



MEDIA RELEASE

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC WHICH RETURNS TO MARINA BAY SANDS THIS NOVEMBER

Singapore, 30 May 2017 – Legendary musical **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** is returning due to popular demand to the MasterCard Theatres, Marina Bay Sands in November this year for a strictly limited season. This iconic musical is sure to work its magic once again, for young and old alike. Tickets are now on sale.

This highly-acclaimed production comes from the home of West End musical theatre – the famous London Palladium - where the lavish and dazzling show celebrated a record-breaking 954 performances and was seen by over two million people. This West End production last visited Singapore in July 2014 and was a sell-out success, playing to almost 70,000 people.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC tells the uplifting true story of Maria, the fun-loving governess who changes the lives of the widowed Captain von Trapp and his seven children by re-introducing them to music, culminating in the family's flight across the Austrian mountains as tensions rise prior to the outbreak of World War II.

With its unforgettable score, **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** touches hearts of all ages and contains some of the most memorable songs ever performed on the musical theatre stage including *My Favourite Things*, *Do-Re-Mi*, *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*, *Edelweiss*, *The Lonely Goatherd*, *Sixteen Going on Seventeen*, and of course the glorious title song *The Sound of Music*.

Additionally, the coveted roles of six out of the seven children that form the von Trapp family are being auditioned as we speak to find eighteen of Singapore's most able young actors and actresses. The successful young boys and girls, aged from six to 14, will perform in rotation as the small and cute Gretl, the brothers Federich and Kurt, as well as their sisters Marta, Brigitta, and Louisa.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC'S original score is a result of the genius output of composer Richard Rodgers collaborating with the lyricist and librettist Oscar Hammerstein. The original 1959 Broadway production of **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** won six Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and was Rogers and Hammerstein's biggest success. The 1965 movie starring Julie Andrews as Maria won five Oscars, including Best Picture, and remains one of the most popular movies of all time.

Lunchbox Theatrical Productions, BASE Entertainment Asia, Sliding Doors Entertainment and David Atkins Enterprises present the Andrew Lloyd Webber, David Ian and The Really Useful Group production.

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TICKETING AND SHOW INFORMATION

From 7 November 2017

SEASON:

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PERFORMANCE TIMES:

Tuesday to Friday: 7:30pm
Saturday: 2:00pm and 7:30pm
Sunday: 1:00pm and 6:00pm

TICKET PRICE:

From \$65*

* Excludes the booking fee of SGD\$4 per ticket

BOOKINGS:

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IN PERSON AT:

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ABOUT LUNCHBOX THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS

Founded in Hong Kong in 1992 by James Cundall, Lunchbox Theatrical Productions has established an unrivalled reputation for producing top quality international entertainment across five continents, and is now headquartered in the United Kingdom with companies in Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and The Philippines.

Productions include musicals such as *Cats*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, *Wicked*, *Mamma Mia*, *West Side Story* and *Chicago*; spectaculars such as *Riverdance* and Cirque du Soleil's *Alegria*; boutique shows such as *Stomp*, *Tap Dogs*, *Slava's Snowshow*, *Potted Potter*, *Circus Oz* and Barry Humphries' Farewell Tour 'Eat, Pray, Laugh!'; musical concerts including *Thriller Live*, *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber* and *Abba Mania*; international artists Jamie Oliver, Rick Stein and Elaine Paige; plays such as *The Woman in Black*, *The Mousetrap* and *The 39 Steps*; children's shows *Thomas the Tank Engine* and *Barney's Space Adventures*; events such as Yorkshire's *Winter Wonderland* (an outdoor Christmas ice rink and funfair in York, UK) and *The Last Night of the Proms* for the Hong Kong Handover; and The Imperial Ice Stars' productions of *The Sleeping Beauty on Ice*, *Swan Lake on Ice*, *Cinderella on Ice* and *The Nutcracker on Ice*.

As well as producing this portfolio of shows, James Cundall spent the first five months of 2010 based in Shanghai, as Producer of the Outdoor Opening Ceremony of Expo 2010 Shanghai China, on behalf of David Atkins Enterprises.

In addition to *West Side Story* in Hong Kong and Auckland, future productions for 2017 include: *Wicked* in Hong Kong and Manila; *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, in South Africa; *The Nutcracker on Ice* at Milano; *Chicago* in Singapore; *The Play That Goes Wrong* in Australia; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in New Zealand.

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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 ID*; 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*, *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.

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ABOUT SLIDING DOORS ENTERTAINMENT

Sliding Doors Entertainment (SDE) was founded by Milan Rokic, a 17-year veteran in the entertainment industry. Milan has forged a reputation as an industry leader in the Asia Pacific region via his extensive experience with Cirque du Soleil and BASE Entertainment and is renowned as one of the most respected entertainment specialists.

In 2016, Sliding Doors Entertainment presented *Blue Man Group*, *Wicked* and *Mister Maker* in Singapore, and conducted an Asia wide tour of the St. Petersburg Ballet's *Swan Lake*. SDE will also continue to work with Cirque du Soleil to grow this iconic brand throughout the region.

Whether it's promoting Broadway and West End musicals, touring international ballet companies, providing enthralling world class children's entertainment or launching the wonder of Cirque du Soleil across Asia Pacific, Sliding Doors Entertainment is dedicated to entertaining audiences across the region.

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