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Big Names at Bedsides at MusicFest@SGH Campus!

8 June 2015, Singapore, – Singapore General Hospital (SGH), Sing'theatre and Novartis proudly present **MusicFest@SGH Campus** happening on **Friday, 19 June 2015**. Back for its third year, the event brings live music to hospitals and to people undergoing treatment within the wards. This year, the festival aims to create greater personal connections by bringing more live music to patients at SGH Campus.

For patients who are unable to leave their beds, several artists will be roaming from room to room to personally perform for them. Among these artists is noted theatre and television personality **Hossan Leong**, who will be serenading patients with songs from different genres ranging from Blues, Classical, traditional Chinese to Pop. Also performing in the wards is singer and former Singapore Idol contestant **Daphne Khoo**, who is herself a cancer survivor. These bedside performances will take place from **3pm to 5pm** and will provide a more intimate experience for the patients.



The rest of the SGH Campus will be filled with music as over 250 artists perform a diverse catalogue of musical numbers throughout seven public areas such as the areas outside the SGH Specialist Outpatient Clinics, the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) Chemotherapy rooms, and the lobby outside the National Heart Centre Singapore (NHCS) Cafeteria. Starting from **10am**, this whole day event will inject the busy corridors, wards and common spaces within SGH Campus with music from various genres and languages.

A finale concert hosted by actress **Karen Tan** will be held at **7pm** to mark the end of MusicFest@SGH Campus. The concert will feature Sebastian Tan as Broadway Beng© and Cat Ong & Friends. The latter will be performing a tribute to the Beatles with a medley of classics.

MusicFest@SGH Campus was conceived with the belief that music has the ability to stimulate the senses, heal, uplift the spirit, and improve a patient's journey of recovery. It was with this outcome in mind that Sing'theatre and SGH presented the first MusicFest@SGH Campus in 2013 with the support of Novartis. The success of this first edition saw the event returning in 2014 with 285 performers serenading patients, visitors and staff with over 38 hours of music.

"With MusicFest@SGH Campus, we hope that the soothing songs flowing through the wards, walkways and clinical areas will make a difference to our patients and visitors. Music has a therapeutic impact, and it is through such initiatives under our SGH Arts for Health programme that we hope to create an environment conducive for restoring the body and mind. We are especially grateful to our volunteers and supporters for giving their time to make this year's event bigger and better, bringing



music to those who otherwise would not be able to access it.” explains Ms Mumtaj Ibrahim, Community Relations Manager, SGH.

Nathalie Ribette, artistic and executive director of Sing’theatre, notes, “The connections that performers make with the patients are very powerful and bring so much joy to them and the people around them. It is a testament to the healing power of music. It is why MusicFest@SGH Campus has become an event that we look forward to every year.”

“Novartis Singapore has been collaborating very closely with Sing’theatre and the Singapore General Hospital in MusicFest@SGH since 2013. Following the enormous success of MusicFest@SGH over the last two years as well as in keeping with the spirit of celebrating 50 years of Singapore’s history, we are delighted to once again support this year’s event. At Novartis, we place an important emphasis on activities which bring us closer to the communities within which we live and work. MusicFest represents a perfect opportunity to help us with this ambition,” added Mr Chris Snook, Novartis Country President Singapore.

MusicFest@SGH Campus is a free event with everyone welcome to attend the performances held in public spaces, including the concert finale. Performances in the wards and chemotherapy rooms will be restricted to patients only. **MusicFest@SGH Campus will happen on 19 June 2015 from 10am to 8pm.**



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About Singapore General Hospital

Singapore General Hospital (SGH), a member of Singapore Health Services, is the public sector's flagship hospital. Established in 1821, SGH is Singapore's largest acute tertiary hospital with 1,600 beds and national referral centre offering a comprehensive range of 36 clinical specialties on its campus. Every year, about 1 million Singaporeans benefit from advanced medical care delivered by its 800 specialists. As an academic healthcare institution and the bedrock of medical education, SGH plays a key role in nurturing doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, and is committed to innovative translational and clinical research in her continual strive to provide the best care and outcomes to her patients.

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About the SGH Arts for Health

Into its 16th year, the SGH Arts for Health programme aims to promote good health and improve quality of care to patients in the hospital through various creative and therapeutic art forms. Through visual and performing arts, the programme seeks to enhance the physical, social and emotional well-being of our patients and visitors. By partnering community organisations, arts groups and artists, SGH is able to play a part in supporting and developing the arts by providing alternative platforms within the healthcare settings. Arts for Health is supported by the National Arts Council.

About Sing'theatre

Sing'theatre is a non-profit theatre company created in 2006 to promote cultural exchanges and contribute to Singapore's nationwide efforts to bring arts and culture to everyone, everywhere, every day.

It is the first local company to produce shows in English, with Singapore-based artists, drawing on French cultural heritage.

Following Sing'theatre's efforts to build bridges and mutual understanding between



European and Singaporean cultures, Sing'theatre was recognized in May 2011 by the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA) for its contribution to Singapore and was granted Institution of Public Character status (IPC).

For the past 8 years, Sing'theatre has staged productions presenting iconic French and European singers, as well as plays and musicals written in Singapore.

About Novartis

Novartis provides innovative healthcare solutions that address the evolving needs of patients and societies. Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Novartis offers a diversified portfolio to best meet these needs: innovative medicines, eye care and cost-saving generic pharmaceuticals. Novartis is the only global company with leading positions in these areas. In 2014, the Group achieved net sales of USD 58.0 billion, while R&D throughout the Group amounted to approximately USD 9.9 billion (USD 9.6 billion excluding impairment and amortization charges). Novartis Group companies employ approximately 120,000 full-time-equivalent associates. Novartis products are available in more than 180 countries around the world. For more information, please visit <http://www.novartis.com>.

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Highlighted Artists:

Cat Ong & Friends

Cat is a down-to-earth singer-songwriter who desires to connect with people through her music. She is no stranger to the music scene in Singapore, having started her music career in the '70s. Since then, she has performed widely locally and internationally. With her friends she will sing everyone's favourite BEATLES hits.

David Ng (Cat Ong & Friends)

David Ng is a professional acoustic guitar player and singer in Singapore with almost 30 years of experience for stage performances. Over the years, he has entertained crowds in the international scene as well as local venues like Java Jive, Dada, Papa Joe's, Bibi's, JD's, The Derby, Caesar's, Wala-Wala, Tanglin Club, Ballymoon, Muddy Murphys', Hard Rock Café, Indochine, Balaclava, Acid Bar, Novus, Paulaner, Bar Stop, Harry's, Mandarin Hotel, Resorts World, Marina Bay Sands, Esplanade and many more. He is also a familiar face in some of the local concerts held here in Singapore, playing with many bands. He has also backed local female rocker Wendy Koh, award-winning talent Tanya Chua, and has toured with international artiste Angela Brown.

He is currently a full time guitar teacher and part-time musician. Have been involved in recording sessions in studios for many years. Today, he maintains his passion by playing at functions and events. With a flair for chordal fluency and creativity, David has had extensive experience in the recording studio, playing, arranging and producing.



Jocelyn Ong (Cat Ong & Friends)

Jocelyn Ong is a certified voice teacher with the Institute for Vocal Advancement (USA) and has been working full-time in the music industry for the past 5 years.

Her gig repertoire includes venues such as Marina Bay Sands, St. James Power Station, Temasek Club, Timbre, The Regent Hotel, The Esplanade, No Black Tie (KL, Malaysia), Shy Rooftop (Jakarta, Indonesia), The Swan Lounge (Perth, Australia), and many other local and international venues.

She was also a session vocalist at the National Day Parade '06, performed live at the 2010 Singapore Radio Awards, performed to the Singapore Members of Parliament in 2014 and is currently involved in a recording project of her own original songs.

Lebbeus Lau Jia Hui (Cat Ong & Friends)

Lebbeus is the owner of Guitar Emerge, a company that provides guitar training and education. He has attained both Yamaha Grade 8 classical guitar and Trinity Rockscool Grade 8 Electric guitar.

Currently he teaches in many primary schools and is a MOE certified trainer (AMIS). On his own, he has over 40 students under his care. Lebbeus was engaged to play guitar in many national christian conferences like FOP, Ignite Conference, Synergiz, Global Day of Prayer. He has also done a couple of shows in Esplanade, like coffee morning and Mother's Day Special.



Daphne Khoo

Daphne's love for music and singing started at just 3 years old when she learned to play the piano and violin. She moved to Singapore at 8, a year later she won first prize in her first singing competition and a few years after was involved in the Singapore leg of Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Joseph & the Technicolor Dreamcoat' musical tour.

In February 2006 she began fronting local indie-rock outfit, West Grand Boulevard, performing at indie music festival 'Baybeats', she also co-wrote 'Fight' and 'Backwards' off the band's debut album "Waiting For You". The album was well received and the WGB was nominated for Best Breakout Band of the year at Power 98's Singapore Music Awards. 'Desperate' – Daphne's debut solo album was released late 2007, she co-produced and co-directed the album and wrote 10 of the 11 songs. The album scored Daphne Best Breakout Solo Artist at Power 98's Singapore Music Awards in 2008.

After a year at Berklee, Daphne was diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer and moved to New York for her chemotherapy. Since the completion of her chemo late 2012, Daphne has released two singles: 'Carry On', which charted #4 on the International Charts on Singapore's 98.7fm as well as 'Rooftops' in 2013. Her latest EP 'Wonderland' was released in January 2014 and was released hand in hand with her Starbucks tour which saw her through 19 shows all across Singapore. She's also graduated Berklee with Magna Cum Laude.

She's also making waves in the EDM scene, releasing 'Higher' with uprising duo Project 46 and the renown Paul Oakenfold. Her other release with Project 46, the Avicii bootleg 'Crime' also garnered a lot of attention from Progressive House fans all over the world. She went on to release 'Believe', a collaboration with a group of over 150 Swedish producers known as 'Together' for Avicii's charity – House for Hunger.



Most recently, Daphne's composition 'Greatest' has been hand picked as the official theme song for the SEA Games 2015, which will be held in Singapore. Her most recent EP 'Wonderland' toured Singapore nationwide and the title track was used for Mediacorp Cares's Volunteer Drive commercial.

Look out for more exciting music as Daphne hits the streets with a message of love and hope through the music she writes, records and performs.

Hossan Leong

Hossan Leong, *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*, is one of Singapore's most loved and recognised actors. Affectionately known as the 'Singapore Boy', Hossan continues to delight audiences on stage and on screen. A consummate performer who can sing, dance, act and play the piano, Hossan is one of Singapore's most highly sought after hosts and entertainers for corporate events and dinners.

Theatre credits include: *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *The Magic Fundoshi*, *Off Centre*, *The Full Monty*, *The Rocky Horror Show*. Directing credits include: *Company*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs*, *The Flower Drum Song*. TV credits include: *We Are Singaporeans*, *Squirks*, *Under One Roof*.

As co-founder of the Paul Carr Consultancy Pte Ltd – a Media Training Company and Double Confirm Productions Pte Ltd – an Arts & Entertainment Consultancy, Hossan also offers motivational talks and corporate training worldwide to executives, as well as drama and presentation techniques. Double Confirm's creative and corporate training services have expanded into Malaysia with the incorporation of Double Confirm Arts & Media Sdn Bhd.

Check out www.doubleconfirm.sg for more details.



Sebastian Tan

Sebastian TAN has been a Dream Academy® Artist since 2006.

Notable musical and theatre credits include the *Happy Ever Laughter* series, *Broadway Beng*® series, *Crazy Christmas*™ series, *Hansel & Gretel*, *Into The Woods*, *\$ING Dollar*, *Cinderel-LAH!*, *Snow White*, *Jack & The Beansprout*, *Asian Boys Vol. 2*, *Fried Rice Paradise*, *Twist of Fate*, *Forbidden City*, *Titoudao*, *Miss Saigon* (UK tour).

TV credits include *Payday*, *First Class – Seasons 1 & 2*, *Sayang Sayang Season 2*, *The Noose*, *Police & Thief*, *City-Spy Singapore*, *My Big Brother*, *Odd Squad*. Film credits: *The Blue Mansion* and *Judgment Day*.

Vocal recordings include TV serial theme songs: *Price of Peace* (*Best Theme Song*, *Star Awards 1997*), *Will You* (National Day 2007 theme song), and *Fire in Snow*, Chingay 2013 theme song.

Sebastian won “Best Supporting Actor” in STLife! Theatre Awards 2009 for the role “The Queen” in *Snow White* (Wild Rice). Other awards include “Best Ensemble” (STLife! Theatre Awards 2010), ‘Actor of the Year’ (Elle Awards 2007), and winner of Talent Search 1996.

He was the emcee for National Day Parade 2013 and also appeared as Broadway Beng in the Pre-Parade segment.

In 2014, Sebastian made his professional directing debut with Wild Rice’s critically-acclaimed pantomime *Monkey Goes West*, securing a Straits Times Life! Theatre Awards nomination for “Best Director”.



FAST FACTS

Title: MusicFest@SGH Campus 2015

Venue: Singapore General Hospital Campus
Outram Road, 169608 Singapore
(Nearest MRT Station: Outram Park)

Date: 19 June 2015

Time: From 10 am to 5 pm
*Finale concert featuring **Sebastian Tan as Broadway Beng©** and **Cat Ong & Friends** will be from 7 to 8 pm and will be hosted by actress **Karen Tan**.

Admission: Free.
Everyone is welcome to attend the free performances held in public spaces (lobbies, gardens, corridors, cafeterias) as well as the concert finale.