

# THE CAMPAIGN TO CONFER THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAR ON JBJ

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W!LD RICE Presents

## **The Campaign to Confer the Public Service Star on JBJ**

Opens 19 September 2007 | Drama Centre Theatre

**Singapore, 18 July 2007** – W!LD RICE announced today that *The Campaign to Confer the Public Service Star on JBJ* will be brought back for a limited season this September. First staged at the Singapore Theatre Festival, the hilarious political satire was completely sold out, and garnered nominations for Best Production and Best Original Script at the ST Life! Theatre awards 2007.

Written by celebrated playwright and lawyer, Eleanor Wong, with her characteristic incisiveness, boldness and razor sharp wit, *The Campaign to Confer the Public Service Star on JBJ* is directed by W!LD RICE's Artistic Director Ivan Heng. For this new and updated version of the play, Heng will collaborate with acclaimed visual artist and film-maker Brian Gothong Tan to create a new multi-media dimension to the show.

With Pam Oei and Rodney Oliveiro reprising their acclaimed performances and a rousing soundtrack by iconic rock band Queen, this is a side-splitting, thought-provoking roller-coaster ride.

If you missed this **SMASH HIT** comedy of last year, here's your last chance to catch it again!

### **THE STORY OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CONFER THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAR ON JBJ**

David Lee, NUS student and President of the Association of Students for Self Expression (ASS), takes it upon himself to launch The Campaign to Confer the Public Service Star on JBJ. His plucky project takes him on an amazing adventure with both expected and surprising twists and turns.

Clara Tang, rising star of the Civil Service, is tasked to exercise damage control. In the most challenging mission of her career, she finds herself navigating the maze of New Singapore and Old Constraints.

*The Campaign to Confer the Public Service Star on JBJ* is a tongue-in-cheek look at the perceived (or otherwise) boundaries of fearless expression in Singapore. This fantastical account of an unlikely petition to publicly recognise an unsung hero, unfolds into a wildly imaginative "what if" exploration of possible official reactions. So, could such a campaign be possible in the "New Singapore"?...

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## **Audience Advisory:**

"Contains whimsy, satire, parody and copious amounts of exaggerated comedy. If you are on a strict diet of literal fare or are easily offended by irreverence, please consult your MP before attending."

## **RAVE REVIEWS FOR THE CAMPAIGN TO CONFER THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAR ON JBJ**

**"It was all darn funny...A treasure trove of satirical references to present-day Singapore."**  
~ *SPH The Business Times*

**"Eleanor Wong's play is one of the best in recent times... The production was the sort of offering I had come to expect from WILD RICE – theatre that was accessible and intelligent, which combined serious intent with serious entertainment."**  
~ *SPH, The Straits Times Life!*

**"One of the best satires of Singapore governance."**  
~ *The Flying Inkpot*

## **JBJ FAST FACTS**

<b>Written By</b>	:	Eleanor Wong
<b>Directed By</b>	:	Ivan Heng
<b>Cast</b>	:	Pam Oei as Clara Tang & others Rodney Oliveiro as David Lee & others
<b>Multi-media Artist</b>	:	Brian Gothong Tan
<b>Set Design</b>	:	Ivan Heng and Brian Gothong Tan
<b>Lighting Design</b>	:	Mac Chan
<b>Costumes</b>	:	Moe Kasim
<b>Hair &amp; Wigs</b>	:	Ashley Lim
<b>Show Dates</b>	:	From 21 September 2007 (Preview Shows on 19 & 20 September)
<b>Venue</b>	:	Drama Centre Theatre @ National Library, Victoria Street

# THE CAMPAIGN TO CONFER THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAR ON JBJ

<b>Time</b>	:	8pm (Tuesday to Friday) 3pm & 8pm (Saturdays) 3pm only (Sundays) No shows on Mondays
<b>Ticket Prices</b>	:	from \$33.00
<b>Public Sale</b>	:	from 30 July 2007
<b>Discounts</b>	:	<b>EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT</b> SAVE 15% when you purchase tickets by 22 August. Discount available for all ticket categories.
<b>Group/Corporate/ School Bookings</b>	:	<b>AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING NOW!</b> For bookings, please contact Debbie Ng at <a href="mailto:debbieng@wildrice.com.sg">debbieng@wildrice.com.sg</a> or <b>6292 2695</b> , for group / corporate bookings of 20 or more tickets.
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