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O School brings *Wonderment* performance to world-class stage at Sands for Singapore Festival

Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young dancers to perform in Broadway-style theatre for charity



Singapore (28 June, 2013) – As part of the inaugural *Sands for Singapore Festival*, Marina Bay Sands' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, O School will electrify its audience with an original dance production titled *Wonderment*, presented for the very first time at the MasterCard Theatres – Sands Theatre on 16 and 17 August.

Ticket sales from the urban dance evolution, together with the proceeds from the hive of charity activities that will happen on the same weekend for *Sands for Singapore Festival*, will go to designated charities and other local non-profit organizations (NPOs). Tickets for the two-night only performance will go on sale from July 1 and all proceeds will go to O School.

Wonderment, a 90-minute fanciful dance spectacle, tells a story of a man and his magical journey of re-discovering life's little wonders. With the mundane monotony and suppressed frustration of harsh reality slowly consuming him, he chances upon an unknown young boy who seems strangely familiar. His thrilling trip then begins when the boy lures him into a whimsical world of amazement where he encounters forgotten love, joy and utmost freedom.

Over 80 young dancers will be featured in the rapturous performance as they get an exclusive opportunity to fulfil their dreams of dancing on the same stage which housed many international Broadway musicals such as *The Lion King* and *Wicked*.

In line with Marina Bay Sands' CSR objectives of helping youth fulfill their potential, selected O School students will go through Technical Theatre Mentoring programme conducted by the Theatre team at Marina Bay Sands. The week-long programme will give students the exclusive learning opportunities to be mentored by theatre professionals in the fields of lighting, audio and visual, production and staging. Marina Bay Sands hopes to impart valuable, behind-the-scenes skills and inspire young adults to pursue their passion in



Technical Theatre production and performing arts. This is in parallel with the goals set for the upcoming Technical Theatre Internship Program that will commence later this year.

“Marina Bay Sands is proud to be able to give back to our society in meaningful ways, imparting niche skills and inspiring the local youths through activities that are close to their hearts. As part of **Sands for Singapore**, Marina Bay Sands’ CSR programme, our inaugural three-day charity festival allows us to pair with our community and motivate others to come forward and work hand in hand with us to improve Singaporeans’ lives,” said George Tanasijevich, Chief Executive Officer and President of Marina Bay Sands.

Kenny Low, Founder of O School said, “For the past seven years, the young talents of O School had entertained and inspired thousands through their dance-based productions. We are extremely thankful to Marina Bay Sands for this exclusive opportunity to present our works on a world-class stage, bring joy and wonderment to a bigger audience and, to be part of this charitable event. Our students are also very honoured to receive such niche training that teaches them the know-hows of Theatre Operations from working professionals.”

From 16 – 18 August, **Sands for Singapore** is launching its first-ever large-scale charity festival to benefit Singapore. The integrated resort will leverage the unique aspects of its property to raise funds for its designated charities and other local NPOs. The inaugural *Sands for Singapore Festival* will provide a platform for philanthropic efforts through charity auctions, knowledge-sharing sessions, dance performances, make-a-wish dishes and more.

The integrated resort will also be donating all proceeds from our Sands SkyPark Observation Deck, sampan rides, ArtScience Museum and skating rink to Community Chest over this period. To top off the final day of celebrations on a high note on 18 August, Marina Bay Sands and long-time partner Community Chest will jointly present the finale event, the ComChest Heartstrings Walk 2013.

With the goal to inspire others to join Marina Bay Sands in supporting the local community, the integrated resort is presenting itself as a platform for everyone to play their part and contribute to the action-packed weekend.

TICKETING INFORMATION		
Days/Times	A Reserve (Stalls)	B Reserve (Dress Circle)
16 – 17 Aug, Fri – Sat, 7:30pm	S\$55	S\$45

Running time for the performance is 90 minutes with no interval.

FOR TICKET BOOKINGS:

- **THROUGH INTERNET :** www.MarinaBaySands.com/Ticketing
- **BY PHONE :** +65 6688 8826
- **BOOK IN PERSON AT:** Marina Bay Sands Box Offices (Museum, Theatres, SkyPark, Retail Mall and Hotel Tower 1 & 3 Lobby)

For more information please log onto our official website www.marinabaysands.com.

About Marina Bay Sands Pte Ltd

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Sands for Singapore, Marina Bay Sands' corporate social responsibility programme, is committed to helping Singapore in meaningful ways. By using our unique resources as well as mobilising our active volunteerism, we aim to create a positive difference in the lives of Singaporeans.

Our designated charities, including Metta School, the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf), OSchool and City College, WECARE Community Services and Art Outreach Singapore have benefitted from our continuous support and engagement. Besides working with our designated charities, we further support beneficiaries including those related to youth and education.

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About O School Ltd

O School Ltd, a performing arts centre, is a Social Enterprise set up in 2006 and supported by MCYS ComCare Enterprise Fund. The performing arts centre has three social objectives in mind. First, it is to generate funds for low income Singapore youths to complete their secondary school education via City College. Second, it is to provide training and employment opportunities for talented youths and third, to celebrate youth potential and talents via O School events. O School provides a wide array of services which include, dance classes and courses in schools, for corporate and showbiz purposes.