

**PRESS RELEASE  
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Singapore, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear reader,

We will soon see the light and delighted we shall be.

Bridget Tan's desperate debutante ball is about to explode with all kinds of alarm bells ringing. The Tintinnabulation will thrill our little world of Bridget Tan.

We meet the high contenders for that coveted title of the shimmering artifice known as the Cubic Zirconia of Her Majesty Kumari court, Queen Harlotte, yes the C is silent.

Prepare yourselves for a night of sheer hilarity, starring the naturally rotund **Selena Tan** as Lady Belley Good, **George Chan** as the seasonal favourite, Lady SlayBelles, **Dwayne Lau** as the delightfully dim-witted Lady DumbBelle, **Andrew Marko** as the top of the class act, Lady Belle Curve, and last but certainly not least, **Sebastian Tan** emanating with alabaster shine as Lady Belle Ring.

Witness **Kumar** as Queen Harlotte, amidst this riotous gathering of debutantes, delicately choose her Cubic Zirconia. In the grand tradition of her majesty's court, we present to you the incomparable talents of the renowned acapella group, **Vocaluptuous**. Their harmonious melodies will transport you to a bygone era, where music was pure and voices soared like nightingales. **Broadway Beng®** will regale you with stories and songs that will leave you in stitches and longing for more.

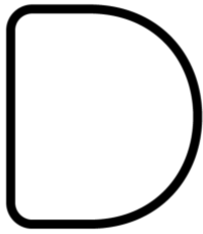
Not forgetting the **Crazy Christmas™ live band** that will serenade you with tunes that will make your hearts dance and your spirits soar. Accompanying them are the astonishing dancers from **Distinct Creative Arts**, whose graceful movements will leave you utterly mesmerized.

Get ready to laugh your socks off and be dazzled by the sparkle of this extraordinary ensemble!

Yours truly,

Lady Poon Pi Pi

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### Crazy Christmas™ Balls of the Belles

Capitol Theatre, 7-16 December 2023

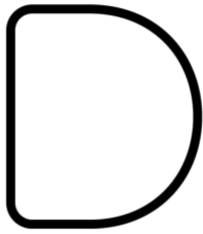
120mins, including intermission, features a bar, Rating TBA

Tickets are available exclusively through our Official Dream ticketing partner, BookMyShow ([sg.bookmyshow.com](http://sg.bookmyshow.com)).

### Special Charity Show in support of Mental Health

Dream Academy has supported various causes throughout the years and recognises the importance of addressing mental health today. Acknowledging that good mental health is a crucial factor in individuals' well-being, resilience, and creativity, Dream Academy joins hands with the **Institute of Mental Health (IMH)** to present a special charity show at 8pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Proceeds will go to the **Woodbridge Hospital Charity Fund** that funds various programmes to support patients, their caregivers and children of patients. The Fund also supports mental health research. The show line-up will vary slightly from the regular programme and features a special segment by Hossan Leong and staff of IMH.

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### **About Dream Academy®**

As a pioneering local arts and entertainment company, Dream Academy has always been committed to producing original work featuring the best of Singapore's comedic talents. It is rare for a local theatre company to contribute so regularly towards Singapore's cultural capital, in the form of both original scripts and music.

Dream Academy shows always feature cheeky and refreshingly outrageous vignettes of Singapore, Singaporeans, and current affairs. The shows provide the opportunity for us to laugh at ourselves despite our imperfections, and to celebrate our identity as a people.

Comedy and satire delivered with live music accompaniment and spectacular sets, costumes and effects, have become a trademark of Dream Academy shows.

### **Crazy Christmas™**

Since 2007, Dream Academy has been producing 'Crazy Christmas™,' a festive celebration of comedy, music and entertainment. Always featuring a star studded cast decked out in elaborate costumes, performing hilarious skits and singing classic carols. Crazy Christmas™ has become an iconic production which never fails to invoke the holiday spirit within all of us, making everyone feel right at ho ho home, during the most wonderful time of the year. From 'Hokkienised' versions of nostalgic yuletide stories like the 'groundNutcracker' or even giving a Santa-rific spin to modern tales like Crazy 'Grinch' Asians, Dream Academy continues to create endearing and memorable performances that capture the true essence of Christmas.

### **Past to Present Shows**

2007 – A Crazy Christmas™!

2008 – Another Crazy Christmas™

2010 – Crazy Christmas™ 2010

2011 – Crazy Christmas™ 2011

2012 – Crazy Christmas™ 2012

2013 – Crazy Christmas™ Ting tong Belles!

2015 – Crazy Christmas™ – A groundNUTCRAKER

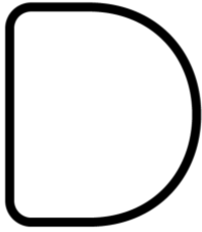
2016 – Crazy Christmas™ Dream Date 2016

2019 – Crazy Christmas™ – Crazy Grinch Asians

2020 – Crazy Christmas™ Fun-raising Concert – KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE

**2023 – Crazy Christmas™ Balls of the Belles**

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## Cast



**Selena Tan** is a two-time winning actress at the Asian Television Awards, producer, director, writer and performer.

In 2000, Selena created Dream Academy®, best known for well-loved brands Meenah and Cheenah, Crazy Christmas®, Happy Ever Laughter®, Broadway Beng®, The Hossan Leong Show, and Kumar's standup comedies at the Esplanade. Most notably, perhaps the Dim Sum Dollies® is Selena's most iconic brainchild.

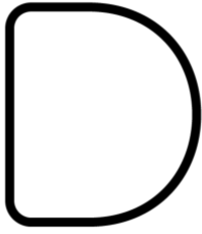
In 2013, Selena was the Creative Director for Singapore's National Day Parade. Internationally, Selena appeared in the films Rogue Trader and played as Alix Young in the 2018 Hollywood movie Crazy Rich Asians, and will be appeared in the 2022 Lionsgate film, Shotgun Wedding.



**Dwayne Lau** graduated from The NUS Theatre Studies Program (Hon) in 2007 and currently heads the Drama Department at his Church and is the drama coach of St. Anthony's Canossian Secondary.

Dwayne is a regular to comedies and musicals. Some of the shows include, Chestnuts, Broadway for Suakus, The Wizard of Oz, Treasure Island, Charlotte's Web. He was also part of the epic musical, Forbidden City where he played The Record Keeper. In 2018 and 2019 Dwayne wrote and the Directed 2 National Day – Themed Juke-Box Musicals for MINDEF's National Day Observance Ceremony (NDOC) which was performed by the Artistes of the Music and Drama Company. He was recently in HOTEL by WildRice, and Sing Theatre's CABARET where he played the lead Emcee.

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**Andrew Marko** is a stage and screen actor, voice-over artist and musician. Andrew is most known for his role as 'Joshua', a teenager with severe autism, in Pangdemonium's Production of *Falling*, for which he won a Straits Times Life Theatre Award for Best Actor.

Other notable theatre credits include: *I love you, You're perfect*, *Now Change* (Sing'Theatre); *Extinction Feast* (The Theatre Practice); *Peter Pan* in *Serangoon Gardens* (Wildrice); *Urinetown* (Pangdemonium); *Mama White Snake* (Wild Rice); *Every Brilliant Thing* (Bhumi Collective); *The Emperor's New Clothes* (Wild Rice); *Elektra* (Cake Theatre). Andrew is proudly represented by FLY Entertainment!



**George Chan** has developed his career in both the Singapore and European Arts scene. Celebrity Judge, Artistic Director, Dance Choreographer, Singer and Actor. George spent 7 years in the European Musical Theatre scene performing in over 2,000 shows. His local performances include *The Great Wall* as Emperor Qing Shi Huang, *December Rains* as Ying Xiong and *If There're Seasons* as Ah Le. Some of George's choreography work includes *Forbidden city-portrait of an Empress*, *a Singaporean in Paris*, *Dim sum dollies – the history of Singapore part 2*, *Company*, *Lim Boon Kheng the musical*. George also played the duo role of Director and Choreographer for *Jacques Brel is alive and well*, and *Living in Paris (2016)*, *Lao Jiu the musical (2012)*, *a French kiss in Singapore*, *Liao Zhai rocks! (2016)*, *What makes a man a man*, *For Music For Life* and *The Name of Love* Concerts at The Star Vista Theatre.

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**Sebastian Tan** is best known for being Singapore's favourite Broadway-singing, Hokkien-spewing Broadway Beng®. His theatrical journey began in 1992, theatre credits include the Broadway Beng series, Forbidden City, The LKY Musical, The LBK Musical, the Crazy Christmas® series, The Happy ever laughter series, Twist of fate, A Singapore carol, Snow White and the 7 dwarfs, Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the beansprout, Masters of comedy, Titoudao, Into The Woods, Fried Rice Paradise, Army Daze, Sing to the Dawn, Kara-U-OK!, UK tour of Miss Saigon just to name a few. His directorial credits include Honk!, Just So!, 3 little pigs (assisting), Monkey goes west 2014/2016 (Best production of the year Life! theatre awards) (best director nominee, Life! theatre awards). TV/movie credits include Fried Rice paradise drama series, First class, Payday, Judgement Day, The Blue Mansion, Mr Unbelievable, The National Parade 2007, 2013

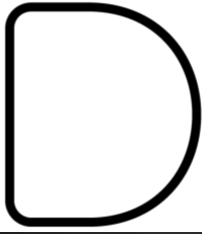
(host/performer), etc. Awards include Talent search (winner), Star awards (best theme song), Elle awards (best actor), Life! theatre Awards (best actor, best ensemble).



**Kumar** is no stranger to theatre, his first appearance was Dick Lee's musical, Hot Pants in 1997. This was quickly followed by Kumar: A Life Alive, a comedy musical based on his own journey to stardom. His other stage credits include Meena and Me (1999), ABUSE SUXXX!!! (2001), and Not Guilty (2004).

Kumar has put up a number of one-man shows both overseas and on our shores, such as his performance at Wallpaper magazine's first anniversary party in London, and shows produced by Dream Academy®, such as Kumar The Queen (2007), Crazy Christmas (2010-2020), Kumar: Stripped Bare & Standing Up (2009-2010), Kumar's Amazing Race (2011-2012), and KUMAR XXX (2022) to name a few.

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**Hossan Leong**, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, is one of Singapore's most loved and recognised entertainers.

Affectionately known as 'Singapore Boy', Hossan is a consummate performer whose skills include directing, singing, dancing, acting, piano playing, and stand-up comedy. He is actively involved in theatre, television, film and radio.

Hossan will be featured the special IMH Charity show at 8pm on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



*Vocaluptuous (from left to right) :*

Hazrul Nizam, Takuma Tanaka, Genevieve Seah, John Lee, Hwang Kai Wen & Chong Wai Lun

**Vocaluptuous** is Singapore's definitive a cappella group. Formed in 1997, Vocaluptuous has since performed in numerous high-profile events and garnered critical reviews from the media. Their unique blend is identified by lush, jazzy interpretations with a strong inclination towards establishing a distinct brand of Singaporean music. Their eclectic repertoire has found its way into the hearts of a wide range of age, gender and cultures, reiterating the saying "music transcends all boundaries" with their singing.

The group has been involved in many fundraising efforts, the most recent being their solo concert, The Season of Love, in 2022 at the Capitol Theatre, where they helped raise over \$315,000 for The Assisi Hospice.

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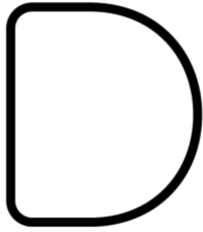
### **Distinct Creative Arts (DCA)**

is a social enterprise that uses dance as a powerful tool to educate, engage, and empower - every week, we reach out to thousands of youths, including many who are marginalised or at-risk. Beyond coaching them in dance fundamentals in school, we also provide them with a platform to train and perform together with the DCA team. Through this platform, we personally mentor and groom the next generation, giving our dancers the opportunity to carve a career for themselves out of their dance education. At DCA, we are all about Making Lives Count.

Talented dancers from DCA will be performing in the show.

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Quotes on Crazy Christmas™

“Ho Ho Holy smokes! It's that time of the year when I have to put on my dancing heels and let it all hang out. I'm scared. But also thrilled I have crazy amazing friends to let it go together. I heard I'm casted as a sack of ding dong this year so I'll be extra extra Christmas BALLS-y with my performance. More high kicks, more roasting, more Yule-tide extravaganza!” George Chan, 2023

“Vocaluptuous is thrilled and excited to be included once again to Ding Dong Merrily on a High, with Mama Belle Selena, and her zany, talented and hilarious Ding Dong Balls in this year's show!” Vocaluptuous, 2023

“I'm really excited and thrilled to be part of the crazy gang to deck the halls of Capitol with bouts of laughter and fill hearts with festive cheer and love “ Dwayne Lau, 2023

“The show was filled with pockets of absolute hilarity...” The Smart Local, 2015

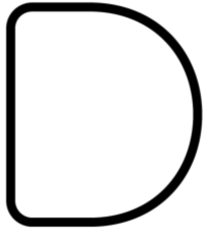
“Most importantly, what tugged at my heartstrings during the show was its emphasis on the true spirit of Christmas...” Shannon Soh, 2015

“A piece that's crafted with a lot of heart, love and a pinch of Dream Academy's magic...” xinmsn Entertainment, 2015

“What you get is great singing, exquisite musical arrangements, wonderful orchestration, beautiful costumes, and a large dose of comedy as well...” Buttons in the Bread, 2012

“The camaraderie is not something you often see on stage and is true to the spirit of the production – which is to come together to celebrate joy, friendship and love...” Poached, 2012

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**CREATIVE TEAM & CAST**

Executive Producer & Director: Selena Tan

Art Director: TRIPPLE

Music Director: Joel Nah

**Cast:**

Andrew Marko

Dwayne Lau

George Chan

Hossan Leong (Charity show 8pm, 9 December 2023)

Kumar

Sebastian Tan

Selena Tan

Vocaluptuous

**SHOW DETAILS**

7 – 16 Dec

Capitol Theatre

**Show Times:**

Monday to Friday - 8pm

Saturday - 3 & 8pm

Show Duration: 120min (Including Intermission)

Rating: TBA

Drinks at the bar available pre-show and during intermission

Tickets from \$48-\$178

Prices exclude \$4 booking fee

Booking Link through official Ticketing Partner, BookMyShow

<https://sg.bookmyshow.com/e/CXMAS023>

[Link to High-Res Images here](#)

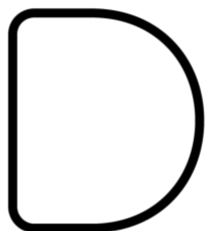
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