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### **Fact Sheet: NDP 2022 Theme Song and Music Video**

#### **“Stronger Together”**

1. The NDP 2022 theme song is composed by Don Richmond and performed by Taufik Batisah. Titled “Stronger Together”, the theme song is a rallying call for Singaporeans to come together, and encourages Singaporeans to unite and overcome. The upbeat song reflects how we look ahead to a brighter and shared future, and the lyrics remind us to be humble and grateful for what we have.

#### **Inspiring Everyday Singaporeans**

2. The accompanying music video directed by Lindsay Jialin is inspired by real-life Singaporeans, and focuses on community and the resilience of Singaporeans. These stories remind us of the power of unity, and how we can come together to overcome, celebrate, and strive onwards.

#### ***Artistic Swimmers of TeamSG***

3. Artistic Swimming is a team sport that emphasises on the strength of teamwork, as the artistic swimmers work together to ensure that their choreography is synchronised for the delivery of a united performance. The Singapore Artistic Swim Team made history by winning the nation’s first Artistic Swimming gold medal at the 2015 Southeast Asian Games, and have continually clinched medals in various competitions since then.

#### ***Dance Spectrum International***

4. Dance Spectrum International is a dance group featured within the music video. It is a dance academy which promotes inclusivity and celebration of abilities. Through dance, they encourage dancers to overcome personal barriers and obstacles, as well as to break free from conventional social expectations.

#### ***Kim Whye Kee***

5. From gang member to gang leader, Kim Whye Kee spent a decade of his youth in prison for consumption of drugs. He picked up pottery in the last few months of his sentence and now holds a BA Hons. degree in Fine Arts from LASALLE College of the Arts. He is the proud owner of Qi Pottery, as well as co-founder of Beacon of Life (BoL) and Beacon of Life Academy (BoLA). Through BoL, he works with and helps ex-convicts and at-risk youth by building circles of support around them through mentor-mentee programmes.



### ***Redeafination***

6. Redeafination is a dance group featured within the music video. It is an independent dance crew for the Deaf. Redeafination aims to promote deaf awareness and bring the joy of dancing to the deaf community. The dancers adapt and learn new ways to keep in time with the music, such as feeling vibrations through the floor or watching their fellow dancers for support. The crew has performed both locally and internationally.

### ***Singapore Airlines***

7. During the COVID-19 pandemic, various agencies lent manpower support to the hospitals. This includes Singapore Airlines (SIA) staff, pilots and cabin crew who stepped forward to be redeployed to hospitals as care ambassadors. One of the care ambassadors was air stewardess Tracy Tang, who has since resumed her flights with SIA amidst the improving COVID-19 situation.

### ***Urban Terrain Groovers***

8. Urban Terrain Groovers is a dance group under Distinct Creative Arts, a social enterprise that uses dance to reach out to the youth, including many who are marginalised or at-risk. For these youth, Urban Terrain Groovers are not just instilling them with dance fundamentals, but also building a community of support and strength for them.

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## **Annex A**

### **“Stronger Together”**

**Music and Lyrics by Don Richmond**

**Performed by Taufik Batisah ft. The Island Voices**

**Arranged by Bani Hidir and Don Richmond**

**Mixed and Mastered by Don Richmond and Bani Hidir**

Relight Our Fire  
We'll find our way  
And time heals all things  
A little day by day

Everywhere that I go  
See the people I know  
All the faces young and old

Lift the spirits broken  
Hear the words unspoken  
Still more stories yet untold

And I'm grateful still for the sun that shines  
Spirit, Heart and Mind so clear  
And I'm finding ways doing all I can  
To be bigger than my fears

And with every breath I take I believe

We are fire  
Through the night  
We're the light into the morning after

Through the wire  
In this fight  
And from the flames we will soar forever

We will Rise  
Rise  
We Rise Stronger Together

Grateful  
Faithful  
Ignite a spark



May our deeds define us  
And our words remind us  
All for one and one for all

Now the road ahead may have just begun  
We will leave no one behind

It's in times like these we learn to live

We are fire  
Through the night  
We're the Light into the Morning After

Through the wire  
In this fight  
And from the flames we will soar forever

We will Rise  
Rise  
We Rise Stronger Together

Like a Phoenix from the Flames  
We will Rise Up  
Like a Phoenix from the Flames  
We will Rise Up  
Like a Phoenix from the Flames  
We will Rise Up  
Like a Phoenix from the Flames  
We will Rise

We are fire  
Through the night  
We're the Light into the Morning After

Through the wire  
In this fight  
And from the flames we will soar forever

We will Rise  
Rise  
We Rise Stronger Together

We're Stronger Together



## **Annex B**

### **Taufik Batisah, 41 years old (Theme Song Singer)**

Taufik Batisah was crowned as the nation's first Singapore Idol in 2004. Since then, he has released multiple best-selling, chart-topping records in both English and Malay, and has also won many awards for his music, popularity and contributions to the local and regional music scenes. His genres include Pop, R&B, musicals and even acting.

He received the NAC Singapore Youth Award for his achievements and for being a role model to youths. At the national level, he has performed at the APEC Summit (2009), Chingay (2010), ASEAN-JAPAN Music Festival (2018), and most recently in the NDP 2019 Theme Song "Our Singapore" as part of an inter-generational cast.

### **Don Richmond, 46 years old (Theme Song Composer and NDP 2022 Music Director)**

Don Richmond is a singer/songwriter/producer with a background in pop, hip hop, rock, and rock and roll. He was part of the music team for SEA Games 2015, and also wrote songs for the "Army Daze 2", and "Ah Boys to Men" theatrical comedy play. He wrote and produced for local singers (e.g. Taufik Batisah, Hardy Mirza, Mark Bonafide); he also wrote theme songs for Lions XII and One FC.

His other experiences include being the Music Mentor for the National Arts Council's Noise Programme from 2008 to 2014, as well as Music Director for NDP'16, 2010 Youth Olympic Games and 2011 World Netball Championships.

### **Lindsay Jialin (Music Video Director)**

With a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Diploma in Film, Sound and Video, Lindsay Jialin has amassed over 15 years of professional experience in the television and video production industry. She has directed and produced works from music videos and live entertainment TV shows, to TVCs & branding videos (Samsung, Glenfiddich, Julie's biscuits), even working on a feature film with director Daisuke Miyazaki called 'Tourism'.

She has clinched awards like Best Special Show for 'A Wedding Affair' with Mediacorp for the Asian Television awards, an Emmy nominee for a debate-styled show called 'The Arena' and a nominee for Best Reality Show at the ATV for 'The Dance Floor Season 2'. Her work has embraced a broad spectrum of genres and styles, from edgy and abstract, to whimsical and lyrical, to emotive and nostalgic, to commercial and mass appeal.