

NO PARTICULAR ORDER

JOEL TAN

JEAN NG

PERFORMED BY
ITI GRADUATING
CLASS OF 2025

1-3 MAY

THU & FRI: 8 PM / SAT: 2:30 PM, 8 PM
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1–3 May 2025 Thursday & Friday: 8 PM Saturday: 2:30 PM, 8 PM

Drama Centre Black Box National Library Building, Level 5

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SYNOPSIS

A despot has come to power.

The population is anxious, submissive, and scared.

But beneath every violation of civil liberty, there are real human beings; behind every act of resistance, there is an individual willing to risk everything. And these people aren't heroic or remarkable — they're just like us.

Through a series of vignettes involving the lives of bureaucrats, soldiers, artists and tour guides, *No Particular Order* charts the fate of a society in turmoil to ask at every step of the way: is it empathy, or power, that endures?

Joel Tan's *No Particular Order* first debuted in May 2022 at London's Theatre503. Described as "startling and apocalyptic", the play was shortlisted for the Theatre503 International Playwriting Award as well as the 2022 George Devine Award.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We live in a grotesque world of injustice and inequality, of violence and displacement, of grief and great suffering. However, it is also one of extraordinary solidarity, beauty, love, hope and resistance.

Joel Tan has written a very important play that speaks profoundly to the times we live in, and journeying with his play has been deeply inspiring and moving. It has also been an honour and privilege to return to ITI to work with the students after 20 years away. The rigour, care, discipline and support that everyone in the school brings to performer training and performance-making reminds me that there are right ways to make art.

With Gratitude and Joy,

Jean Ng April 2025

CREDITS

Cast

Aditi Venkateshwaran Kunal Dara Sanat Mehta Surendran Ananthan

Director

Jean Ng

Playwright Joel Tan

Set Designer Lim Wei Ling

Lighting Designer Faith Liu Yong Huay

Sound Designer Sandra Tay

Costume Coordinator Lim Chin Huat

Production Manager

Clarisse Ng

Stage Manager Carolene Ruth Liew

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CAST



Aditi Venkateshwaran

India

Aditi Venkateshwaran is a contemporary performer — an actor, dancer and a choreographer with a keen interest in storytelling, writing and travel. Trained in both Indian Classical dance form of Kathak as well as Hindustani Classical music, Aditi has worked in the performing arts field since she was a child. She directed her first full length dance theatre production — In Transit (2017), followed by - Fall Again | Fly Better (2020) a one woman show, which has been performed at various festivals around India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Europe. Her recent work Constant Acts of Disobeying (2021) is an investigation into the feminist movement and the mandates of gender and sexuality.

She has also been awarded the Pandit D.V Paluskar award by the Sharda Sangeet Academy, Mumbai for Kathak. She was recently featured as one of the most inspiring 'Young Indians' by homegrown.in and has been awarded the 'Rangasetu' Fellowship by the Maharashtra Cultural Centre, Pune. Her work traverses between the traditional and contemporary and she's very inclined towards discovering an interdisciplinary approach to performance practices in her country. Widely traveled, Aditi has performed all over the world and has been engaged in artistic work as a performer, creator and a teacher.

Aditi is a recipient of the Tan Chay Bing Education Fund Scholarship and a beneficiary of the Möbius Fund, a revolving loan fund for actor-students.



Kunal Dara

India

Kunal Dara is an actor from New Delhi, India, whose journey into theatre began with skipping college to immerse himself in the world of performance—playing theatre games, exploring the space, and sometimes, just being present. Over the years, he has been part of the LTG Repertory Company and collaborated with various theatre groups across Delhi as a freelance artist.

Before joining ITI, Kunal was a core member of Mrit Pathshala (The Dead School), where he performed for over a year. Notable works include *King Lear*, *The Other Half, Kala Yug, Maya*, and *Andorra*. Beyond performance, he has used devising as a tool to engage with underprivileged children and domestic workers on workplace and home safety, collaborating with the Martha Farrell Foundation (MFF).

Looking ahead, Kunal envisions a future of performing and traveling. Eventually, he hopes to cross disciplines and create his own unique body of work, blending different artistic forms and perspectives.

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Sanat Mehta

India

Sanat Mehta is a movement and theatre artist whose practice bridges dance, theatre, and intercultural performance. Trained in Jazz, Ballet, and Modern Contemporary dance in his early years, yet deeply rooted in Eastern epistemologies — including Buddhist, Vedanta, Yogic, Zen, and Taoist traditions — he explores how somatic awareness can transform artistic expression. His notable works include a solo performance *Maintain Distance* (2020), 'Dr. Astrov' in *Uncle Vanya* (2019), *A Man Alone with his Destiny* (Butoh, 2022), *Shadow and the Spirit* (Butoh, 2024), *Entangle* (Butoh & Contact Improvisation, 2025).

Driven by curiosity about acting pedagogies, somatic wisdom, and embodied spirituality, Sanat investigates these concepts through the lens of Asian performing arts and their dialogue with global theatre and dance traditions. His vision is to integrate a holistic understanding of the living body into artistic practice, fostering both individual and collective expression.

For years, he has facilitated educational programs across South Asia, sharing knowledge on self-transformation through the performing arts. His empirical research spans Movement Meditation, Butoh, Contact Improvisation, Taiji, and Flow Arts, drawing inspiration from Noh Theatre, Wayang Wong, Kutiyattam, and Jingju, alongside Suzuki, Mask Work, and other Acting methodologies he embodied at the Intercultural Theatre Institute.

As a performer, facilitator, and also a community builder, Sanat employs a decentralized approach to activate arts and wellness communities, creating inclusive spaces that deepen body-mind awareness and cultivate empathetic dialogue.

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Surendran Ananthan

Singapore

Surendran Ananthan is an aspiring actor who first became intrigued by the arts upon joining the Ngee Ann Polytechnic Indian Cultural Society. His interest inspired him to audition for an acting competition on the local Indian channel, Vasantham (known as "Udhayam" in 2010). He progressed till the finals and clinched the 1st runner-up. He was then introduced to the local Tamil theatre companies Athipathi International, Avant Theatre, Ravindran Drama Group and 2Tango Dazzle to explore his acting skills. In addition to his contributions to the theatre community, he is also active in Singapore's TV dramas and short films. He has acted in many dramas, including Murasu, Iruthiyil Yaar, Moksha Festival, Sakuni and more.

At the Pradhana Vizha Awards in 2024, Surendran walked away with the "Most Popular Male Personality Award" presented by the Vasantham channel. His desire to improve his acting skills and grow as an artist led him to enrol at Intercultural Theatre Institute in 2023. After graduating from ITI, Surendran intends to become a drama educator for youths to inspire the future generations. He strongly believes that the best way for continuous learning is through teaching.

Surendran is a recipient of the Tan Chay Bing Education Fund Scholarship.

CREATIVE TEAM

Director

Jean Ng

Jean Ng is a graduate of the Jacques Lecoq International School of Theatre in Paris, France. For over three decades, she has worked as an actor, director, writer and educator in both professional theatre as well as with educational and community groups.

As a bilingual performer, Jean played leading roles in productions by Singaporean theatre companies such as Cake Theatrical Productions, Theatreworks (now T:>Works), The Necessary Stage, The Theatre Practice, The Finger Players, Drama Box, Checkpoint Theatre, Nine Years Theatre and Toy Factory Productions. She was formerly Associate Director of The Necessary Stage, where she created and directed several works.

A passionate believer in arts education, Jean has designed and taught drama programmes for preschoolers to tertiary students. She was invited by the late theatre doyen, Kuo Pao Kun, to form the core team that founded the Theatre Training and Research Programme (now Intercultural Theatre Institute), a three-year full-time professional actor-training programme. She taught at TTRP for five years. Jean also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Singapore Drama Educators Association. From 2018 to 2020, she served as Artistic Director of the M1 Peer Pleasure Youth Theatre Festival.

Her work in Community Theatre is also extensive. She designed and taught a three-year theatre programme for seniors, "Theatre for Seniors" by The Necessary Stage. She has been a resident drama coach and director at the Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) since 2003 and has also taught in special needs schools and sheltered workshops involving persons with diverse intellectual and physical disabilities.

Playwright

Joel Tan

Joel Tan is a Singaporean playwright based in London and Singapore.

Recent work in the UK includes his new play Scenes from a Repatriation opened on 25 April at the Royal Court; No Particular Order at Theatre503; When The Daffodils at the Orange Tree Theatre; Living Newspaper at the Royal Court; Ghosts in the Blood for Audible UK; Overheard, and Augmented Chinatown with Kakilang (formerly Chinese Arts Now).

Upcoming work includes a new adaptation of Heart of Darkness commissioned by Headlong Theatre, and Beacon, a new opera with composer Jonathan Shin.

In Singapore, recent work includes *G*d is* a *Woman* and a new adaptation of *Tartuffe*, both with Wild Rice, where Joel is Artist in Residence. Joel has made work with other

major theatres like Checkpoint Theatre and Pangdemonium, and several are available in a collection, *Joel Tan Plays Volume 1*, published by Checkpoint Theatre.

Joel is a passionate advocate for new writing, and helps run playwright development programmes at Centre 42, where he is a Creative Associate, and Wild Rice, where he is Literary Manager.

His play Love in the Time of the Ancients was a finalist for the 2019 Papatango Prize, and No Particular Order was shortlisted for the George Devine Prize 2022. For Scenes from a Repatriation at the Royal Court, Joel was named Jerwood New Playwright.

Joel also writes for screen and audio, and frequently works inter-disciplinarily, and in contemporary art.

Joel is represented by Imogen Sarre of Casarotto Ramsay & Associates.

Set Designer

Lim Wei Ling

Lim Wei Ling is a full-time spatial designer specialising in stage and installations. As a firm believer in multi-disciplinary, collaborative art-making, Wei Ling often collaborates with artists and designers from diverse backgrounds. She is part of the design triumvirate INDEX, who frequently collaborate with The Finger Players. Additionally, she serves as a senior lecturer at The School of Design, Nanyang Polytechnic.

Wei Ling is trained as an architect, holding a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture from the National University of Singapore. Her passion for design led her to pursue a Master of Arts in Design Futures with Distinction at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

Her designs tend to explore the concepts of space and time, particularly how they relate to people and society. Throughout her career, Wei Ling has won multiple awards and exhibited installations at events such as the Singapore Arts Festival, London Design Festival, and Milan Design Week.

Lighting Designer

Faith Liu Yong Huay

Faith Liu Yong Huay is honoured to have worked on numerous theatre and dance productions in Singapore as a lighting designer. In September 2017, she co-founded 微 Wei Collective with theatre practitioner Neo Hai Bin. She explores giving breath to spaces, objects and bodies with light.

She is trained at The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in Lighting Design (2016), under the National Arts Council Arts Scholarship (Postgraduate). She is currently an associate artist with The Necessary Stage.

Please visit her portfolio at: liuyonghuay.tumblr.com

Sound Designer

Sandra Tay

Sandra is a Singapore-based sound engineer and designer. Driven by her passion and commitment to the primacy of sound, she has been providing technical and creative audio services for touring productions, local theatres, national events and school shows.

Often by creatively merging digitalised effects with naturalistic foleys, her approach is to find things within the script that inspire her to find the right sound.

Some of her design credit includes: ASYLUM (Intercultural Theatre Institute), Four Horse Road (The Theatre Practice), A Dream Under The Southern Bough: Existence (Toy Factory), Oh Ma! Where Are You Again? (independent production).

Costume Coordinator

Lim Chin Huat

Lim Chin Huat is a cross-disciplinary artist who has over two decades of experience as a visual artist, performer, dancer, choreographer, costume designer, facilitator and educator. In particular, Chin Huat is known for his stunning visual creative works which are cross-disciplinary, site-specific, outreach and non-conventional in nature. Chin Huat has worked with Toy Factory Theatre Ensemble (1990-1996), and later, as co-founder and artistic director of ECNAD (1996-2013).

A prolific creator, he has more than 70 works to his credit, mainly full-length dance, since 1993. Some of his signature and collaborative works were seen and presented in Singapore Arts Festival, Belgrade International Theatre Festival, Vienna Arts Festival's Asia Village, Festival of Asia (New Zealand), Asia Interaction (Indonesia), The Actors Studio (Kuala Lumpur), Chaoyang Cultural Centre (Beijing), Esplanade Raw Series, Gardens by The Bay Opening, Mercedes-Benz Asia Fashion Award, Artwine Festival, Singapore River Festival, MediaCorp Star Awards, Asian Civilisation Museum and others. Chin Huat is a recipient of the Young Artist Award (2000), and a nominee for the Spirit of Enterprise Award (2004). Chin Huat holds double Diplomas in Dance and Fine Arts from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts.

About ITI

Founded in 2000 by Kuo Pao Kun and T. Sasitharan, Intercultural Theatre Institute (ITI) is the world's premier intercultural theatre conservatory, conceived as a unique, independent, and unprecedented enterprise in theatre training, social and cultural interaction, and human understanding. It offers a unique curriculum that juxtaposes traditional and contemporary practices. ITI equips students to address today's artistic and societal challenges through a strong foundation in intercultural dialogue.

Committed to nurturing diverse voices and fostering regional collaborations, the institute aims to play a vital role in shaping a vibrant arts ecosystem. Its mission is rooted in the future of arts education, and talent development, embracing the values of cultural and social diversity, and celebrating humanity and life.

ITI began as the Theatre Training & Research Programme (TTRP) and has evolved in the 25 years since. Today ITI's Acting Programme is highly regarded in the arts community and has attracted international recognition of the highest order through its consistent quality and celebrated alumni.

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Melissa Leung Hiu Tuen ('05, Hong Kong) is the Company Dramaturg at City Contemporary Dance Company (CCDC) in Hong Kong, supporting artists through fostering constructive communication and creative growth. She actively participates in public initiatives, cultivating a dialogue around dance and theatre. Her latest works include a lecture series for docents-in-training on contemporary performing arts as part of Hong Kong's One Month One Art initiative, empowering youth and expanding audience engagement in theatre. dance, and cross-media arts.



Yazid Jalil ('15, Singapore) is an actor, director, writer, and educator with over 60 professional theatrical productions spanning two decades. His work as an artist and educator has taken him to India, Japan, and Taiwan. where he's engaged in cross-cultural collaborations. Yazid is currently an adjunct lecturer at LASALLE College of the Arts and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts and holds a Master of Arts in Arts Pedagogy and Practice. As a teaching-artist, he prioritises sincerity, joy, and collaboration, aiming to empower youths with agency and critical thinking through theatre education.



Lakshmana KP ('18, India) is a theatre and performance-maker whose work centres around events, people, and stories from the Dalit community, who are marginalised and stigmatised on the basis of caste in Karnataka, India. In March 2023, his play Daklakatha Devikavya, an original script written and performed in the Kannada language, was nominated for several categories including Best Original Script, Best Director and Best Production in the Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) in New Delhi, India, He is a recipient of the Shankar Nag Theatre Award 2023.



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Intercultural Theatre Institute (ITI) is not just a school. It's a training ground for courageous storytellers – the world's first intercultural theatre conservatory.

Founded 25 years ago by Kuo Pao Kun and T. Sasitharan, ITI boldly fuses traditional Asian theatre forms with contemporary performance practice. It's an independent, artist-led space for those who dare to challenge convention, cross borders, and reimagine the world through theatre.

Join the Community — 250 for ITI25

In celebration of ITI's 25th anniversary, we are inviting 250 people to stand with us — to help sustain this unique and vital institution for the next generation of socially conscious artists.

Your gift will:

- Support actor-students who need financial assistance
- · Sustain our rigorous intercultural training
- · Keep ITI independent, inclusive, and artist-driven

If you've ever been moved by the potential of a curious, creative student, or the courage of someone who chooses the unconventional path of an artist — you're already part of our story.

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— Yeo Yann Yann

Best Supporting Actress, Ilo Ilo, 50th Golden Horse Awards; ITI Alumna

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