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## young & W!LD

in

# ***ON NORTH DIVERSION ROAD***

***By Tony Perez Directed by Jonathan Lim***

Are you ready to see some fresh faces on the stage?

Do you wonder who the next generation of theatre talents are?

Well, they're here ... they're young ...and they're W!LD.

W!LD RICE is proud to present young & W!LD, a brand new Youth Acting Ensemble in *On North Diversion Road* by Tony Perez

### ***ABOUT YOUNG & W!LD***

**young & W!LD** is a new division of W!LD RICE committed to training and nurturing Singapore's most promising young talents. This innovative actor-training programme aims to prepare Singapore's next generation of actors and theatre practitioners.

Over the past 9 months, 14 young actors underwent months of intensive workshops – exploring the many facets of theatre practice and developing their craft through a combination of theoretical exploration, critical discussion and practical project work.

Led by W!LD RICE's Associate Artistic Director Jonathan Lim, and trained by guest practitioners like Kuo Jinghong, Bang Wenfu and Sim Pern Yiau, **young & W!LD** have been exploring a wide range of theatrical forms -from Greek theatre to physical theatre, naturalism to musical theatre.

And now, they are eager to meet YOU, the audience! From June 2007, **young & W!LD** enter a new phase of their ongoing development – by presenting an exciting range of theatre productions, stretching from musical revues to Shakespeare, from international classics to local gems. **young & W!LD** seeks to offer the Singapore audience a provocative selection of rarely-seen shows of high quality, while continuing to sharpen their skills!

## **ABOUT ON NORTH DIVERSION ROAD**

Catch all 14 members of **young & W!LD**, W!LD RICE's new youth division, in action as they unveil their first production as an exciting new acting ensemble - ***On North Diversion Road***.

This powerful play by Filipino playwright Tony Perez reveals ten different couples driving along the same highway, dealing with marriage-on-the-rocks in a range of stunning and surprising ways. Like a symphony in 10 movements, the often hilarious and always heart-wrenching vignettes are woven into a gripping journey of betrayal, and the love and hate it unearths.

In ***On North Diversion Road***, the **young & W!LD** will also be taking on the responsibility of other aspects of theatre by taking on other production roles, such as production management, marketing and costume design.

**\*\*\*Advisory: Adult Themes and Some Strong Language (16 years and above)\*\*\***

## **YOUNG & W!LD – WHO THEY ARE**

The 14 outstanding young actors in **young & W!LD** hail from a wide variety of backgrounds and collectively boast an impressive scope of theatre experience. Hand-picked through gruelling auditions, the ensemble includes emerging talents in the theatre industry as well as fresh new discoveries - the youngest of them just 17 years old! The team's varied backgrounds and multi-racial make-up also offers the ensemble greater versatility.

## **FAST FACTS: ON NORTH DIVERSION ROAD**

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| <b>Written By</b>  | : | Tony Perez   |
| <b>Directed By</b>   | : | Jonathan Lim   |
| <b>Cast</b><br><i>(please refer to appendix for biographies)</i> | : | Isabella Chiam<br>Candice de Rozario<br>Hang Qian Chou<br>Jasmine Koh<br>Jonathan Lum<br>Audrey Luo<br>Muhd Ghazali Muzakir<br>Judy Ngo<br>Daphne Ong<br>Eleanor Tan<br>Tan Shou Chen<br>Terence Tan Si Peng<br>Leslie Tay<br>Vanessa Wong |
| <b>Show Dates</b>  | : | 6 – 17 June 2007   |
| <b>Venue</b>   | : | The Arts House, Play Den   |
| <b>Time</b>  | : | 8pm (Tuesday to Friday)<br>3pm & 8pm (Saturdays and Sundays)<br>No shows on Mondays  |

**Ticket Prices** : **\$21.00 & \$15.00** (student)

**Public Sale** : from 16 April 2007  
**(15% EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT  
– BOOK by 9 MAY!)**

**Public Sale Tickets  
are available through** : The Arts House Website  
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