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## 12th ANNUAL WILD RICE BALL IS A ROYAL SUCCESS

10 October 2013 – Last Friday, WILD RICE enjoyed a resounding success with the twelfth edition of its annual charity gala, The (Very) Royal Ball. Presented by Hublot, the world's leading alchemist of revolutionary timepieces, the Ball was a completely sold-out affair, hosting 693 guests at 68 tables. More than \$500,000 was raised during the course of the evening.

On top of the kind donations of our kind sponsors and supporters, WILD RICE held a silent auction for the King Power Royale – an exquisite *piece unique* timepiece designed exclusively for WILD RICE by Hublot. The auction fetched S\$43,000 from a generous individual who prefers to remain anonymous.

"We need art," proclaimed Jean-Claude Biver, CEO of Hublot, who had flown in from Switzerland for the express purpose of attending the Ball. "We need creativity. We need imagination. Art is nothing else but the expression of love."

Hublot's timepieces were paired with design maestro Frederick Lee's *haute couture* creations in a dazzling runway show, which kicked off the evening's revelries. Hosted by veteran performer Pam Oei, the Royal Command Variety Performance featured exhilarating numbers starring Ivan Heng, Hossan Leong, Matilda d'Silva, and nine-year-old Lauren Yeo, whose performance of *O Mio Babbino Caro* received a standing ovation.

Guests at the Ball enjoyed a sumptuous five-course dinner prepared especially by Colin Buchan, head chef of the Michelin-starred restaurant Pollen, in collaboration with Shangri-La Hotel's Executive Chef.

"We are deeply grateful to Hublot and all the benefactors of the Rice Ball," Heng, Artistic Director of WILD RICE, says. "This event is a veritable lifeline for Wild Rice, enabling us to plan both artistically and financially for the future. The proceeds will go towards our productions as well as our outreach and education projects."



## THE (VERY) ROYAL BALL FAST FACTS

<b>Number of Guests</b>	:	693
<b>Edition Number</b>	:	12
<b>Directed By</b>	:	Ivan Heng & Glen Goei
<b>Musical Direction</b>	:	Elaine Chan
<b>Choreography</b>	:	Lisa Keegan
<b>Fashion Choreographer</b>	:	Daniel Boey
<b>Costume Design</b>	:	Mothar Kasim & Frederick Lee
<b>Hair Design</b>	:	Ashley Lim
<b>Make-up Design</b>	:	Beno Lim (M.A.C.)
<b>Multi-media Design</b>	:	Brian Gothong Tan
<b>Performers</b>	:	DJ Keith Colaco Mathilda D'Silva Glen Goei Ivan Heng Hossan Leong Pam Oei Lauren Yeo
<b>Date</b>	:	Friday, 4 October 2013
<b>Venue</b>	:	Island Ballroom, The Shangri-La Hotel
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