



*A Psychological  
Suspense Thriller  
That Unfolds  
All Around You*

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PRESENTS

The  
**First  
Emperor's  
Last Days**

*Written by Tan Tarn How  
Directed by Ong Keng Sen  
In Collaboration with Video Artist Paul Wong  
Lighting Designer Kuo Jian Hong  
Set Designer Pierre Thibaudeau  
With Koh Boon Pin, Lim Yu-Beng, Karen Tan  
and introducing Ravi Veloo*

13, 14 June 1998, 8.00pm  
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Victoria Theatre



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Imagine a temporal vortex, fusing feudal China with the high technology of computerisation. Into this timescape, four people from different walks of life are prisoners of the Emperor Shih Huang Ti.

Sealed in a room, they are the dying Emperor's designated biographers, tasked to finish the book before his death. Cut off from the rest of the world, can they overcome personal suspicions and trust one another? Especially with the knowledge that others have gone before them, never to return.

The Emperor has done many great things.

But what of his many terrible cruelties?

What does one write?

Especially if one loves life.

And truth.

And the price of truth is death.

This unusual thriller will be staged with full multimedia support, and promises plenty of suspenseful political intrigue.

Tan Tarn How's last play, *Six of the Best*, was inspired by the Michael Fay incident and was directed by Ong Keng Sen to packed houses in June 1996. The play attracted much acclaim and coverage from the international press and media.

Also featuring collaborations with designers from Vancouver, Los Angeles and Sydney.

Look out for a power-packed cast that includes former Straits Times journalist, Ravi Veloo, who is making his stage debut.

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