

## ***Family Duet***

Spell #7

31 May & 1 June 2013, Esplanade Theatre Studio  
In collaboration with Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay as part of The Studios

### **Production information**

*Duets* is a series of pseudo-autobiographical performances about a power of two in a world of many. They have been presented in Singapore and internationally, in theatres and on audio. Over the years, Paul and Kaylene have duetted together (*Duets*, 2004-2005), alone (*Duets 2*, 2006), with trees (*Tree Duet*, 2007-2010) and with the sky (*Sky Duet*, 2008). *Family Duet* is the latest addition.

(Synopsis and Theme)

What does it mean to be on stage with your grandma? Perform with your sister, or dance with your child? In *Family Duet*, a multi-generational cast presents an off-beat mix of life experiences and perspectives on the world

Two weeks before their first child was born in 2004, Kaylene Tan and Paul Rae performed *Duets*. Described by The Straits Times as ‘stylish, quirky’ and ‘enigmatic’, the show was an attempt to mark what it meant to be two in advance of becoming three.

Now they are four. Time for some new home truths.

Reflecting spell#7’s intimate and inventive approach to theatre-making. *Family Duet* highlights the questions that family living answers but rarely asks: What is it to live together? How did I get these eyes? Are we ever too young to fail, or too old to disappoint? Where are the emergency noodles?

Three generations aged 6 to 66 mix conversation, media and dancing toys in scenes that probe the passage of time, the meaning of responsibility, and how people overlap. The result is a family autobiography that audiences of all ages will find both instantly recognisable, and totally unique.

### **CAST**

Performer	.....	Eleanor Song
Performer	.....	Fiona Rae
Performer	.....	Kaylene Tan
Performer	.....	Lola Rae
Performer	.....	Paul Rae
Performer	.....	Summer Rae

### **PRODUCTION**

Writers	.....	Eleanor Song, Kaylene Tan, Lola Rae, Paul Rae, Summer Rae
Directors	.....	Paul Rae & Kaylene Tan
Directorial Advice	.....	Claire Devine
Floor Design	.....	Ling Hao
Lighting Design	.....	Low Kee Hong
Music	.....	Zai Kuning

Production/Stage Manager	.....	Liu Yong Huay
Assistant Stage Manager	.....	Teo Xuan Xuan
Photographer	.....	Tan Ngiap Heng, The Pond

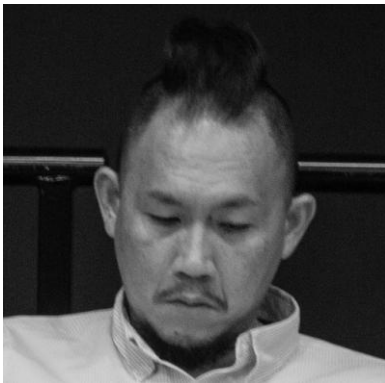
**Photos of Cast and Production (appearing in the documentary photographs)**



Ling Hao



Liu Yong Huay



Low Kee Hong



Lola Rae



Paul Rae



Summer Rae



Eleanor Song



Kaylene Tan



Teo Xuan Xuan



Zai Kuning