

THEATREWORKS

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## Lao Jiu

16th-27th July 1997 8pm

Extra matinees on Saturdays & Sundays, 2.30pm

Venue: The Drama Centre

Written by Kuo Pao Kun

Directed by Casey Lim and Ong Keng Sen

Music Composed by Mark Chan

"Once in a lifetime comes a play that leaves you seeking the spiritual and emotional truth in your own life..." - 8 Day

Starring

Lim Kay Siu, Lim Kay Tong, Loong Seng Onn, Nora Samosir & introducing  
Nelson Chia as Lao Jiu

# Lao Jiu

Lao Jiu, the ninth child and only son is of outstanding intelligence and carries the hopes of his parents and siblings. Sacrifices are made by his family in the fond hope that he would achieve the honour of academic success. Alas, to his family's disappointment, he abandons his scholastic pursuits for his love of the traditional artform of hand puppetry.

First staged in English by TheatreWorks in 1993, Lao Jiu has performed to sell-out audiences in both Singapore and at the Festival of Perth in 1994. In this powerful and emotive work, TheatreWorks explores the issues of power play, psychological pressure, guilt, and the choice between family and self-destiny.

Using a multitude of artforms including traditional Hokkien glove puppetry, shadow puppetry, Chinese opera and martial arts, Lao Jiu, the play, brings to life the clash of eastern and western cultures, and the merging of old and the new. Lao Jiu is a spectacular production embracing a large cast of actors, puppeteers and musicians. Performed in English with Hokkien, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hakka, Malay and Tamil, the play "has the rare quality of appealing to the English and Chinese educated alike, without making either self-consciously tokenised" (The Straits Times, 30th April 1993).

*"An emotive and technically adventurous work..."*

The Age, Melbourne

*"Compelling staging..."*

The Australian

*"Moving, highly skilled, lively...."*

*The big cast works with a uniformly high level of energy and expressiveness..."*

The West Australian

*"Across the city, a group of actors from Singapore show the rest of us what you can do in the theatre just through imagery and the imagination."*

*The Ninth Child is brilliant in its use of metaphor."*

The Sydney Morning Herald

*"A production of stunning visual beauty."*

The Sunday Times, Australia

*"Lao Jiu is a play that stays in your mind even after the actors have taken their final bow."*

The Straits Times, Singapore

*The favourable reception marks a coming of age of sorts for Singapore English theatre."*

8 Days Magazine



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