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Theatreworks Singapore

presents
the British Premiere of

madame mao's memories

by Henry Ong

With Claire Wong as Madame Mao

Directed by Ong Keng Sen

Madame Mao's Memories is a gripping tragedy about Jiang Qing, the actress from Shanghai, who rose to power with her husband Mao Tse-tung.

Set in a prison cell, empty of everything but memories, the play charts Jiang Qing's rise to power from simple peasant to influential instrumentalist of the cultural revolution in the 60s which herded hundreds of thousands of scholars, historians, doctors and artists to the labour camps or drove them to suicide.

In *Madame Mao's Memories* writer Henry Ong has created a powerful portrait of a complex and tormented soul who has nothing left but memories of her stage career, her life with Chairman Mao, her arrest and court trial, and the memories of her jealousies and conquests.

Claire Wong gives a virtuoso performance as Jiang Qing in this production which was critically acclaimed in Singapore, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. Theatreworks, one of Singapore's leading companies and dedicated to the nurturing of new writing talent, has pioneered a number of cross-cultural exchanges including the co-production of *The Dance and the Railroad* with *Tag Theatre* which was seen in Scotland earlier this year.

"An extraordinarily compelling play... Claire Wong is one of the most promising talents in the English language drama scene." Timezone Central newspaper

Tuesday 18 - Sunday 23 August 1.30pm
Tuesday 25 - Sunday 30 August 4.00pm
Tuesday 1 - Saturday 5 September 6.30pm

Tickets £7.00 concession £4.00

Traverse Two
Running time 1 hour 40 minutes



DIARY

THERE ARE NO PERFORMANCES ON MONDAYS

FESTIVAL

August 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | **September** 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5

Week 0 Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | **Week 1** Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | **Week 2** Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | **Week 3** Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun

TRAVERSE CO. - COLUMBUS: BLOODING THE OCEAN

Saturday 27 June - Saturday 25 July 8.00pm
(except Wednesday 1 July 2.30pm)

TRAVERSE CO. - THE LIFE OF STUFF

Friday 31 July - Thursday 6 August 8.00pm

COMMUNICADO - CYRANO DE BERGERAC

SUZANNE BONNAR

A PEN & A FIDDLE

ONE YELLOW RABBIT - SERPENT KILLS

CINNIBAR - REVELATIONS *The Testament of Solome*

THEATREWORKS - MADAME MAO'S MEMORIES

BAMBALUNA TITELLES - QUIJOTE

THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER / TRAVERSE FESTIVAL CONFERENCES

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Traverse 1

Traverse 2