



Highlights of the APG Opening Ceremony

3 Dec . Singapore Indoor Stadium . 7:30pm to 9:30pm



7:30pm - 8:00pm
PRESHOW

8:00pm - 8:35pm
STRETCHING
THE
BOUNDARIES

8:35pm-8:54pm
A WORLD OF
CREATIVE
POSSIBILITIES

8:54pm - 9:10pm
SHOOTING FOR THE BEST

9:10pm-9:22pm
FIRE YOUR IMAGINATION

9:22pm-9:30pm
A VICTORIOUS
CELEBRATION
OF THE
EXTRA-ORDINARY!

Highlights of the APG Opening Ceremony



Celebration of the Sports + Arts



Athletes as Stars



Finale of SG 50 Celebration



featuring Soloists of
all abilities



6500 people come
together to play sports



Anchored by athlete,
performer and / or
Creative Team member
with disability

SHOW PROGRAMME

- PRE-SHOW PERFORMANCE** 1930-2000
Volkswagen, West Style District
- PERFORMANCE** 2000-2130
- STRETCHING THE BOUNDARIES**
Because I Am A Champion (video poem)
Stretching the Boundaries (performance)
Arrival of Head of State
National Anthem
Countdown
Parade of Athletes
- A WORLD OF CREATIVE POSSIBILITIES**
Because I Am A Champion (video poem)
Speech by Minister For Culture, Community and Youth
Speech by APSF President
Games Opening
Raising of Flag
A World of Creative Possibilities (performance)
- SHOOTING FOR THE BEST**
Because I Am A Champion (video poem)
ASEAN Best (performance)
Oath-taking
Personal Best (performance)
- FIRE YOUR IMAGINATION**
Because I Am A Champion (video poem)
Fire your Imagination (performance)
Games torch relay
Lighting of cauldron
- EXTRAORDINARY** (performance)



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A VICTORIOUS CELEBRATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY

“We hope that you have enjoyed the Opening Ceremony of the 8th ASEAN Para Games. This is a particularly special event as it is a final spectacular ‘bang’ at the end of a wonderful programme of activities celebrating SG50. With this Opening Ceremony we are hosting a spectacular party to mark Singapore’s anniversary and the kaleidoscope of diversity which so enriches our nation. Students from 15 Special Education Schools lead us in this **dance of Victory**, transforming the venue into a riotous explosion of colours and sound.”

The show stands out thanks to a groundbreaking marriage of sports and arts. The theme is alive in this booklet. Here, the volunteers, performers and Creative Team have revealed how the championship mindset exhibited by athletes in the ASEAN Para Games has inspired and driven their own creative journeys. They emulated the fighting spirit of our sporting stars to achieve their own artistic excellence.

People with disabilities have been central to the creative process. 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.

Our diverse team has given you a wonderful performance with a bold central message. We say ‘Celebrate the Extraordinary!’ The finest legacy would be a renewed respect for people of all abilities. So 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!”

Let us celebrate friendship, sportsmanship and excellence. Let us dance. Let us play. Let us transform the Singapore Indoor Stadium, and the world, into a barrier-free, beautiful and exuberant playground.

“This journey has been an enlightening one. In the process of teaching these very motivated group of dancers, the following (though) kept running through my mind: ‘The only disability we have is the lack of compassion. We have many things for granted and fail to consider those around us who struggle. Compassion is not about taking pity on others. It’s about considering how others are. This is how the good in humanity can be maximised.’”

“I’ve so excited to perform in front of so many people in such a big place. It was challenging to learn new things that I never done up because I was trying improving and I wanted to keep on improving.”

WARREN CHEH ZHENG WEI, 11
Crescent Girls’ School

JUSTIN HENG
Chong Chuan Foreign School

“I love working with people and I love making things well to be in the show.”

LADDA BINTI NURUL ISKANDAR, 11
Crescent Girls’ School



STRETCHING THE BOUNDARIES



Leave your comfort zone. Disobey the naysayers. Throw away your security blanket. Stretch your physical and mental boundaries. Embrace challenges. Re-invent. Break free. Whether you’re an athlete or actor, accountant or astronaut, aged 8 or 80, new frontiers and exhilarating expeditions await you.

A mind-blowing video poem *Because I Am A Champion* by Bertrand Lee opens the Ceremony with a proud, defiant bang. A solo dance by 15-year-old Luo Mang (Eden School) follows on, exhibiting the same fighting spirit. Next, Kleopatra Korai’s breathtaking hand-drawn animation introduces us to the 15 sports to be played at this ASEAN Para Games, which leads us to the National Anthem brought to you by choirs Chao Yang, Grace Orchard and other Special Education Schools. Then comes the grand entrance of the athletes from 15 nations, set within a stunning film installation by Yan Tuck Hong. Our 1500 sporting heroes and heroines know just what it means to persevere ceaselessly, against architectural and cultural barriers, against limitations, and to begin again and again after each and every failure, and victory.

“My work has travelled to the events such as the Venice Film Festival and Filmfest Dresden. I am thrilled to be part of the Creative Team, as the subject matter is something that is very close to my heart. While filming in Mumbai in 2005, a two-tonne lorry mowed me down. I lost my left leg but after years of recovery I what it means to be a person with disability, and depict how these athletes have to put in one thousand times more effort compared to others in order to be at the top of their game.”

BERTRAND LEE
Associate Visual Director

“I am so delighted to design meaningful costumes for these amazing group of people. I began my creative journey as a self-taught designer and to quickly learn the ropes in a competitive industry filled with talented people. My sheer hard work I found myself achieving the goals I had set for myself. The road to success is never an easy one. I can personally vouch for that! The resilience of the athletes and performers in this event is indeed admirable.”

MOE KASSIM
Costume Designer

ABOUT THE GAMES



As a beloved home of a major year for Singapore sports, September 2015 will see Singapore hosting the 8th ASEAN Para Games. It is history in the making as it will be the first time Singapore hosts the ASEAN Para Games and a multi-sports event for people with disabilities at the state.

We will see 26 sports in the ASEAN Para Games. Beyond physical events, we placed in power of sports to strengthen the challenge in the sports, and boost the community. The will serve as a platform for promoting sports, encourage our citizens to get involved in sports, as well as promoting ASEAN.

The ASEAN Para Games is a multi-sport event held by the ASEAN Para Sports Federation. Athletes with disabilities will be housed in the first time in the history of the ASEAN Para Games.

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**8th ASEAN
PARA GAMES**
3 - 9 DECEMBER 2015

Highlights of the APG Closing Ceremony

9 Dec . Marina Bay Sand . 7:22pm to 9:30pm



9:20pm - 9:30pm
Celebration of Shared Memories

8:15pm - 9:20pm
Celebration of Sporting Achievements

7:30pm - 8:15pm
Celebrate the Extraordinary

7:22pm - 7:30pm
PRESHOW

Highlights of the APG Closing Ceremony



Symphony comprises
97 musicians with all abilities



120 performers dance
move inspired by Sports



Videos of Inspiring
Sportsmen from 10 Countries



Crowd engagement led
by children & family
of all abilities



Celebration of
Volunteers and Athletes



Extinguishing of Cauldron with Nila
+ 96 percussionists + 60 volunteers

CLOSING CEREMONY PROGRAMME

1900-1930 COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Viewing of art exhibition

1930-2030 CELEBRATE THE EXTRAORDINARY
Arrival of Head of State
National Anthem
Highlights of the Opening Ceremony (performance)
Entry of National Flag
Parade of Athletes
Celebrate the Extraordinary (performance)
Highlights from the Opening Ceremony (short film)
Let's Make Music! (performance)

2030-2115 CELEBRATION OF SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS
Speech by Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
Presentation of tokens to 11 countries
Speech by President of Asian Para Sports Federation (APSF)
Lowering of APSF Flag
Flag Handover Ceremony with Highlights from the Games (short film)
Artistic segment by host country (performance)
One Voice, One Heart (performance)

2115-2135 CELEBRATION OF SHARED MEMORIES
Bellied-the scores (short film)
Fettersignifying the Games Cautious
Inspiring Sporting Heroes and Heroines (short film)
Departure of Head of State

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CELEBRATE THE EXTRAORDINARY

"Not being able to walk has never stopped me doing anything I wanted to do. It's about going out there and doing what you want. It's believing that you can. You might not be able to do things in exactly the same way, you might have to find a different entrance to a building or find a different solution, but it's about finding those solutions and not looking at problems."

These are the words of Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, and she knows what she is talking about. After all, with 11 gold, 4 silver and a bronze medals over the course of five Paralympic Games for wheelchair racing, Grey-Thompson is known as Britain's greatest ever Paralympian.

The 8th ASEAN Para Games Closing Ceremony celebrates the different entrances and creative solutions, the surprising breakthroughs and the new horizons that people from all walks of life strive for. Let no ramp-less building, cultural or personal, be a self-doubt imparus. Let us conquer challenges with our imagination and our belief. Be special. Be extraordinary.

The Purple Symphony, Singapore's first all-inclusive orchestra, the evening with the National Anthem, playing a range of Asian instruments, the 37-member-strong orchestra next announcing their highlights of the Opening Ceremony. We have enjoyed, as seen through the discerning eyes of ASEAN Director by Tan Tuck Hing. This is followed by a carnival-style dance performance, accompanied by 96 lively percussionists. Next, a dance performance by 104 dancers from East Asia High School. Dance Inspiration, which leads to the first course of a you may not see in person. The closing members of the orchestra. Some Escapade may just put you on our stage to join their music using female-made musical instruments. You've been war

"The Purple Symphony comprising musicians without special needs such as visual and hearing impairment and other physical disabilities. The orchestra provides an opportunity a unique platform for musicians to learn, share music with one another and their audiences, and celebrate their abilities together. Performing at the Closing Ceremony marks the orchestra's first major performance since its debut in July 2015. We want our music to touch hearts of people and spread the message of the importance of building an inclusive society all around the world."

— Purple Symphony Orchestra

"Sports provide an fabulous avenue to excel physically and mentally. The Games create a fantastic opportunity to everyone together to honour the drive and determination these athletes."

— Sonic Escapade (pictured)



ABOUT THE CLOSING CEREMONY

The 8th ASEAN Para Games Closing Ceremony is a multimedia extravaganza that will unfold as you enjoy a lavish 20-course banquet. The show both draws the Games to a close and marks the final chapter of a splendid year of activities celebrating SGSG's 50th anniversary. It is fitting for the Ceremonies to have this special story and the greatest athletes who have persevered through adversity to triumph, and you will succeed. The show is divided into three parts or 'movements'. The performance celebrates sporting records shattered, inspiring determination and the incredible feats of athletes in Singapore over the past 7 days of the Games. The theme from the grand Opening Ceremony — of inclusivity, the legacy — continues through to this show. This theme is created by and for people of all abilities. From items are again cleverly woven into the performance. A couple of 360 professionals, the athletes, it will be glorious!

Express our gratitude to the 11 participating nations, tokens of affection exclusively hand-made by students from the Special Education Schools will be presented.

To express our gratitude to each and everyone of you, we present to you the Closing Ceremony. These are bonus sections. Don't miss out on a combined about the facts and figures of the ASEAN Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies (and much, much more that turn the stereotypes upside down).

— PHILIP TAN
CREATIVE DIRECTOR
Opening and Closing Ceremonies



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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