



The 8th ASEAN Para Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Celebrate the Extraordinary, are exuberant celebrations of the mental and physical strengths of people of all abilities.



The Opening Ceremony, held at the Singapore Indoor Stadium, consists of 5 musical movements. The 90-minute multimedia extravaganza has been 2 years in the making. It features 661 performers, 120 motivators, 174 volunteers and 454 students from a range of schools including 15 special education schools.

Collaboration and consultation with community and schools have been the heart of the creative process. As a well-known teacher and community leader since 1998, a strong pedagogical motivation underlies Philip Tan's creative direction. Philip Tan has also worked with individuals and groups with disabilities for more than 18 years.

The Creative Team itself consists of a diverse group of members. They yield from Singapore, South East Asia and as far as UK, Greece, Sweden and New York. Amongst the 75-member team are emerging talents as well as established cultural workers. Venice Film festival veteran and amputee Bertrand Lee is one of our Associate Visual Directors, and his beautiful film, a new commission, premieres in the climactic sequence of the Opening Ceremony.

Philip Tan, the Ceremonies' Creative Director, Music Director and Composer, says the following:

*People with disabilities have been central to the creative process of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. They have been the beating heart which has given life and spirit to this remarkable show. Every single item has been anchored, inspired and/or created by an athlete, performer or Creative Team member with disability. These are the people who help us to grasp, expand and spread the true meaning of the ASEAN Para Games. We say 'Celebrate the Extraordinary'! The finest legacy would be a renewed respect for people of all abilities.*



Join us in a jubilant celebration of, by and for people from all walks of life. What a perfect image to inspire us all to strive towards a more inclusive community, society, country, region and world that we dream for!

