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the **Asian Premiere** of



In line with International Women's Day on 8th March, Sing'theatre celebrates WOMEN by staging this murder-mystery play turned into a critically acclaimed movie of the same name with Catherine Deneuve.

Embark on a journey that explores the depths of the female psyche: seduction, love, hate, resentment, anger, despair, tenderness and jealousy. This production captures it all!

Set in France in the 1950's, in a country mansion a few days before Christmas, the man of the house is found murdered! But who could have "dunnit"?

Isolated from the rest of the village it could only be one of the 8 women in the household. Was it his powerful and beautiful Singaporean wife (**Tan Kheng Hua**), with a knife? His spinster sister-in-law (**Serene Chen**), with poison? His miserly mother-in-law (**Neo Swee Lin**), with a rope? Or maybe it's the seductive French chambermaid (**Morgane Stroobant**) or the devoted Indian housekeeper (**Daisy Irani**), with a pillow? The perfect elder daughter (**Sophie Wee**) and the playful younger one (**Julia Abueva**) are not beyond suspicion either. A surprise visit from the victim's sister (**Kimberly Creasman**) sends the household into more confusion!

As events unfold, we discover each woman has a motive, each a plan, and someone is hiding the biggest secret of all...Murder!

This murder-mystery dark comedy, **directed by multi award-winner Samantha Scott-Blackhall** (*Freud's Last Session, Lord of the Flies, The Physicists*), will keep you entertained and guessing till the very, VERY end!

“...It's a romping night out. Rating: * * *” Daisy Bowie-Sell – The Telegraph UK – March 2011

8 WOMEN boasts a multigenerational and multicultural local stellar cast of 8 wonderful women, making it uniquely Singaporean.

“The play captured my attention from the get go, says **Samantha Scott-Blackhall**. It’s got murder, it’s got mystery and it’s got 8 women, all suspects, trapped in a house with nowhere to run! Armed with some of Singapore’s best talents, I’m very excited to showcase the once very famous French film to our audiences here. Collaborating with a creative team of geniuses: **Set Designer Wong Chee Wai** (*Freud’s Last Session, Who’s Afraid of Virginia Wolf*), **Lighting Designer James Tan** (*USITT Lighting Design Award, Real Men Fake Orgasms*), **Music Composer Kenn C** (*Best Album Producer/Composer for Stefanie Sun*) I can confess my excitement about the conceptualization of this play. After several missed windows to work with Sing’theatre we finally have a chance to embark on this production of mayhem and mystery together. And I can’t say too much, but I have a few secrets up my sleeve too...”

Sing’theatre is thrilled to welcome China Sonangol as its Presenting Sponsor for “8 WOMEN”.

“China Sonangol shares Sing’theatre’s strong belief that Arts should be accessible to everyone, everyday, everywhere. We want to support Performing Arts and the local scene and it seems to us that Sing’theatre demonstrates a natural alignment of our shared vision for the arts in Singapore. We are pleased to support Sing’theatre by being the Presenting Sponsor of their latest production ” says Mr Alain Fanaie, CEO of China Sonangol.

8 WOMEN will run from 29 March to 7 April 2013 at SOTA DRAMA THEATRE.
Ticket prices start from \$50 and will be available through SISTIC from 28 January 2013.

For more information, please visit www.singtheatre.com.

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About Sing'theatre

Sing'theatre is a non-profit theatre company created in 2006 to promote cultural exchanges and to 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.

Sing'theatre believes sharing our cultural heritage between our communities can enhance the quality of our relationships. We believe Art is a fundamental right for everyone regardless of status or health. 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**), allowing its donors and patrons **double tax exemption**.

For the past 6 years, Sing'theatre has staged one show a year with productions presenting iconic French and European singers, as well as plays and musicals written in Singapore.

The best of Singapore-based artists have performed for Sing'theatre: Hossan Leong, the late Emma Yong, Denise Tan, Robin Goh, George Chan, Tony Mc Gill, Daniel Jenkins and Lim Yu Beng.

About China Sonangol

Established in 2008, China Sonangol Land Pte Ltd is the property arm of China Sonangol Group, a conglomerate with diversified businesses in oil, gas, minerals, infrastructure and property. It was established to manage the Group's property investments and developments.

Since its incorporation, China Sonangol Land has acquired five prominent developments in Singapore and Indonesia. It acquired TwentyOne Angullia Park in 2009, EX in 2010, Sampoerna Strategic Square (50% ownership) and Amber Skye in 2011, and China Sonangol's Singapore office at Suntec Tower 1 in 2012.

In Singapore, the company takes great pride in the development of its flagship project – TwentyOne Angullia Park. Strong design statement, strategic location topped with scrupulous crafting of the interior specifications, this development is set to be the new beacon of Orchard Road.

Amber Skye - the upcoming debonair development of China Sonangol Land. Located at the coastal estate of Amber, this freehold district 15 development promises an escape from the fast pace of city life with breath-taking vistas of the sea, and majestic, unblocked views toward the city. Picture this development, with its curvilinear architectural form, standing suavely over the horizon.

8 WOMEN – FAST FACTS

Title: 8 WOMEN

Director: Samantha Scott-Blackhall

Executive Producer: Nathalie Ribette

Producer: Felina Khong

Set Designer: Wong Chee Wai

Lighting Designer: James Tan

Music Composer: Kenn C

Cast: Tan Kheng Hua
Serene Chen
Neo Swee Lin
Sophie Wee
Julia Abueva
Daisy Irani
Morgane Stroobant
Kimberly Creasman

Dates: 29 March to 7 April 2013

Venue: SOTA DRAMA THEATRE
1 Zubir Said Drive

Duration: 90 min

Ticketing: Tues-Thurs at 8pm and Sat & Sun at 4pm: \$50, \$55
Fri & Sat at 8pm: \$55, \$60

Special discounts (*except Fri. /Sat. evenings*):

Group booking (20 and +), Senior Citizens: 15%

Students: 25%

NS discount: 15%

Early birds discount 28 Jan - 8 March: "Buy 7 tickets and get the 8th one free"

Passion Card members' discount: 15%

Tickets on sale on Sistic from January 28th.

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