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SOM SAID (P.B.M)

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Profession : Founder / Artistic Director, Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts Ltd
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Qualification : GCE "O" Level

Courses/Conferences : (1980) – Nippon Maru Youth leadership

Attended : (1983) - Jogja study of Southeast Asian Arts
Padepokan Seni Bagong
(1989) - Laban Notation Course (Solo)
- Certificate (Solo) - Indonesia
(1991) - Advance (Nanyang Academy Singapore)
(2008) – Dance Anthropology @ Institut Kesenian Jakarta (IKJ),
Jakarta, Indonesia (Fakulti Seni Pementasan)
(2008) – Sarjana Seni (SI) @ Institut Kesenian Jakarta (IKJ),
Jakarta, Indonesia

Special Recognition : 1979, Youth Service Awards

And awards : 1980, Youthship Program
1987, NDC Long Service
1987, Cultural Medallion (Ministry of Community Development)
1990, Japan (Min onn Arts Award)

1992, National day award, PBM
 2001, Publication of the book "People at the Peak"
 (The who's who of Singapore)
 2002, Cultural Medallion Special Edition Book
 2004, World peace friendship award in International Folk
 Festival Agrigento Italy
 2007, Anugerah Warisan Kencana (by Malay Heritage Centre)
 2008, 'Our Hero' – Arts Legend Mdm Som Said in conjunction with
 Singapore Heritage Festival 2008 (By National Heritage Board)
 2009, Awarded STCM Successful Entrepreneur 2009 recipient of
 Singapore Today Commemorative Magazine (Gold Category)

Mdm Som Said, a choreographer, instructor, director with more than 40 years of experience. From a humble hobby, now Mdm Som Said led young arts enthusiast moves towards professionalism in the art scene. Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts aims to play a role in making Singapore a more cultural vibrant society and make arts our way of life.

Serves as an advisor member for the following organizations:

1. MDA (Media Development Authority) formally known as (SBA) as Culture Programmes Advisory Sub-Committee
2. NAC (Chairperson) 1999
FY Theatre / Annual Grants Assessment Panel (Dance)
3. Arts Advisers (NAC)
General Matters Including Festivals and Programmes
4. NAC (Chairperson) 1999 Cultural Medallion and Young Artist Award Specialist Panel Members
5. Working Committee for Mendaki Education Trust Fund 2003.
6. Arts Appeal Advisory Committee (AAAC) (MITA)
7. Arts Advisor for National Arts Council Singapore (NAC)
8. Geylang Serai Grassroot Resource Network (February 2009)
9. Member of the NAFA Council endorsed by Ministry of Education (Since 1990 till now)

SOM MD SAID P.B.M

Dancer, diplomat and designer, Som M Said is a dynamic cultural ambassador for Singapore who has thrilled international audiences with her choreography, costumes design and make-up artistry.

Som has been a dancer with Singapore's National Dance Company since 1971, and a choreographer of Malay dance for television, festivals and parade since 1974. She is also a successful Malay entrepreneur. She regards her role as a costume designer and owner of the Ratu Sari Bridal House, the first Malay wedding boutique in Singapore, "as a "fulltime career" and that as a choreographer/dancer/Artistic Director as a "fulltime hobby".

In reality, her boundless energy has resulted in successful parallel careers. Som Said has received the Ministry of Community Development's Cultural Medallion in 1987 for her contribution to Singapore dance and for her promotion of the republic cultural exchange programs. "Not only are the steps and gestures of Malay dance beautiful", she enthuses, "but they are meaningful and they tells a story"

A pioneering member of the Sriwana Cultural Group in 1965. She instruct, teaches and direct the dance section since 1968 and was appointed as the Artistic Director of its dance section in 1985 to 1999. She has also been recognized for her work with the nation's children, winning the National Youth Service Award in 1979 In 1992 she received her PBM "Pingat Bakti Masyarakat' award from the President of Republic of Singapore on Singapore's 27th National Day Since 1972 Som has represented Singapore overseas She is currently a choreographer for "instant Asia" a dramatic dance presentation of Singapore's diverse cultural heritage Som has traveled to Russia, man Kagoshima Athens, Cairo, Dubai, New Delhi, West Germany, Nepal, Milan, New Zealand, Korea, Vancouver, Toronto, Brisbane Adelaide, Melbourne and Taiwan for the cultural promotion in Singapore.

In 1989, Som was selected to participate in the "Experts Media Tour" to North America, Washington, Seattle, Miami, San Francisco New York, California, Los Angeles and Chicago, to promote Singapore culture through interviews on Radio, Magazines and Newspapers organized by Singapore Tourism Board Some of Som's major works for Asean Dance Festivals, Cultural Exchange Programme and Overseas promotions, as well as for local national event includes, Ali & Fatimah, Sungapura dilanggar Todak, Geylang Serai, Putri Gunung Ledang, Hidup, Bersanding Suite, Unity in Rhythm, Surprising Singapore, Tribute to Mr Lee Kuan Yew, My Country My Singapore, Kasih Ibu, Mari Mendaki, Norlela, Determination and others.

In 1997, Som founded Sri Warisan Som said Performing Arts Limited to concentrate full-time on the developing performing arts scene in Singapore. Its mission is to make the arts accessible to all through Arts Education Programmes and public outreach Programmes.

Sri Warisan also aims to provide as a platform for professionalism in the arts. Mdm Som contributed at more than 30 productions including Lagenda Tun Fatimah, Cultural Medallion Receipt Award (2005), Lagenda Raden Mas (2008).

Som is now participating actively in the arts Exposure and Arts Experience Programmes conducted in primary and secondary schools in Singapore This Arts education Programmes is organized by National Arts Council, supported by Singapore Totalisator Board.

With Som's more than 40 years of successful experience in promoting, producing and directing dance as full time hobby with Sriwana, National Dance Company, People's Association and Instant Asia, she is now leading enthusiastic creative people towards professionalism in a newly formed Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts Ltd The Company with to play an expanded role in the promotion of culture and in art education focusing on children and youth and aim to achieve greater professionalism and flexibility and make arts accessible to all.

SOM'S COMMISSIONED WORK

Som's more than 40 years of involvement in the promoting of performing arts, specializing in Malay and multi racial presentation have resulted in many successful works locally and at international festival

Besides her choreography for Sriwana, the National Dance Company and People's Association for dance festivals, locally and internationally, in her personal capacity Som had also been commissioned to produce for the following prestigious corporate events and festival, such as:

1. Singapore Festival of Arts in 1988 - Putri Gunong Ledang
2. Singapore Festival of Dance in 1989 - Norlela & Ibu
3. Festival of Asian Performing Arts in 1995 - Rentak Melayu
4. Joint Asean Performance in 1992 Japan - Glimpse of Singapore
5. Malay Cultural Festival in 1995 Medan - Peralihan
6. Singapore Festival of Arts 1998 - Bangsawan in Dance (Dendam Berahi)
7. Commonwealth Festival of Arts 1998 in Kuala Lumpur
8. Festival Zapin Nusantara 1998 in Johor Bahru
9. STB Opening new Office in Batam, Indonesia - Glimpse of Singapore
10. Inaugural (SIA) Flight launch from Singapore - Glimpse of Singapore
to Ahmadedabad India (Invited by Spore Tourism Board)
2004
11. Inaugural (SIA) flight launch from Singapore - Glimpse of Singapore
to Amritsar India (invited by Spore Tourism Board)
2004
12. STB office opening at New Delhi India (2005) - Glimpse of Singapore
13. First cover (stamp launch) of Malay Heritage - First Day Cover
Centre (2005)
14. Official opening of Malay Heritage Centre - Rih2 Kampong
15. Dewan Perniagaan Melayu 'Busana Melayu' 2005 @ Malay Heritage Centre – Selembut Sutera
16. MANJA Wedding show (2005) – Renjis-Renjis
17. IMF World Bank Cultural Events (2006) – Wedding
18. Chingay Parade (2008) – The parade

19. National Day Parade (2008) – Singapura Ku
20. Clarke Quay River Festival in conjunction with F1 Singapore Grand Prix season (2008) – Variasi Kompang
21. Nite Museum Festival in collaboration with Siong Leng Music (2009) - Lights
22. Rama Katha dance drama in collaboration with Spore Indian Fine Arts Society (SIFAS) – Kampong Scene

Som's Major Works (Local and Overseas festivals)

YEAR	EVENT/PLACE	ITEMS
1972 to 1985	(as listed below)	Unity in Rhythm
(National Dance Company)		Tari Topeng
		Cantik Manis
		Variasi batik
		Putri Ayu
		Tari Cincin
		Tari layang layang
		Fisher folk
		Suriram suite
1972	Adelaide Festival of Arts	
1973	Russian Cultural Mission	
1974	Tehran Seventh Asian Games	
1974	Goodwill mission to Jakarta, Jogja & Bali	
1975	Asian & Pacific Nations Folk Festival - Seoul	
1976	Southeast Asian Music & Dance Festival -Bangkok	
1977	9th Sea Games - Cultural Festival - Kuala Lumpur	
1979	4th Festival of - Hongkong	
1979	Festival, of Asian Arts - Korea	
1979	Rentak Tari	TV special (AEP)
1982	Sriwana Production	Ali & Fatimah
1982	Singapore Festival of Arts	Swordfish
1985	5thAsean Festival of Performing Arts – Spore	Festive Orchid
1985	Singapore Festival of Dance	Hidup
1987	6th Mean Festival of Performing Arts - Brunei	Geylang Serai & Todak
1988	Brisbane World Expo	Surprising Spore
1988	Singapore Arts Festival	Putri Gunong Ledang
1989	Singapore Festival of Dance	Norlela, Ibu & Senda tari
1990	New Year Countdown	Racial harmony

1992	Asean Dance Festival - Kuala Lumpur	Festivals & Celebrations
1993	Melbourne Folk Feat	Malay heritage
1994	International Children Feat. – Turkey	Welcome dance & individual
1995	International Children Folk Fest. - France	Welcome dance of Spore
1995	Festival of Asian Performing Az-ta - Spore	RentakMelayu
1996	Mesra - Anniversary at Westin Hotel	Kesyukuran
1996	4th Mean Dance Festival - Singapore	Variasi Kompang
1996	Joint Production TV Brunei & TCS	Sukmairama 96
1996	Joint Production RTM & TCS	Rampaisani 96
1996	TV programme - Rentak Warisan - Jakarta	6 programmes
1996	Madras - India	Glimpse of Spore
1996	WTO - Sentosa	Kompang dance
1997	TV programme - Rentak Warisan - Pahang	12 programmes
1997	Children Asian Folk Festival - New Zealand	Glimpse of Singapore
1997	Nation Connects - TCS	Little St in Singapore
1998	Singapore Festival of Arts 98	Bangsawan in Dance 'Dendam Berahi'
1998	Commonwealth Arts Festjval 98 – KL	Glimpse of Singapore
1998	Festival lapin Nusantara in Johor Bahru	Zapin warisan, Zapin
2000	Asian Festival in Vancouver Canada	Stories of Singapore
2000	WOMAD	
2001	Joint Production Mediacorp & Brunei	Sukmairama 2000
2001	Singapore Arts Festival	Kompang
2001	WOMAD	Angklung, Kompang & Dance workshop
2001	Zapin Festival in Bintan	Zapin dance
2001	Indonesia Arts Festival in Jambi	Stories of Singapore
2001	World Malay Music Arts Festival in Johor	Zapin, song, music
2001	Singapore Zapin Festival	Music & dance
2002	WOMAD	Collaboration 'Africa Meets Asia'
2002	PADANG PANJANG TARATAK FESTIVAL Padang Panjang, Indonesia (28 th March – 3 rd April 2002)	Stories of Spore
2002	BALI ARTS FESTIVAL XXIV Bali, Indonesia (9 th to 12 th July 2002)	Stories of Singapore

2002	BALI SILAT FESTIVAL 2002 Bali, Indonesia (26 th June to 2 nd July 2002)	Silat & Dance Collaboration with <i>Persisi</i>
2002	CHINA INAUGARATION FLIGHT PROGRAMME <i>Cheng Du, China</i> (24 th – 28 th July 2002)	Unity in Diversity
2002	ASEAN TOURISM FESTIVAL IN JAPAN Yokohama, Japan (18 th – 24 th September 2002)	Glimpse of Spore
2002	NANNING INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL Nanning, China (20 th – 27 th November 2002)	Folk dance, song and Malay Heritage
2003	Bandar Hilir Dance Exchange Program Melaka, Malaysia (16 th & 17 th March 2003)	Stories of Singapore
2003	Festival Melayu Sedunia Pekan Baru Riau, Indonesia (2 nd – 8 th August 2003)	Folk dance, songs & Malay Heritage
2003	Festival Kebudayaan Melayu Pattani, Thailand (19 th – 21 st September 2003)	Folk dance, songs & Malay Heritage
2003	Zapin/Jepen Dances International Nusantara Folkloric Festival Erau Festival Kutai Kartanegara, Kalimantan, Indonesia (20 – 28 September 2003)	Compilation of Zapin performances
2003	First Manila International Folk Dance Festival Manila, Philippines (3 rd – 7 th December 2003)	Glimpse of Spore
2003	Chinese Opera Theatre Foshan, China Sri Warisan performer in collaboration with Chinese Theatre Circle (14 th – 21 st December 2003)	
2003	Festival Tari Malaysia 2003 Johor, Malaysia (16 th – 20 th December 2003)	Folk dance, song & Malay Heritage
2004	49 th Festival Internazionale del Folklore 59 th Sagra del Mandorlo in Fiore Agrigento, Sicily, Italy (3 rd – 8 th February 2004)	Stories of Spore

2004	2004 International Pu Pyung Asia Drum & Percussion Festival Seoul, Korea (18 th – 24 th May 2004)	Traditional Malay Drum
2004	Overseas Intercontinental Extravaganza Beijing, China Convention (22 nd – 26 th May 2004)	Unity in Diversity
2004	Inaugural launch of Singapore Airlines to Amadebad Ahmadebad, India (27 th – 30 th July 2004)	Stories of Spore
2004	National Day Event Celebration 2004 Batam, Indonesia (26 th August 2004)	Stories of Spore
2004	Inaugural Launch of Singapore Airlines to Amritsar Amritsar, India (1 st – 5 th October 2004)	Stories of Spore
2004	Konvensyen Dunia Melayu Islam ke-5 2004 Malacca, Malaysia (2 nd – 5 th October 2004)	Folk dance, song & Malay Heritage
2004	Dangkong Dance Festival 2004 Karimun, Indonesia (9 th - 13 th October 2004)	Folk dance, song & Malay Heritage
2004	Jambi Arts Festival 2004 Jambi, Indonesia (6 th – 10 th December 2004)	Folk dance, song & Malay Heritage
2005	Schoten World Festival of Folklore 2005 Schoten, Belgium (July 2005)	Folk, dance & song Malay Heritage
2005	Zeeland Folklore Festival 2005 Zeeland, Holland (July 2005)	Folk, dance, song & Malay Heritage
2005	UI-Jin International Folk Art Festival 2005. Korea (July 2005)	Stories of Singapore
2005	Singapore Airlines Inauguration flight Hyderabad India (October 2005)	Singapore Multi Ethnic Dance Ensemble
2006	ASEAN Traditional Music & Dance Festival Bangkok, Thailand (2 nd – 5 th February 2006)	Dance & Music
2006	3 rd International Folk Festival	Stories of Singapore

Kathmandu, Nepal
(17th – 26th March 2006)

2006	Pesta Gendang Nusantara X 2006 Malacca, Malaysia (11 th – 16 th April 2006)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2006	Cosmopolis International Festival City of Kavala, Greece (19 th – 27 th July 2006)	Stories of Spore
2006	Batam National Day Event Batam, Indonesia (25 th August 2006)	Spore Multi Ethnic
2006	Festival Budaya Melayu Internasional Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia (11 th – 16 th Sept 2006)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2006	National Festival of Performing Arts 2006 Jogjakarta, Indonesia (12 th – 17 th Nov 2006)	Stories of Singapore
2006	Festival Tari Dangkong ke 4 Karimun, Indonesia 14 th – 18 th Nov 2006	Stories of Singapore
2006	International Performing Arts Festival (IPAF) “ Angkorwat-Gyeongju world culture expo 2006 “ Angkorwat, Cambodia (8 th - 16 th Dec 2006)	Stories of Singapore
2006	Festival Lintas Budaya dan Pariwisata Jambi, Indonesia (10 th – 15 th Dec 2006)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2006	Pesta Budaya Seni,Pameran Dagang dan Industri (PEDATI) Nusabtar VI 2006 Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia (17 th – 20 th Dec 2006)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2006	Cosmopolis International Festival, Greece	Stories of Singapore
2006	National Day Event Celebration in Batam, Indonesia	Multi Ethnic Dance
2006	Bintan Arts Festivals, Tanjong Pinang, Indonesia	Gurindam 12
2006	International Festival of Performing Arts Jogjakarta, Indonesia	Bangsawan in Dance & Gurindam 12
2006	Angkor – Gyeongju World Culture EXPO 2006 Cambodia	Stories of Singapore & Bangsawan in Dance
2007	CIOFF Italy International Festival, Gorizia, Italy	Stories of Singapore

2008	Festival Zapin Nusantara, Johor Bharu, Malaysia	Zapin Telok Belangah
2008	Pedati Nusantara, Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia (2008)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2008	International Folklore Festival in Zaragoza, Spain (2008)	Stories of Spore
2008	International Festival of Folklore in the Mediterranean Murcia, Spain (2008)	Stories of Spore
2008	Nanning Internationals Folk Song Festival, China (2008)	Glimpse of Malay Culture
2009	Pedati Nusantara, Bukit Tinggi, Indonesia (2008)	Festival & Celebration
2009	Kuala Lumpur International Cultural Festival ,Malaysia(2009)	Stories of Singapore