

WALKING IN BEAUTY

Petrina Kow (Singapore)

**Featuring Anita Kapoor, Arianna Pozzuoli, Deborah Emmanuel,
Frances Lee, Oniatta Effendi and Dr Uma Rajan**

BIOGRAPHIES OF ARTISTS

CURATOR & DIRECTOR – PETRINA KOW

Petrina is a Voice and Presentation Coach based in Singapore and works with clients as diverse as CEOs, wildlife experts, corporate executives, students and yoga teachers. She is also a much sought-after voice actor for commercials, audio guides, online learning websites and animation. She was a radio deejay and talk show host on various top radio stations in Singapore and is also a popular emcee for corporate and family events. Petrina is also an actress and singer who was most recently seen in Kuo Pao Kun's *Lao Jiu: The Musical*. She has just completed 10 weeks of training and is now an Assistant Teacher of Fitzmaurice Voicework®.

STORYTELLER – ANITA KAPOOR

Anita Kapoor is a TV host, writer and speaker, who wishes there was another word to express the word 'Beauty' because it doesn't seem enough to encompass the truth.

STORYTELLER – ARIANNA POZZUOLI

Arianna Pozzuoli is an educator, author, writer, storyteller and poet. She has featured at various venues across North America, the United Kingdom, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Australia. Her first poetry collection *Something for Everyone* was released in 2014 by Red Wheelbarrow Books.

STORYTELLER – DEBORAH EMMANUEL

Deborah Emmanuel is a Singaporean writer, performer and four-time TEDx speaker who has been featured at festivals like the Makassar International Writers Festival and the Queensland Poetry Festival. She has performed in various cities and toured alongside poets like Anthony Anaxagorou and Sarah Kay. Deborah is the author of two books, *When I Giggle In My Sleep* (2015) and *Rebel Rites* (2016). When not writing, she performs on stage and screen, or makes music with her bands Wobology and The Ditha Project. Deborah also workshops writing and performance.

STORYTELLER – FRANCES LEE

Since graduating from LASALLE College of the Arts' BA Acting Course in 2014, Frances has been a regular feature in local theatre productions. She has received three consecutive nominations for Best Actress/Supporting Actress in the M1-The Straits Times Life! Theatre Awards for Pangdemonium's *Fat Pig* (2014), Checkpoint Theatre's *The Last Bull: A Life in Flamenco* (2016) and Dick Lee's *Beauty World* (2015). She clinched the award for Best Newcomer at the Stylexstyle Trailblazer awards. Other nominations include Best Ensemble for her work in *Tribes* (Pangdemonium) and *Normal* (Checkpoint Theatre).

STORYTELLER – ONIATTA EFFENDI

Oniatta Effendi is an experienced Drama Educator and Applied Theatre Practitioner, who is also a familiar face on Suria, having presented *Krayon*, an award-winning children's TV programme, for four consecutive seasons. She was last seen on screen in *SOS Matematik*, an edu-tainment Malay TV programme. Oniatta was nominated for Best Actress at The Straits Times' Life! Theatre Awards 2012 for her role in *The Gunpowder Trail*. Oniatta has facilitated several drama programmes for youth-at-risk and ex-convicts, and now lectures Applied Drama full-time at Singapore Polytechnic.

STORYTELLER – DR UMA RAJAN

A doctor by profession and a graduate of Indian Classical Dance, Dr Uma Rajan is well known for her contributions to Singapore's healthcare sector as Director, School Health and Elder Care Services of the Ministry of Health. She was one of the first 15 charter members of the National Arts Council and went on to lead all three editions of its Festival of Asian Performing Arts. A passionate advocate of women's welfare, she is also the recipient of numerous awards for her contributions to the healthcare, arts and culture, and social services sectors.