

SINGAPORE D A N C E T H E A T R E

## **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR | JANEK SCHERGEN**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### MEDIA CONTACT

Melissa Tan Senior Executive, Marketing & PR <u>melissat@singaporedancetheatre.com</u>

Lincoln Koh Act. Marketing Manager lincoln@singaporedancetheatre.com

Office: (65) 6338 0611 Fax: (65) 6338 9748 www.singaporedancetheatre.com

# Singapore Dance Theatre presents Peter & Blue's Birthday Party Choreography and Story by Janek Schergen 26 – 29 September 2013 | Esplanade Theatre Studio

From 26 – 29 September, Singapore Dance Theatre presents *Peter & Blue's Birthday Party*, a celebration in conjunction with SDT's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Performed at the Esplanade Theatre studio, this hour-long children's ballet production brings together meaningful morals in a time of fun and adventure.

SDT's annual children season performance, returns after the successful productions of *Peter and Blue's Forest Adventure* in 2010 and 2011 and *Peter and Blue go Around the World* in 2012. This latest staging is a sequel to the two ballets and will see the return of your favourite and familiar characters – Peter, his dog Blue and his cat Calico, the mischievous Blueberry Boys, the lovely Apple Blossom girls and all their friends from the forest. The ever-inquisitive trio, Peter, Blue and Calico, will embark on yet another magical adventure, ending with unexpected surprise to celebrate Peter's birthday.

Along with children's activities such as meet-the-characters and photo-taking session, this is a perfect family outing not to be missed!

### FAST FACTS

Title	:	Peter and Blue's Birthday Party	
Date	:	26 – 29 September 2013 (Thursday – Sunday)	
Venue	:	Esplanade Theatre Studio	
Time	:	11am & 2pm	
Ticket prices	:	\$25	
		Discounts available for:	

- Children (Ages 12 and below)
- Students/NSF/Senior Citizens
- Package for 4 at \$80
- Group Bookings

# Tickets are available through all SISTIC outlets and SDT office from 26 July onwards.



### ARTISTIC TEAM

#### **Dancers for Season 2013**

#### **Artistic Team**

Artistic Director	Janek Schergen					
Ballet Master	Mohamed Noor Sarman					
Senior Artists	Chihiro Uchida	Rosa Park	Chen Peng			
First Artist	Heidi Zolker Timothy Coleman	Chen Wei Zhao Jun	Kenya Nakamura			
Artists	Akira Nakahama Iori Araya Marina Yatsushiro Tomoko Takahashi	Alison Carroll Li Jie Nanase Tanaka Xu Lei Ting	Ayami Miyata Maughan Jemesen Nonoko Tanaka	Chua Bi Ru May Yen Cheah Sun Hong Lei		
	Calogero Failla Luis Piva	Etienne Ferrère Lewis Gardner	Kensuke Yorozu Nazer Salgado	Jason Carter Ryo Suzuki		
Apprentices	Beatrice Castaneda Lee Jia Xi	Huo Liang Natalie Debono	Kwok Min Yi	Lisha Chin		

### THE COMPANY

The Singapore Dance Theatre (SDT) celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! SDT was founded in 1988 by Goh Soo Khim and Anthony Then. Since then, SDT has developed into Singapore's premier professional dance company comprising 37 dancers. In the course of each year, the Company performs six main seasons, including the widely popular *Ballet Under The Stars* at the Fort Canning Park, two full length classics, *Masterpiece in Motion* which brings together three works of the finest international choreography and *Passages* Contemporary Season.

As an ambassador for dance and for Singapore, the company aims to be an internationally well-regarded professional dance company that is known for its unique ability to shine in classical, neo-classical and contemporary repertoire with works that are timeless and inspiring.

The Company's repertoire ranges from classical to contemporary ballet, from renowned choreographers like Goh Choo San, George Balanchine, Nacho Duato, Jiri Kylian, Stanton Welch, Marie-Claude Pietragalla, Xing Liang, Natalie Weir, Val Caniparoli, Graham Lustig, David Dawson, Jorma Elo, Edmund Stripe, Adrian Burnett, Edwaard Liang, Nils Christe, Toru Shimazaki and Christina Chan.

In 2009, Janek Schergen took over the post of Artistic Director of SDT. Under his leadership, the Company has made new achievements in the international and Singapore dance arena. Janek is also the Artistic Director of the Choo-San Goh & H. Robert Magee Foundation which oversees the production of Choo San Goh's ballets.

SDT actively reaches out to the public to create greater awareness of dance through outreach to schools with its Arts Education Programme, Dance Appreciation Series (jointly presented with Esplanade Co.), Adults Dance Classes, Scholars Programme for students considering dancing as a career, *Passages* choreographic workshop focusing on local emerging talents and One @ The Ballet, an initiative to help the public gain a better understanding of the different aspects of dance.

In 2013, SDT moved to a new premise with four state of the art studios. Additionally the Company will be enhancing efforts in Education and Outreach, bringing greater awareness and appreciation for dance to a wider audience.

### SDT REPERTOIRE 2009 - 2013

Swan Lake Choreography after Petipa/Ivanov Staging Janek Schergen

Cinderella Choreography Graham Lustig Created for SDT

**Glow-Stop** Choreography Jorma Elo

A Million Kisses To My Skin Choreography David Dawson

Piano Concerto #2, Opus 102 Choreography Edmund Stripe Created for SDT

**Concerto Barocco** Choreography George Balanchine

**Unknown Territory** Choreography Goh Choo San

Raymonda Divertissements Choreography Marius Petipa

**Double Contrasts** Choreography Goh Choo San

Pellucid Choreography Kuik Swee Boon Created for SDT

Sometimes I Think I Remember Choreography Jeffrey Tan Created for SDT

Evening at the Ritz Choreography Molly Lynch Created for SDT

**Giselle** Choreography after Coralli / Derrot Staging Janek Schergen Allegro Brilliante Choreography George Balanchine

**Don Quixote Pas De Deux** Choreography Marius Petipa

Peter & Blues Forest Adventure Choreography Janek Schergen

**Oneiros** Choreography Adrian Burnett Created for SDT

Sleeping Beauty Choreography after Marius Petipa Staging Janek Schergen

Hold The Fourth Choreography Daniel Roberts Created for SDT

As Above So Below Choreography Edwaard Liang Created for SDT

Nameless Choreography Xing Liang Created for SDT

Serenade Choreography George Balanchine

**Romeo and Juliet** Choreography Goh Choo San

The Winds of Zephyrus Choreography Edwaard Liang Created for SDT

Maninyas Choreography Stanton Welch

Fearful Symmetries Choreography Nils Christe The Nutcracker Choreography and Staging Janek Schergen Created for SDT

Paquita Choreography after Marius Petipa

**ZIN!** Choreography Nils Christie

Age of Innocence Choreography Edwaard Liang

Chant Choreography Val Caniparoli Created for SDT

Organ Concerto Choreography Nils Christie Created for SDT

Jabula Choreography Natalie Weir

**Divertimento No. 15** Choreography George Balanchine

Peter & Blue Go Around The World Choreography Janek Schergen Created for SDT

Absence of Story Choreography Toru Shimazaki

Waiting... Choreography Christina Chan Created for SDT

**Coppélia** Choreography after Arthur Saint-Léon Staging Janek Schergen

**Opus 25** Choreography Edwaard Liang Created for SDT

### **REPERTOIRE ADDITIONS - 2013**

Theme and Variations Choreography George Balanchine

New Works by Natalie Weir Kinsun Chan Christina Chan

