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MARINA BAY SANDS HOSTS THE GALA PREMIERE OF ANTHONY CHEN'S FILM WE ARE ALL STRANGERS

The film's cast, along with Guest of Honour President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, as well as Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information, graced the gala premiere on Friday evening



L to R: Andi Lim, Yeo Yann Yann, Chief Executive of Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) Ng Cher Pong, Minister for Digital Development and Information Josephine Teo, Anthony Chen, Regene Lim and Koh Jia Ler at the Singapore gala premiere of WE ARE ALL STRANGERS; The lead cast and Anthony Chen

Singapore (7 August 2026) – Marina Bay Sands played host to a landmark evening for Singapore cinema as acclaimed filmmaker Anthony Chen (陈哲艺) unveiled **WE ARE ALL STRANGERS** 《我们不是陌生人》, the final chapter of his celebrated *Growing Up* trilogy, at a gala premiere attended by Guest of Honour President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, as well as Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister for Digital Development and Information.

Chen, the writer, director and producer behind the highly anticipated film, was joined by the lead cast and actors Yeo Yann Yann (楊雁雁), Koh Jia Ler (许家乐), Andi Lim (林伟文) and Regene Lim (林詠誼) for the Singapore gala premiere at Sands Theatre. The stars walked the red carpet with Chen, before a champagne tower pour and celebratory toast to commemorate the film's momentous homecoming debut. The celebrations continued with a memorable moment as the cast came together with President Tharman and Ms Jane Ittogi for a group photo.

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The lead cast and Anthony Chen with President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Ms Jane Ittogi, Minister Teo, IMDA Chief Executive Ng Cher Pong, and IMDA Assistant Chief Executive, Media Industry Group, Yvonne Tang, at Sands Theatre

President Tharman said: “Anthony Chen’s portrayals of Singapore are tender, unearthing the emotional depth of everyday lives. *We Are All Strangers* also shows how distinctly Singaporean stories have a universal audience, and sets a new benchmark as the first Singaporean film to compete for the prestigious Golden Bear at the Berlinale. It is a pleasure to join Anthony and the cast in welcoming the film home.”

Anthony Chen, producer and director of *WE ARE ALL STRANGERS*, said: “The *Growing Up* trilogy has been my enduring love letter to Singapore and its people. Bringing *WE ARE ALL STRANGERS* home for its Singapore premiere is incredibly meaningful, and returning to Marina Bay Sands where *ILO ILO* first premiered in 2013 makes this feel like a full-circle moment. I’m proud to share this final chapter with audiences here.”

Chen’s return to Marina Bay Sands marks another milestone in a long-standing relationship with the integrated resort. After hosting the Singapore gala premiere of the Asian anthology film *Distance* in 2016, he returned to Sands Theatre in 2023 for the Singapore premiere of *The Breaking Ice*. Together, these premieres underscore Marina Bay Sands’ commitment to championing Singapore’s creative talent and cultivating a vibrant arts and film culture in the city.

Jeremy Bach, Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, Marina Bay Sands said: “It is a privilege to host the Singapore gala premiere of *WE ARE ALL STRANGERS* and welcome Anthony

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Chen back to Marina Bay Sands. From *ILO ILO* to *WE ARE ALL STRANGERS*, his films have offered thoughtful and deeply human portraits of Singapore and its people. As a fervent supporter of the Arts and the local film industry, we are delighted to be part of this special homecoming and the celebration of the final chapter of the *Growing Up* trilogy."

WE ARE ALL STRANGERS is set in modern Singapore and chronicles the intertwined journeys of a young man and his father as relationships and unexpected life changes transform their understanding of love, responsibility and family. The film concludes Chen's *Growing Up* trilogy, which began with *ILO ILO* (2013), winner of the prestigious Camera d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, and continued with *WET SEASON* (2019), where Yeo won Best Leading Actress at the 56th Golden Horse Awards.

WE ARE ALL STRANGERS, supported by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), made its world premiere at the Berlin International Film Festival in February. It opens in cinemas locally on 20 August and is distributed by Golden Village Pictures and Giraffe Pictures. The movie is supported by the Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA).

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