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## **BRITISH THEATRE PLAYHOUSE TURNS 10 - A MAJOR MILESTONE!**

Singapore, 19 April 2013 - The British Theatre Playhouse, a long-standing member of the British of Commerce and the European Chamber of Commerce turns 10 this year.

The British Theatre Playhouse is a professional theatre production company incorporated in Singapore in 2004 and is internationally focused with a strong British connection. In 2012, it established a UK branch office, in order to work even more closely with established British playwrights, writers, actors, directors, musical directors, set and costume designers. The company has produced and presented a series of highly successful British productions in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and the UK.



British Theatre Playhouse was founded by John Faulkner and Cecilia Leong-Faulkner. John is a British actor, director and producer with over forty years of experience in theatre while Cecilia runs the British Theatre Playhouse in Singapore. At the same time, she also runs a consultancy business and acts as Regional Advisor in Singapore to the Association of Business Executives (ABE), a professional and examining body based in the UK.

In 2006, British Theatre Playhouse was nominated by the public for the Singapore Tourism Board's "Best Leisure Award". In 2008, it was a finalist at the "British Business Awards" in Singapore.



The company believes in good corporate citizenship and under the company's "Art for Charity" programme, has helped raise in total about SGD\$1,000,000 over the last 10 years from 12 successful productions, benefitting various charities such as the Community Chest of Singapore, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Viva Foundation for Children with Cancer, MILK (Mainly I Love Kids), KK Hospital Health Endowment Fund, Business Times Budding Artists Fund and The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.

This year, the British Theatre Playhouse will support HCA Hospice Care Association, a registered charity in Singapore providing comfort and support to patients with life-limiting illnesses through BTP's Art for Charity Gala night to be held on Thursday 10th October at Raffles Hotel. Watch this space!

"Our principal aim is to promote British talent and shows direct from London. It is also about supporting the arts and culture in Singapore, and inspiring young theatre-goers who will be our future actors, directors and writers".

"Our company's ethos is to love the arts and help the less fortunate and do what is great while have fun!", adds Cecilia Leong-Faulkner.

British Theatre Playhouse's Patron is the British High Commissioner, H.E. Antony Phillipson and its Life Patron is Sir Alan Collins, KCVO, CMG, while its Honorary Advisor is Steve Puckett.

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