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## NDP 2024 Show Spotlights the Collective Strength, Intricate Diversity and Unity that Defines 'Our People'

- 1. This year's National Day Parade (NDP) Show segment aims to tell the stories of Our People by spotlighting our collective strength as well as the intricate diversity and unity that define our society through mass performances, familiar songs and emotive filmlets.
- 2. Featuring 12 artistes and over 3,000 performers, the NDP 2024 Show will consist of singalongs and mass performances across a youth-centred pre-parade segment and four chapters. The Show segment begins with a tribute to the enduring spirit of our pioneers. This is followed by a rousing chapter depicting our unity through our rich and diverse food heritage. The penultimate chapter reflects Singapore as a caring and compassionate society. The final chapter concludes on a high as the country dreams of an even brighter future together. This year, NDP welcomes several first time partners and artists. Groups such as Singapore Gymnastics National Training Centre, Swift Skating Academy, Voices of Singapore, and singers Amni Musfirah, shazza, weish and cellist Olivia Chuang will all make their live NDP debut.
- 3. Creative Director, Brian Gothong Tan who is directing the Show for the first time, expressed, "The show we have put together promises to be an unforgettable celebration of Singapore's spirit, resilience, and unity. From a vibrant carnival atmosphere in the pre-parade segment to an inspiring tribute to our collective strength and resilience, each chapter of the performance is designed to captivate and uplift. Join us as we celebrate Our People and the rich tapestry of our nation's story at NDP 2024!"
- 4. The Show will feature three short films highlighting Singaporeans from diverse backgrounds: 'Film One Family' celebrates our diverse food culture told through the four Show hosts as main characters, 'Film Two Care and Compassion' shares four stories of individuals going above and beyond to uplift the community and those around them, and 'Film Three We, the Citizens of Singapore' pays tribute to Singaporeans by showcasing 22 individuals of various occupations and emphasises the collective responsibility that Singaporeans have towards reaching that future.
- 5. The Show will also include three original compositions. The first, 'Hold Up The Sky', written by Kaylene Tan and composed by Bang Wenfu, is performed by Amni Musfirah and an ensemble from the Music and Drama Company. It is performed in Chapter Three and symbolises unity in nation building. The second, 'Horizon', written and composed by weish (Chew Wei Shan) and Claude Glass (Isa Ong) and performed by weish in Chapter Six, summons Singaporeans to draw courage from each other and run boldly into our shared future. The NDP 2024 theme song, 'Not Alone', written and sung by Benjamin Kheng, and composed by Benjamin Kheng and Evan Loh, is the third original composition in the NDP 2024 playlist, and will be performed in Chapter Six as well.



- 6. This year's NDP will feature an asymmetrical stage to expand performance possibilities. The Show Centre has also been designed to provide a more intimate space at the Padang, bringing the show closer to the audience. With an additional 12 LED banners and four mobile LED cubes alongside the main LED screens, spectators at the Padang will enjoy a 360-degree immersive experience featuring colourful multimedia visuals and effects. All spectators will wear an LED wristband and become part of the multimedia canvas in the spectator gallery. For the first time, spectators will also be treated to an array of stage effects and pyrotechnics from the Padang Show Centre ground. The effects, which include sparkulars<sup>1</sup>, flame projectors, CO2 machines, low fog machines and mobile pyrotechnic boxes, aim to enhance the celebratory mood at the Padang. Spectators will also see pyrotechnics from the Adelphi building for a beautiful 360-degree fireworks experience around the Padang, timed to the cues of the Show. To top it off, fireworks will also be fired from the Marina Bay.
- 7. Chairman, Show Committee, Senior Lieutenant-Colonel Danny Poh said, "In NDP 2024, we aim to tell the stories of Our People by spotlighting our collective strength, as well as the diversity and unity that define our society. And in order to cater to a broad spectrum of Our Society and People, the Show will blend nostalgia and modernity to strike a balance between sensory excitement and emotional resonance. In summary, our Show will have something for everyone."
- 8. More information on NDP 2024 will be available via the NDP social media accounts, YouTube page (<a href="www.youtube.com.sg/NDPeeps">www.youtube.com.sg/NDPeeps</a>) as well as official website at <a href="www.ndp.gov.sg">www.ndp.gov.sg</a>. The NDP 2024 Executive Committee also welcomes suggestions and feedback at <a href="ndp2024@defence.gov.sg">ndp2024@defence.gov.sg</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sparkulars are a form of cold spark non-pyrotechnics that are safe to use in close proximity to performers.