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# Live in Singapore: Music from world's longest-running movie franchise

007 in Concert will be a live performance of *James Bond* theme music by a fabulous 28-piece show-band comprising musicians from both the United Kingdom and Singapore

Only two shows in Singapore on the 19th and 20th January 2018

Pre-sale tickets on sale from 8 August 2017

The name is *Bond*, *James Bond*. Base Entertainment Asia is giving fans the license to go on a journey through the history of *James Bond*'s most impressive weaponry: music from the 007 films, which has topped the charts for over half a century, at the Mastercard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands.

Everything about *James Bond* is magnificent, from the beautiful women, fast cars, crazy stunts to hair-raising car chases. But what has been as synonymous to his classic one-liner "Vodka martini, shaken not stirred", is the distinctive music that has accompanied every 007 film.

Direct from London and for the first time in Singapore, an evening of glamour, sophistication and thrill especially curated for the Singapore audience awaits. Prepare to enter the world of the most suave secret agent to celebrate over 50 years of his film music.

The stunning concert will see the best, hand-picked musicians from the United Kingdom join forces with players from Singapore's Base Philharmonic Orchestra to create an explosive 28-piece show band. Accompanied by a state-of-the light show, the show will be directed and introduced by conductor Pete Harrison and joined by international vocal soloists Laura Tebbutt and Tim Howar.

Fans will be treated to the songs, themes and music medleys from all the James Bond films – James Bond Theme, From Russia With Love, Goldfinger, Casino Royale, Thunderball, You Only Live Twice, On Her Majesty's Secret Service, Diamonds Are Forever, The Man With The Golden Gun, Nobody Does It Better, Moonraker, For Your Eyes Only, All Time High, A

View To A Kill, The Living Daylights, License To Kill, Golden Eye, Die Another Day, Tomorrow Never Dies, The World Is Not Enough, You Know My Name, Another Way To Die, Skyfall, Writings On The Wall and Live And Let Die.

So gentlemen, it is time to dust off those tuxedos and ladies get your best bond dresses on as we bring you the ultimate 007 evening.

# Fun-facts about James Bond music:

- That famous "dun duh duh duh duh duh" almost ended up in the musical-theatre adaptation of the V.S. Naipaul novel, A House for Mr Biswas.
- Over the years, an impressive array of major solo artists have ensured that the Bond theme tunes have topped the charts and become part of history *Shirley Bassey, Louis Armstrong, Tina Turner, Adele* and many others.
- *Adele* was approached to record the *James Bond* theme song for the 23<sup>rd</sup> *Bond* movie *Skyfall. Adele* put all her efforts into recording the song by reading the entire script before writing the song, with the producer of the movie, *Barbara Broccoli*, stating that, "she spent a lot of time on it and getting it right". It paid-off, the song topped the charts in 15 countries and became the first *Bond* theme song to ever win an *Oscar*.
- *Paul McCartney* wrote the *James Bond* theme song for *Live and Let Die* in 10 minutes while sitting around his piano after being given the book of the same name to read. The song became the biggest *James Bond* theme song up to that point and it spent three weeks at the No. 2 spot on the *Billboard Hot* 100 charts.
- The only *James Bond* movie to have the singer appear in the opening credits is *For Your Eyes Only* sung by *Sheena Easton*, which reached number four in the *US charts*.
- The *James Bond* theme song from *Octopussy*, sung by *Rita Coolidge*, featured in the 2012 movie *Ted. Mark Wahlberg* takes to the stage at a *Norah Jones* concert and sings the song in hope of re-igniting the flame with his estranged girlfriend as it was the first movie they watched together.

# **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

## Season Details

## 007 in Concert

Season: From 19 & 20 August 2018 Venue: Mastercard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands

#### **Performance Times:**

Friday, 19 January – 7:30PM Saturday, 20 August – 7:30PM

# **Duration:**

Act 1 – 50 minutes Intermission – 20 minutes Act 2 – 70 minutes (including encore) Total running time – 140 minutes

# **Ticket Prices:**

Cat 1, VIP – SGD165 Cat 2, A Reserve – SGD145 Cat 3, B Reserve – SGD125 Cat 4, C Reserve – SGD95 Cat 5, D Reserve – SGD65 Cat 6, VIP Box – SGD660 Cat 7, A Reserve Box – SGD580 Cat 8, Box Seat – SGD380 \**Excludes booking fee of SGD4 per ticket* 

# For bookings via:

Internet: <u>www.MarinaBaySands.com/ticketing</u> or <u>www.sistic.com.sg</u> Phone: +65 6688 8826

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## About Base Entertainment Asia:

Base Entertainment is a live entertainment company with offices New York, Las Vegas, Houston and it opened its Asia headquarters in Singapore in 2010. Base Entertainment Asia has since become the largest presenter of live theatre entertainment in Southeast Asia. It is the resident developer, producer, programmer and manager of live entertainment at Singapore's Mastercard Theatres at Marina Bay Sands.

The company has presented over 150 of the world's most recognised shows of varied genres; musicals - the Phantom of the Opera, Disney's The Lion King, Wicked, Jersey Boys, CATS, My Fair Lady, Annie, Mamma Mia!, The Sound of Music, Blue Man Group; stage magic-The Illusionist; circus – Le Noir, Cirque Adrenaline, Cirque Eloize; concerts - Michael Bolton, Bjorn Again, Cliff Richard, AR Rahman, Air Supply, Elvis Costello; performing arts – Cavalia; classical concert – The Music of John Williams; ballet – Superstars of Ballet Gala; children – Disney Live and Hi-5.

In 2016, Base Entertainment Asia launched BasXclusive, the client services and group sales division.

Along with supporting international content, it is part of Base Entertainment Asia's on-going efforts to give Asian content a platform to showcase their talent – Kabuki (Ebizo, Takizawa), Cai Xiao Hu, Kit Chan, The Lee Kuan Yew Musical and more. In 2016, Base Entertainment Asia started its arts education, the Applause Program. The company collaborated with leading arts and entertainment talents from around the world to develop the Musical Theatre Workshop for Singapore's aspiring artists.

The Musical Workshop is not only an opportunity for performers to refine their skills but also for anyone with a passion for the arts to learn skills for being on stage and to meet others who share the same passion and interest. Base Entertainment Asia conducts these workshops annually.

Base Entertainment Asia pursues a 360-degree approach in its consideration of entertainment property production and development - creative value, audience appeal, differentiation of product, assessment of market competition, anticipated show performance, commercial viability and investment yield. Base Entertainment Asia regularly consults on entertainment properties and productions across the globe and has capabilities of managing entertainment venues worldwide. For more information please visit <u>www.BASEentertainmentAsia.com</u>

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