

Singapore Dance Theatre presents Peter & Blue Go Around the World 30 May – 2 June 2019 | Esplanade Theatre Studio

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Singapore Dance Theatre (SDT) will be presenting the children ballet, *Peter & Blue Go Around the World* from 30 May – 2 June 2019 at the Esplanade Theatre Studio. Choreographed by Janek Schergen, this is an hour-long production which brings together the magic of fairy-tale and delightful dancing.

"Peter and Blue has established itself, over the past ten years, as some of Singapore Dance Theatre's happiest annual performances. The dancers get a big thrill out of the immediate response in performing for a young audience and bringing them into the world inhabited by Peter, his dog Blue and cat, Calico, with all their friends and adventures. This year, we bring you the largest production of the whole Peter and Blue story with Peter and Blue Go Around the World. Young audiences have a unique perspective into the performance arts and it is through this exposure to dance, as an art form, that a pure joy can be witnessed. Sight, sound and imagination are all brought into the experience and the joy and pleasure of the performance can remain with you long after the actual event. This year, we join Peter and his group of friends for their travels around the world that will prove to be unforgettable!" says artistic director Janek Schergen.

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

Synopsis

Peter has always been a boy who is full of excitement, and adventures are irresistible temptations to him. Peter's mother and father have always encouraged and given him the freedom to explore the world around him as Peter has proven himself worthy of their trust. So imagine their surprise, when one afternoon he comes home and says that he'd just been around the world...

One day, Mr. and Mrs. Strawberry, the guardians of the woodland forest, meet Peter and he tells them about how much he wishes to see the whole world. It is to Peter's delight that Mr. and Mrs. Strawberry have a magic boat that can take them to anywhere in the world and back in no time at all!

Peter takes his dog, Blue and his cat, Calico along with him on this adventure. Mr. and Mrs. Strawberry send the Blueberry boys along with them as guardians. Their first stop is Japan, where they make new friends and explore more of Japan than they thought possible. Next, Peter journeys to China where he marvels at the wonders of a big country and taste every kinds of food. Peter always wished to visit the capitals of Europe, and his dream comes true as he travels though France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and England. Just across the ocean, they ventured into the United States of America as their last stop before going home.

Peter has travelled to more places than he could have ever dreamt of. Through his adventure around the world, Peter has been on a plane, boat, train, bicycle, and so much more. After all the excitement, Peter tells his parents that travelling is really fun and great, but home is still best! That is until next time.

FAST FACTS

Title : Peter & Blue Go Around the World

Date : 30 May – 2 June 2019 (Thursday - Sunday)

Venue : Esplanade Theatre Studio

Time : 11am & 2pm

Ticket prices: \$30 (SISTIC fee applies)

20% concessions for:

Children aged 12 and below/Students/NSF/Senior Citizens

Ticket Sales Date: General Sales: 25 February – 2 June 2019

Tickets are available at all authorised SISTIC outlets and SDT Office. Email <u>ticketing@singaporedancetheatre.com</u> or call 6338 0611 for ticket enquires.

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ARTISTIC TEAM

Artistic Director	Janek Schergen			
Ballet Master	Mohamed Noor Sarman			
Principal Artists	Chihiro Uchida	Etienne Ferrère	Kenya Nakamura	
First Artist	Akira Nakahama May Yen Cheah	Chua Bi Ru Huo Liang	Elaine Heng Jason Carter	Kwok Min Yi Kensuke Yorozu
Artists	Beatrice Castañeda Leane Lim Nanase Tanaka Yayoi Matches	Henriette Garcia Ma Ni Sun Hong Lei Yeo Chan Yee	Jessica Garside Mai Suzuki Tamana Watanabe	Kana Minegishi Marina Yatsushiro Valerie Yeo
	Ivan Koh Reece Hudson Takeaki Miura	Jasper Arran Reo Mizuno Timothy Ng	Jeremie Gan Satoru Agetsuma	Justin Zee Shan Del Vecchio
Apprentices	Felicia Er	Ma Xiaoyu	Sayaka Yamauchi	Erivan Garioli
Trainees	Esen Thang	Reiko Tan		

THE COMPANY

SDT was founded in 1988 by Goh Soo Khim and Anthony Then. Since then, SDT has developed into Singapore's premiere professional dance company comprising of 39 dancers plus trainees. 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.

The Company's repertoire ranges from 19th century traditional classical to contemporary works, from renowned choreographers like Choo-San Goh, George Balanchine, Stanton Welch, Natalie Weir, Val Caniparoli, Edmund Stripe, Kinsun Chan, Edwaard Liang, Nils Christe, Toru Shimazaki, Christina Chan, Ma Cong, Timothy Harbour and most recently, Timothy Rushton.

In 2008, Janek Schergen was appointed as the Artistic Director of SDT, after his extensive involvement with SDT since its inception years in 1988. Under his leadership, the Company has made new achievements in the international and Singapore dance arena. In the last ten years, the Company has added 30 world premieres and 19 company premieres and new productions to the repertoire, in addition to numerous revivals of the existing Company's repertoire. Janek is also the Artistic Director of the Choo-San Goh & H. Robert Magee Foundation which oversees the licensing and production of Choo San Goh's ballets and the annual Choo San Goh Awards for Choreography.

SDT has captivated audiences in Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Mexico, China, Australia, France, United States, London, Switzerland, Bangkok and recently in Laos. The Company has taken part and has performed in numerous international festivals and events, such as Le Temps d'Aimer la Danse a Biarritz in France, Mexico's Festival Internacional Cervantino, Chang Mu Arts Festival in Korea, Philippines Festival of Dance, and was part of the Victorian Arts Centre's Made to Move subscription series. SDT tours Kuala Lumpur and Penang annually, and has seen a growth in its dedicated support to the company.

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, SDT 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. Since, the Company has enhanced efforts in Education and Outreach, bringing greater awareness and appreciation for dance to a wider audience. We also cater the Ballet Associate's Course (BAC) for students who intend to develop their dance skills and techniques. Last year, we introduced Adopt an Audience to make arts accessible for everyone, including the low-income, underprivileged, and disabled in our society.

In celebration of SDT's 30th Anniversary as well as for the Nation's birthday, SDT's ballet master, Mohamed Noor Sarman choreographed the dance music video for NDP 2018 theme song 'We are Singapore'.

SDT ACTIVE REPERTOIRE LIST (2009 - 2018)

Swan Lake

Choreography after Petipa/Ivanov Staging Janek Schergen

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: Choo-San Goh

Raymonda Divertissements

Choreography: Marius Petipa

Double Contrasts

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

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

Choreography after Coralli / Derrot Staging Janek Schergen

Allegro Brillante

Choreography: George Balanchine

Peter & Blue's Forest Adventure

Choreography: Janek Schergen Created for SDT

Choreography: Adrian Burnett Created for SDT

Sleeping Beauty

Choreography after Marius Petipa Staging Janek Schergen

As Above So Below

Choreography: Edwaard Liang Created for SDT

Nameless

Choreography: Xing Liang Created for SDT

Living Greens

Choreography: Mohamed Noor Sarman

Beainninas

Choreography: Choo -San Goh

Birds of Paradise

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

In The Glow of The Night

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

Momentum

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

Variations Serieuses

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

Serenade[#]

Choreography: George Balanchine

Romeo and Juliet

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

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

Paguita

Choreography after Marius Petipa

Age of Innocence#

Choreography: Edwaard Liang

Choreography: Nils Christe

Choreography: Val Caniparoli

Created for SDT **Organ Concerto**

Choreography: Nils Christe

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

Created for SDT

Waiting...

Choreography: Christina Chan Created for SDT

Coppélia

Choreography after Arthur Saint-Léon Staging Janek Schergen

Opus 25

Choreography: Edwaard Liang Created for SDT

Fives

Choreography: Choo-San Goh

4Seasons

Choreography: Natalie Weir

Created for SDT

Lambarena

Choreography: Val Caniparoli

Theme and Variations

Choreography: George Balanchine

Peter & Blue's Birthday Party Choreography: Janek Schergen Created for SDT

Choreography: Kinsun Chan

Created for SDT

Shift or Go

Choreography: Christina Chan Created for SDT

Bittersweet

Choreography: Natalie Weir Created for SDT

Swipe'

Choreography: Val Caniparoli

Traces We Left Behind

Choreography: Christina Chan

Created for SDT

Shadow's Edge

Choreography: Ma Cong Created for SDT

Blue Snow

Choreography: Toru Shimazaki Created for SDT

Don Quixote

Choreography after Marius Petipa Staging Cynthia Harvey

Rubies *

Choreography: George Balanchine

Staging: Elyse Borne

Schubert Symphony

Choreography: Choo-San Goh Staging Janek Schergen

Bournonville Divertissements *

Choreography: August Bournonville

Midnight Waltzes

Choreography: François Klaus

Created for SDT

Bliss[#]

Choreography: Gigi Gianti

Created for SDT

Incandescent Dream#

Choreography: Max Chen Created for SDT

Sticks and Stones Choreography: Kinsun Chan

Created for SDT

Incomparable Beauty

Choreography: Ma Cong Created for SDT

Symphony in Three Movements #

Choreography: Nils Christe

Another Energy

Choreography: Timothy Harbour Created for SDT

Unfound

Choreography: Christina Chan Created for SDT

The Four Temperaments[#]

Choroegraphy: George Balanchine

13th Heaven* Choreography: Edwaard Liang

Triptych*

Choreography: Val Caniparoli

Unexpected B

Linea Adora#

Choreography: Toru Shimazaki

Choreography: Timothy Harbour

SYNC#

Choreography: Nils Christe

Evening Voices* Choreography: Tim Rushton

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