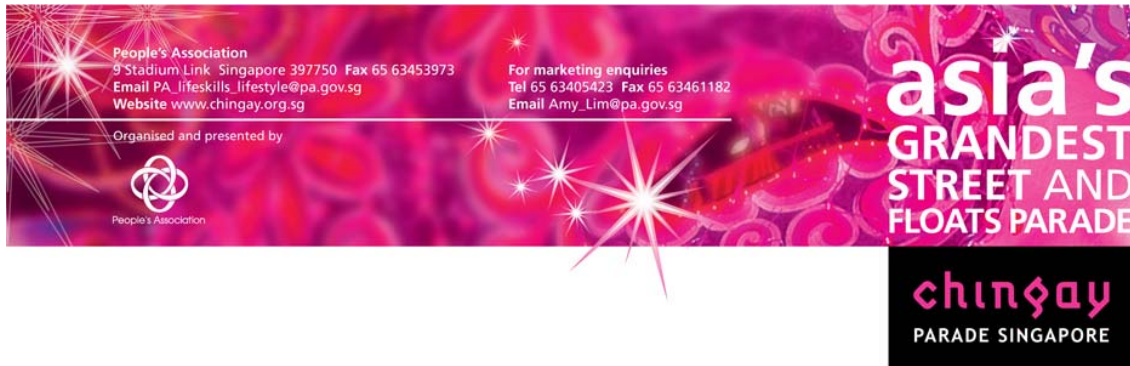
INVITATION TO ARTISTIC SNEAK PREVIEW CUM LUNCH FOR THE MEDIA ON CHINGAY 2009 GRAND FINALE “THE BANQUET”

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The Finale of Chingay Parade Singapore 2009 “Banquet” (夜宴), as a single performance piece will be one of the grandest and best outdoor shows ever in Singapore. Involving 520 performers, this spectacular show piece with artistic beauty and grandeur will be staged jointly by the acclaimed talents and performing groups in Annex 1.

2 This mega show piece of the 37<sup>th</sup> Chingay Parade is a multi-element and multi-sensory presentation combining world-class illusion show, singing by theatre stars to be accompanied by SLO Children Choir, acrobatic acts, poem recitation by Professor Edwin Thumboo, Wearable Arts display, glittering magical floats, fire works and others. Also come and witness one of the most spectacular magic and illusion shows at work by Lawrence Khong, Master Magician who will set himself on fire! It would be an extraordinary artistic and visual feast for anyone present at the Chingay Parade.

3 Lawrence Khong acting as “King of the Magic World”, “Priscilla and I are honoured to perform the finale act of the Chingay Parade Singapore 2009. Among our other line-ups, we are both very excited to attempt a daring magical escape, “The Burning Man”, which has never before been attempted in Asia. Come and witness this unforgettable and unrivalled performance at the City Hall on Jan 30th & 31st!”



4 On behalf of Mr Tan Boon Huat, Chief Executive Director of the People's Association, you are cordially invited to an artistic sneak preview on the Chingay Grand Finale "Banquet", to be followed by lunch on Thursday 27 Nov 2008 at the Singapore Polo Club. The Lead Cast including "King" and "Princess" of the Magic World, the "Benevolent King of Hearts and Benevolent Queen of Hearts of the Kingdom of WonderLand" would meet and perform for you at the lunch.

5 For media coverage, we would appreciate it if you could also **nominate a journalist and a photographer/cameraman** to join us at the sneak preview, and thereafter to the lunch to be hosted by Mr Tan Boon Huat.

6 Together with the Lead Cast, my Chief Executive Director and I look forward to welcoming you and your journalist/cameraman at the Sneak Performance Preview and the Lunch.

**Details of the Sneak Preview/ Lunch:**

Date: Thurs, 27 November 2008

Time: 11am – 1.30pm

Venue: Singapore Polo Club, 80 Mount Pleasant Road, Singapore 298334



## ANNEX 1

### Lead Cast

Lawrence Khong, distinguished local magician  
*As "King" of the Magic World*

Priscilla Khong, renowned local magician  
*As "Princess" of the Magic World*

George Chan, celebrated theatre personality, SAF Music & Drama Company  
*As the "Benevolent King of Hearts" of the Kingdom of WonderLand*

Nancy Yuen, famous local Soprano  
*As the "Benevolent Queen of Hearts" of the Kingdom of WonderLand*

Gani Abdul Karim, a multi-disciplinary performer and choreographer  
*As the "Royal Jester in the Court of Hearts" of the Kingdom of WonderLand*

### Creative Talents

John Thompson, *world renowned Magic Show Consultant, Las Vegas*

Fan Dong Kai, *Artistic Director*

Professor Edwin Thumboo, *Lyrics*

Iskandar Ismail, *Music Director*

Ng Weng San, *Costume Designer*

Lim Hai Yen, *Scriptwriter*

Phylia Poh, *Float Designer/Consultant, P'Art 1 Design Pte Ltd*

Jeffrey Tan, Osman Bin Abdul Hamid, Tay Poh Soon, Low Ee Chiang, Fung Kway Wah, John Ng,  
*Choreographers*



## **Performing Groups**

### **Gateway Entertainment**

*Presenting a 250- magician contingent as the citizens of the Magic World*

### **Singapore Lyric Opera**

*Presenting a 30-member SLO Children Choir as performers during the Banquet*

### **SAF Music and Drama Company**

*As attendants of the King and Queen of the Kingdom of Wonderland*

### **PA Talents**

*Presenting 80 dancers as guests from different part of the universe*

### **Sembawang Community Club**

*Presenting 40 dancers as entertainers at the Banquet*

### **Dance Inspiration**

*As the Royal Banquet Servers*

### **PA Water Venture**

*Dragon boaters from PA Water Venture and Nanyang Polytechnic as Royal Torch Bearers*

### **Tian Loong Kong Stilt Walking Group**

*As entertainers at the Banquet*

### **Oriental Arts Group**

*As acrobatic entertainers at the Banquet*