





The lives of yesterday's Chinese rickshaw coolies and today's construction workers from India is the central theme of TheatreWorks' Workhorse Afloat.

Under the artistic direction of Ong Keng Sen, Workhorse Afloat explores how circumstances in Singapore have come full circle, by juxtaposing the lonely world of Chinese rickshaw coolies dating back from 1880 to 1940, with the Indian workers presently here.

Although most of us have seen these Indian workers in large groups at Little India on weekends, few of us ever wonder about the world they live in. Workhorse Afloat will change that as you're taken on a journey of discovery through a mosaic of real life accounts.

A piece of collaborative theatre, the performance will integrate various techniques and styles; including documentary, drama, music, dance, theatre and film by award-winning guest film-maker from China, Wu Wenguang and Singapore's awardwinning short film-maker, K Rajagopal. Innovative dance sequences will be created by Wen Hui, a guest choreographer who has worked in London at The Place and the Institute of Contemporary Arts.

Workhorse Afloat is a poignant and thought-provoking play that will stay with you long after the curtain comes down.

Duration: 1hr 30min



