

THE MAN *who* PLANTED TREES

**CELEBRATING
SINGAPORE'S**

60th

ANNIVERSARY

through the Wonders of Puppetry



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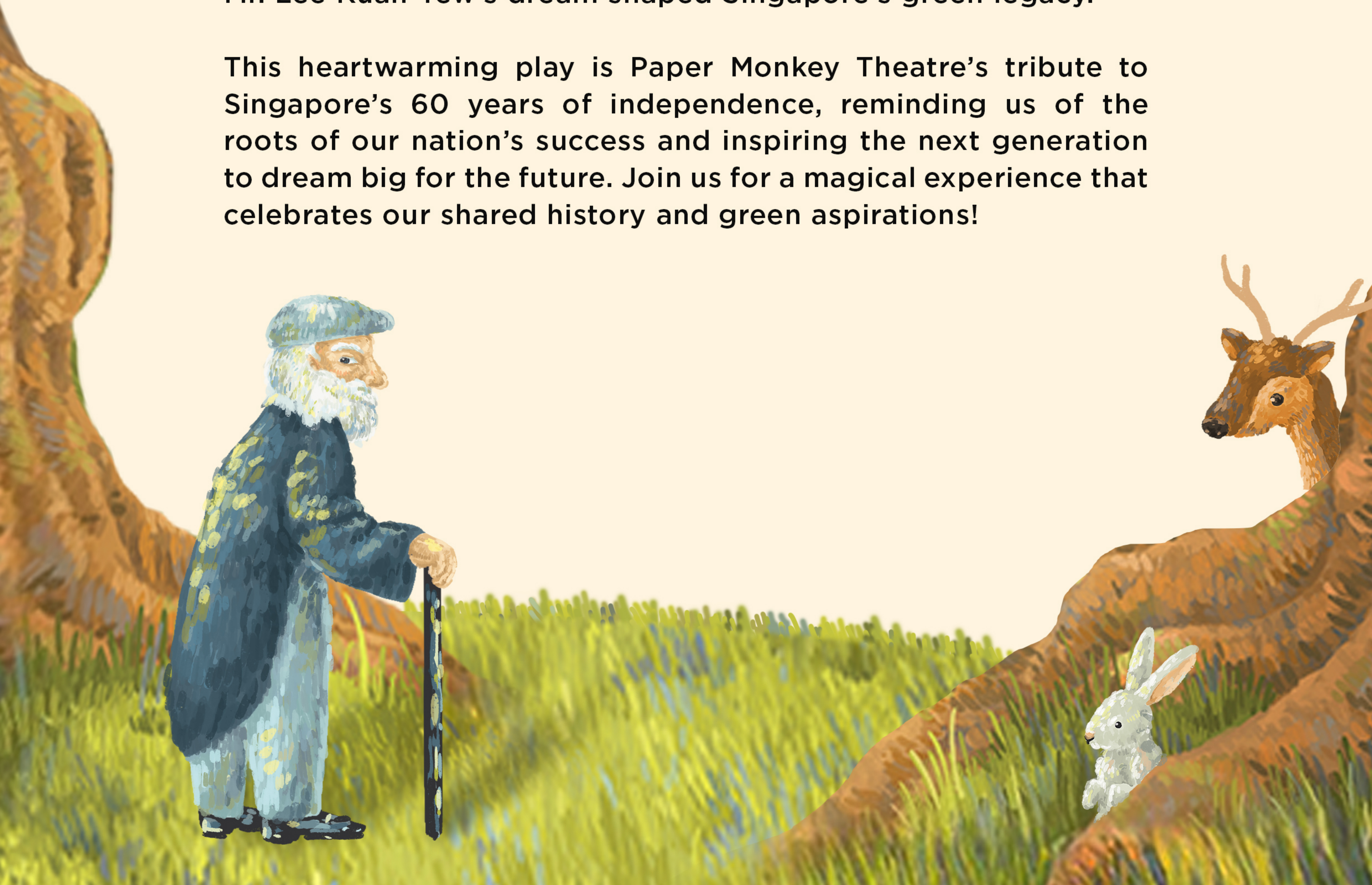
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Celebrate Singapore's 60th National Day with Paper Monkey Theatre's special puppetry performance, *The Man Who Planted Trees*. Inspired by the timeless story of *The Man Who Planted Trees* written by French author Jean Giono, published in 1953.

This delightful production pays tribute to Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's visionary efforts in transforming Singapore into a lush and vibrant Garden City. Through imaginative puppetry, captivating storytelling, and colourful visuals, young audiences will journey alongside a kind-hearted character who plants trees with hope and perseverance, symbolising the transformative power of dedication and vision.

As the story unfolds, children will discover the importance of environmental conservation, community building, and how small actions can grow into extraordinary achievements—just as Mr. Lee Kuan Yew's dream shaped Singapore's green legacy.

This heartwarming play is Paper Monkey Theatre's tribute to Singapore's 60 years of independence, reminding us of the roots of our nation's success and inspiring the next generation to dream big for the future. Join us for a magical experience that celebrates our shared history and green aspirations!





PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR:

Benjamin Ho

SET & PUPPET DESIGNER/MAKER:

Benjamin Ho

LIGHTING DESIGNER & PROGRAMMER:

Fadlin Faladino

CAST:

- Daisy Zhao
- Miranda Ng Poh Lin

STAGE MANAGER:

Mir (Nur Amirah)

PRODUCER:

Nurfatini Dayana

PRODUCTION MANAGER:

Royzen Chai

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY:

Vincent Ong

FRONT OF HOUSE MANAGER:

Pang Poi Wong

GRAPHIC DESIGNER:

Five Fingers Agency



PLANT & PROMISE

GROW *your* OWN GREEN FUTURE

As part of this special activity, each child will be given a packet of seeds to plant their own little vegetation and make a promise to care for the environment while dreaming of a greener future.

**PLUS, STAND
A CHANCE
TO WIN!** 

We are giving away **1 pair of complimentary tickets** to our September Mandarin production, "灯节舞龙 **Dragon Dance**" to 10 lucky winners! Winners will be announced on **9 August 2025**.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE



Receive a few seeds and choose a cup or any reusable container at home as your plant pot.



Write your promise to care for the environment and your dreams on the pot.



Plant the seeds, nurture them, and watch them grow!



Once your plant sprouts, send us a photo **before 1 August** at **admin@papermonkey.com.sg**.



Keep us updated! Share your plant's progress and tag us on **Facebook & Instagram** @papermonkeytheatre.

TOGETHER, LET'S GROW A FUTURE FILLED WITH HOPE AND GREEN POSSIBILITIES!

**FUN
ACTIVITY**



FUN FACTS *about* SINGAPORE



1950S - 1960S THE NATION BEGINS

1. From Fishing Village to Modern City

In the 1950s, Singapore was still a developing **trading port** with kampongs (villages), but by the late 1960s, it had started transforming into a modern metropolis.



2. Singapore Gained Independence in 1965

Singapore was briefly part of Malaysia (1963-1965) before becoming an independent nation on 9 August 1965 under Lee Kuan Yew as its first Prime Minister.



3. First HDB Flats Were Built in 1960

The Housing & Development Board (HDB) was formed in 1960 to solve the housing crisis, and by the late 1960s, thousands of families moved into high-rise flats.



1970S - 1980S GROWTH & GLOBAL RECOGNITION



4. Singapore Airlines Was Born in 1972

Singapore Airlines (SIA) started as Malaysia-Singapore Airlines (MSA) before splitting in 1972, becoming one of the world's best airlines today.



5. The MRT System Launched in 1987

Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system began operations on 7 November 1987, making public transport faster and more efficient



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1990S - 2000S INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT

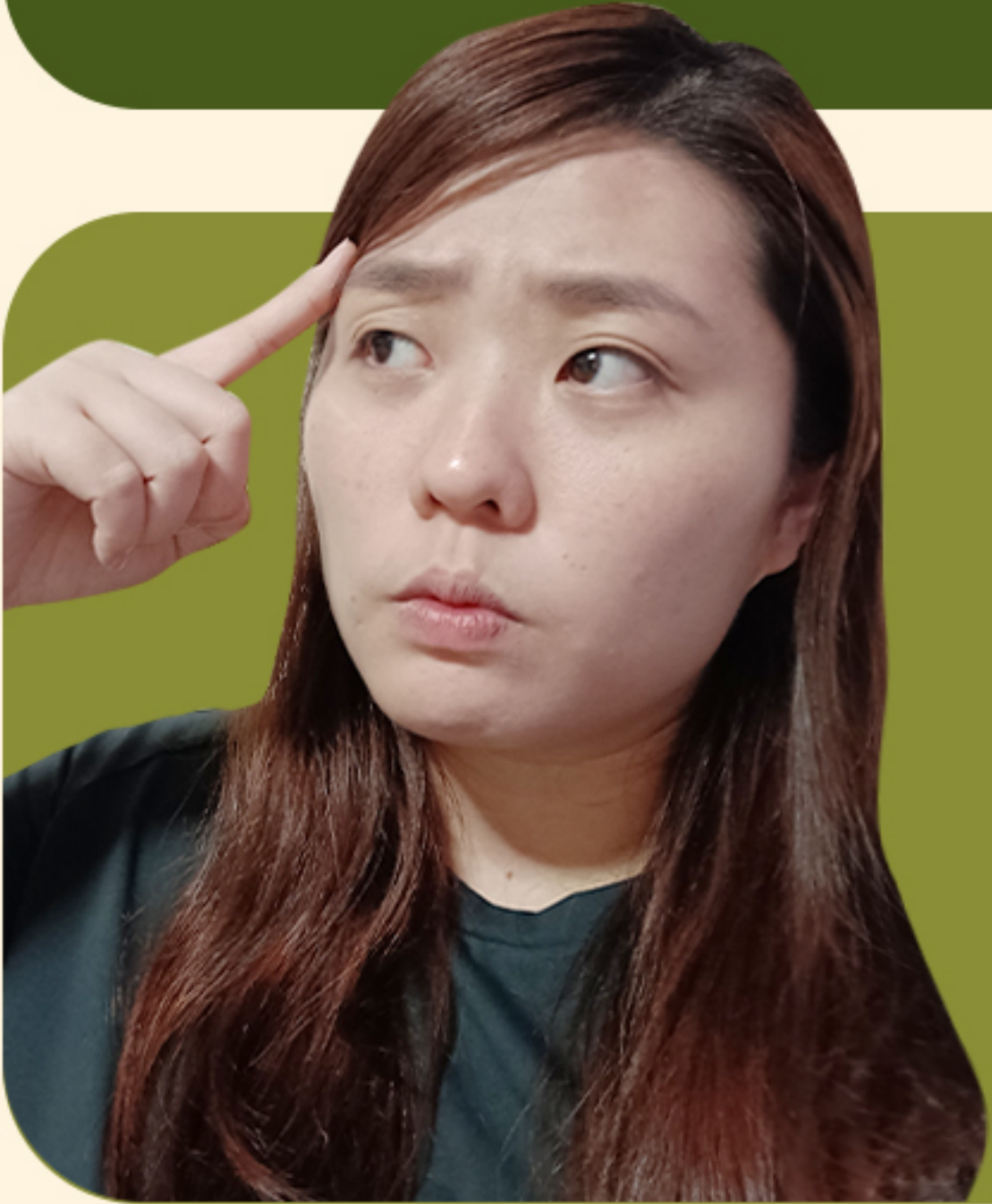
6. ERP System Introduced in 1998

Singapore became the first country in the world to implement the Electronic Road Pricing (ERP) system to reduce traffic congestion.



7. The Esplanade Opened in 2002

Singapore's iconic durian-shaped arts center, the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay, officially opened, becoming a cultural hub.



2010S - PRESENT MODERN MARVELS & GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENTS

8. Marina Bay Sands & Gardens by the Bay Opened in 2010 & 2012

These world-famous landmarks boosted Singapore's tourism and became instantly recognizable attractions.



9. Hawker Culture Recognized by UNESCO in 2020

Singapore's hawker culture was added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list, highlighting the importance of its street food scene.



10. Changi Airport's Jewel Opened in 2019

Singapore introduced the world's tallest indoor waterfall (Rain Vortex) inside Jewel Changi Airport, making it one of the best airports globally.



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