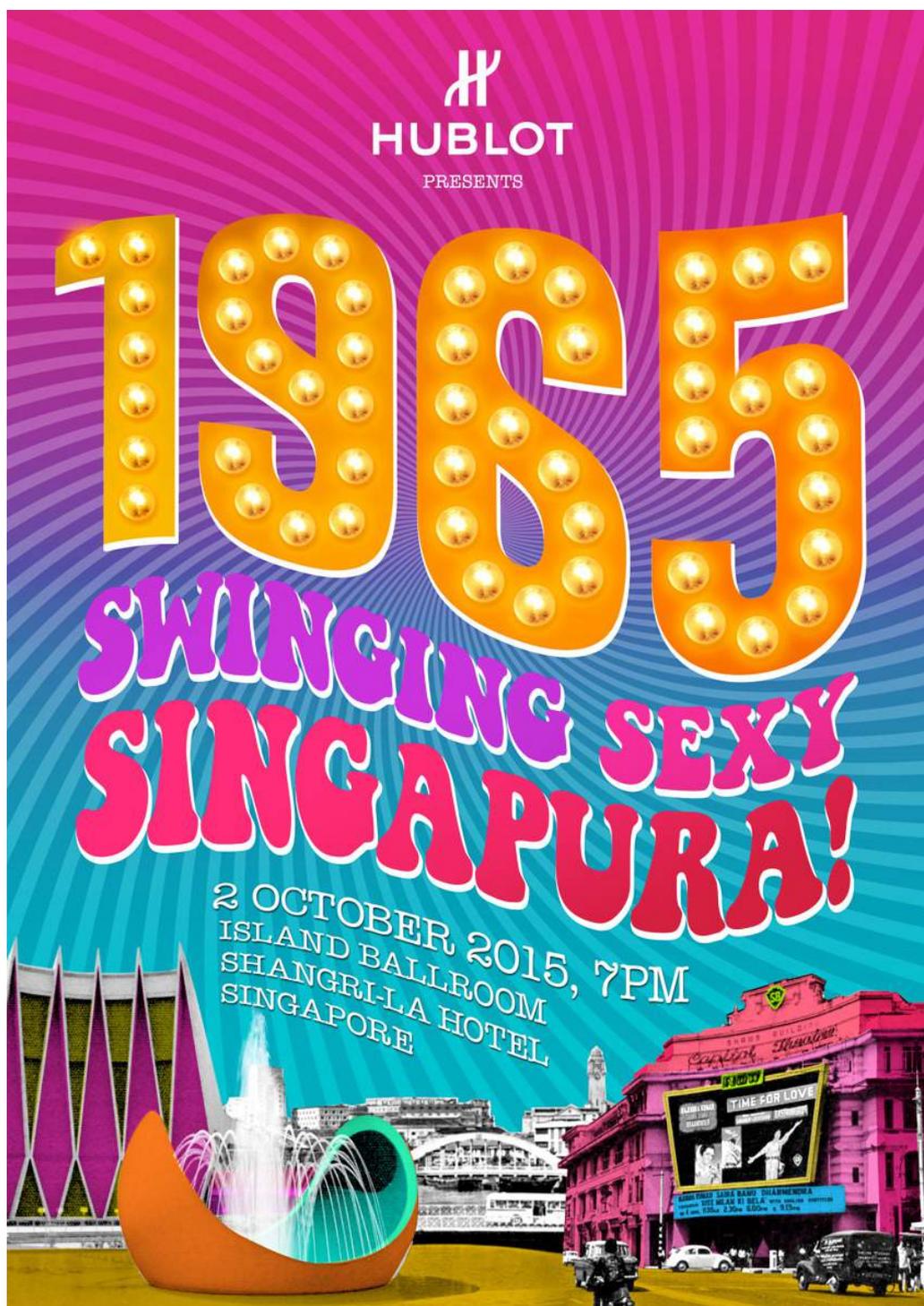


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“1965: SWINGING SEXY SINGAPURA”
The 14th Annual WILD RICE Charity Gala
Friday 2 October 2015, 7.00pm
Island Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel

GET INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

WILD RICE is thrilled to announce the 14th edition of the RICE BALL, one of the most highly anticipated events on Singapore's social calendar. Presented by Hublot, the world's leading alchemist of revolutionary timepieces, *1965: Swinging Sexy Singapura* will transport guests back to the Swinging '60s – a time when the streets and clubs of Singapore were already abuzz with life, noise and music, and history was being made every day.

Ivan Heng, Artistic Director of WILD RICE, says, "In this SG50 year, we have been presented with various versions and visions of Singapore in the 1960s. We wanted to recreate this bustling city as it was then, with its thriving nightlife and sparkling cabarets, and invite our supporters to dive back into history with us. Not only will they get the opportunity to revisit the Sexy, Swinging '60s, they'll be helping WILD RICE tremendously with its mission to create theatre that reflects, explores and celebrates Singapore."

The Swinging '60s

In celebration of Singapore's Golden Jubilee, as well as the 15th anniversary of Singapore's leading theatre company, *1965: Swinging Sexy Singapura* will take you on a saucy, spicy and very Singaporean trip to the swinging 1960s.

Travel back to a time when Singapore was already a cosmopolitan city, blending and bridging East and West with nary a swamp or mudflat in sight! In a heady cocktail of glamour, music and history, rediscover the bustling port that was then known as the Hollywood of the East.

Have a blast in the past as we serve up a sumptuous banquet celebrating the richness and diversity of local cuisine. Revisit the glitz and sparkle of Singapore's hedonistic club scene – from Tropicana to Barbarella, via Bugis Street – in *Cabaret 65*, a variety show directed by Ivan Heng and Glen Goei and featuring a galaxy of Singapore's brightest stars led by Pam Oei, Kumar and Judee Tan.

As DJ Keith Colaco once again transforms the dance floor into a musical fever dream, cha-cha your way into the wee hours of the morning to the rollicking tunes of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Supremes. Trust us – your A Go Go boots were *not* made for walking!

Marvel at Hublot's parade of signature Big Bang timepieces, which commemorates yet another significant milestone in their watchmaking journey



as 2015 marks the iconic Big Bang series' tenth anniversary. With the help of long-time partner and luxury watch retailer The Hour Glass, Hublot joins in the celebration of our nation's jubilee with the 'Red Dot' Bang, a set of timepieces exclusive to Singapore. Alongside these commemorative timepieces are Hublot's contemporary, bold offerings, such as the exquisite Big Bang Pop Art, which is an ode to the pop art era of the early 1960s and apposite to this year's ball. These lavish timepieces will be sure to dazzle and captivate throughout the evening!

1965: Swinging Sexy Singapura is the most highly-anticipated event of the fundraising season. Dress to impress in Swinging '60s style, and join WILD RICE for a thrilling, entertaining and sophisticated evening to remember!

Donation tables, each seating 10 guests, are now available. For more details, please e-mail riceball@wildrice.com.sg or call Katherine Khoo at Tel: 6292 2695. Tables are priced at \$20,000, \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$6,000. As WILD RICE is a Singapore Registered Charity, all donations will be eligible for 300% tax deduction.

‘1965: SWINGING SEXY SINGAPURA’ FAST FACTS

Number of Guests	:	650
Edition Number	:	14
Directed By	:	Glen Goei & Ivan Heng
Musical Direction	:	Elaine Chan
Choreography	:	Lisa Keegan
Set Design	:	CK Chia
Sound Design	:	Shah Tahir
Costume Design	:	Mothar Kasim & Frederick Lee
Hair Design	:	Ashley Lim
Make Up Design	:	Beno Lim (M.A.C.)
Date	:	Friday 2 October 2015
Venue	:	Island Ballroom, The Shangri-La Hotel
Time	:	7.00pm
Table Prices	:	\$20,000, \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$6,000
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About the RICE BALL

The RICE BALL, now in its 14th edition, has distinguished itself as one of Singapore's most entertaining and creative fundraising events, not least because of its trademark all-star concerts.

Annually, Singapore's great and good, the members of its social and business elite, come together to show their support for WILD RICE as it continues to fulfil its mission of creating significant, inclusive and innovative works that inspire audiences in Singapore and around the world.

Every RICE BALL is guaranteed to be fun-filled and WILD, with guests dressed to the nines according to the night's theme, supping on a gastronomic feast created by the island's best chefs and enjoying a concert that showcases Singapore's best theatre talents.

WILD RICE, like all other major theatre companies from around the world, looks to the generosity and support of benefactors, patrons and sponsors in order to do its work. All funds raised from the evening's festivities will go directly towards supporting artistic and educational programming at WILD RICE.



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About Hublot

Hublot, the exclusive story of fusion

“Hublot! A different way to progress,” say those who know this unique Swiss watch company, where each and every moment moves forward to create the future at breathtaking speed. Hublot is a dream dreamt up and nurtured by Hublot Chairman Jean-Claude Biver and CEO Ricardo Guadalupe, the two men responsible for turning the brand into a genuine success story. The Big Bang, King Power, Classic Fusion and Masterpieces collections are the symbols of a constantly evolving tradition. From watch complications and revolutionary materials to world-class collaborations with FIFA World Cup™ and Ferrari, Hublot characterises itself through its “Art of Fusion” philosophy, bringing tradition into the future. Today, Hublot is looking forward, even as it builds on the impressive growth and history of the brand. The Art of Fusion story is still being written in the combination of unconventional materials like ceramic, carbon, platinum, tantalum, tungsten, titanium and rubber with more conventional materials such as gold, platinum, steel, diamonds and precious stones; while remaining true to the Swiss watch-making tradition, enriched with the visionary creativity of the 21st century. On a commercial level, Hublot’s network of retailers has grown rapidly and currently stands at more than 60 boutiques around the world and 750 points of sale.

For more information, visit www.Hublot.com





About W!LD RICE

W!LD RICE was founded in 2000 by Ivan Heng, an internationally-acclaimed and award-winning theatre practitioner, and is recognised today as one of Singapore's leading professional theatre companies.

Our mission is to provide an open forum for the shared experience of theatre: celebrating our diversity, reflecting on the problems and possibilities of our times, and presenting productions that inspire, challenge and entertain.

A commitment to the highest standards informs every aspect of W!LD RICE's creative work, which is first and foremost a celebration of Singapore theatrical talent. By producing and touring productions that are distinctively local in flavour and yet universal in vision and concerns, the company creates memorable experiences for audiences in Singapore and across the world.

The company's exciting and varied programming for the main stage includes:

- New and original works.
- New productions of the Singapore repertoire.
- New interpretations of world classics.

The company's mission to build a theatre culture also extends to the wider community through the following divisions:

- FIRST STAGE!, a project which nurtures young talents from the ages of 5 to 12.
- young & W!LD, which identifies and develops Singapore's young theatre professionals.

W!LD RICE is committed to touring its shows internationally to raise the profile of Singapore theatre, to create an international awareness of its unique productions, and to engage its artists and collaborators in creative dialogues with the international arts community. Its distinctively Singaporean productions have won great acclaim in major international arts festivals in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand and Russia.

In August 2006, W!LD RICE presented the inaugural Singapore Theatre Festival, a biennial new writing festival committed to developing, presenting and promoting Singapore theatre. Renamed the OCBC Singapore Theatre Festival in 2008 and MAN Singapore Theatre Festival in 2011, this festival has to date produced 22 World Premieres of new Singapore writing, and has been hailed as "the main event in the world of the arts" (SPH The Straits Times), and the "Blockbuster Event of the Year" (TODAY, 2008).

In July 2013, W!LD RICE launched In The Spotlight, a festival commissioning and presenting a representative survey of a local playwright's body of work. The inaugural festival shone a spotlight on our resident playwright, Alfian Sa'at.



Praise for W!LD RICE

Clearly, one of the most dynamic, innovative and
exciting theatre companies in town!
- 938LIVE, Singapore

Theatre that's accessible and intelligent, which combines
serious intent with serious entertainment.
- SPH The Straits Times

Always the sense that you are attending a theatrical event.
- The Flying Inkpot

Exciting and hugely entertaining... This is rich and tender theatre!
- South China Morning Post, Hong Kong

Moving, funny and accomplished. The stage bristles with invention.
- The Dominion Post, New Zealand

Bold and insightful. Scintillatingly funny and thought provoking.
- SPH The Business Times

This is entertaining and challenging theatre.
-The Age, Australia

The zenith of finely wrought artistry.
-The Arts Magazine, Singapore



RICE BALL 2014

NIGHT SAFARI: TAKE A WALK ON THE W!LD SIDE

On 3 October 2014, W!LD RICE invited all manner of creatures, beasts and esteemed guests into the **NIGHT SAFARI** – the thirteenth edition of our annual charity gala. Presented by Hublot for the third year in a row, the RICE BALL was a W!LD success.

The 661 guests for the night were ushered into the foyer of the Shangri-La Hotel's Island Ballroom, where they could pose for some nature photography with a live albino python.

Jannie Chan, Executive Vice-Chairman of The Hour Glass, represented Hublot in welcoming guests to the BALL. She praised the collaboration between W!LD RICE and Hublot, highlighting the values shared by the two companies: a deep appreciation of the craft and passion involved in creating art, whether in the realm of theatre or timepieces.

Kicking off the evening's revelries was a stunning runway show, featuring Hublot's exquisite timepieces and design maestro Frederick Lee's *haute couture* creations – all inspired by wildlife.

Hosted by theatre veteran Hossan Leong, the **NIGHT SAFARI** Concert featured exhilarating numbers starring the best and brightest theatre talents Singapore has to offer – from Ivan Heng and Pam Oei to Kimberly Chan and the Martial House kids from *Monkey Goes West* – all capped off by a thrilling performance by West End star Ria Jones.

"I love, love, love coming here because everyone is just so passionate about what they do," said Ria, before launching into spectacular renditions of *Rise Like A Phoenix* and *I Am What I Am*.

Guests at the Ball enjoyed a sumptuous five-course dinner prepared especially by Chef Valentino of Ristorante Da Valentino, in collaboration with Shangri-La Hotel's Executive Sous Chef Nicola Coccia.

"To be 'wild' is to be free," said Ivan during the BALL, which raised close to \$800,000. "To be wild is to be able to grow independently. To be wild is to be extraordinary, to think outside the box, to break the rules, to do the impossible."

"That's why the RICE BALL is such a vitally important event for W!LD RICE,"

he added. “The generous support of each and every one of you is what empowers us to be truly WILD in the work we do and the community we serve!”







