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Swan Lake to glide into Marina Bay Sands

The timeless fairytale continues its popularity on the lavish beauty of an ice rink at the Grand Theater

Singapore (22 June, 2011) - The world's premiere theatrical ice skating company, **The Imperial Ice Stars**, returns to Singapore with a dynamic new interpretation of their award-winning masterpiece, **Swan Lake on Ice**. Swan Lake is one of the best loved fairy tales of all time and is told at Marina Bay Sands' Grand Theater with some of Russia's finest competitive skaters to an uplifting score by one of the world's most well known composers of our time all on top of 14 tonnes of frozen water. **The Imperial Ice Stars** makes its debut at the Grand Theater for a limited season only from 29 August, 2011. Tickets go on sale 24 June, 2011.

This is part of a two-year, country world tour that spans around 22 countries which started in UK last year and will visit Singapore in August 2011. This production of **Swan Lake on Ice** features exhilarating new choreography and some of the world's most stylish dancing on ice from Artistic Director Tony Mercer, widely regarded as the world's leading creator of theatre on ice, as well as new effects and costumes.

26 world, European and national championship skaters, who between them hold more than 250 competition medals, take contemporary ice dance to a new level with their daring and graceful feats – some of which are so complex they haven't been named as yet – in the intimate setting of a frozen theatre stage.

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“Inspired by my research into Tchaikovsky’s original score and intentions for the story, I wanted to create a more realistic interpretation of this much-loved tale and transpose it onto ice, creating a new art form in the process – ice dance in a full theatrical setting”, explains Tony Mercer. “I always felt it was a natural fit to have swans gliding on ice.

“I created our original **Swan Lake on Ice** four years ago in a classical style with elements of contemporary ice dance. With this production I’ve significantly re-worked the choreography to incorporate even more contemporary skating manoeuvres, and challenged our skaters to reach for new heights again!”

The costuming has also been refined for this new production, with some dazzling and sophisticated designs from renowned costumier Albina Gabueva of Moscow’s Stanislavsky Theatre, and made by the famous Bolshoi Ballet’s costume cutters.

Swan Lake on Ice will be performed against lavish backdrops and scenery created by one of Australasia’s leading scenic designers, Eamon D’Arcy. Together with Tchaikovsky’s uplifting music, this innovative portrayal of the classic love story will take your breath away.

The Imperial Ice Stars have performed to almost three million people across five continents, at some of the world’s most prestigious venues – London’s Royal Albert Hall and Sadler’s Wells, Singapore’s Esplanade Theatre, Montreal’s Place des Arts and Cape Town’s Artscape, winning five-star praise from audiences and critics alike.

Their world tours have earned them an unrivalled reputation for pushing the boundaries in the genre of ice dance with their skill and athleticism on the ice, their creative and powerful story-telling, their sumptuous sets, spectacular special effects and opulent costumes.

The Imperial Ice Stars have received standing ovations from UK audiences on each of their previous three tours (*Sleeping Beauty on Ice* 2004, *Swan Lake on Ice* 2006, *Cinderella on Ice* 2008/09) and earned outstanding reviews with their adrenaline-infused performances. Whether you have watched **The Imperial Ice Stars’ Swan Lake on Ice** before or have yet to experience the thrill of world-class ice skating in the intimacy of the theatre, this dramatic new ice interpretation of one of the most popular ballets will have you on the very edge of your seat.

The Marina Bay Sands Theaters are set to dazzle audiences with the latest state-of-the-art technology that allow a multitude of stage configurations and a seamless set-change for all performances. **The Imperial Ice Stars** is among the spectacular array of concerts and performances that has been planned to be held at the Grand Theater.

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Visit www.imperialicestars.com for further information about the company.

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SWAN LAKE ON ICE – SINGAPORE TOUR DATES 29 August – 4 September 2011

TICKETING INFORMATION

Day/Times	Premium	A Reserve	B Reserve	C Reserve	Student/Family
Tuesday to Sunday: 7:30pm	\$175	\$145	\$115	\$95	\$70*(student)
Sat - Sun: 1:30pm	\$175	\$145	\$95	\$75	\$70* (student) \$460 **(family)

* (Limited availability per show for C Reserve)

** (4 x A Reserve limited family package for Sat & Sun matinee shows only)

- Price excludes \$3 booking fee

- Group discount (12 or more) 15%

FOR TICKET BOOKINGS:

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

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

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