



OCBC Garden Rhapsody Premieres at Supertree Grove

*Light and sound show treats visitors to a multi-sensory journey
celebrating the coexistence of man with nature*

Singapore, 2 July 2012 – Visitors to Gardens by the Bay were treated to a splendid audio visual display this evening at the premiere of the *OCBC Garden Rhapsody*. Combining music, lasers, projection media and light artistry, the specially commissioned show will delight visitors at 7:45pm and 8:45pm each evening at the Supertree Grove.

The *OCBC Garden Rhapsody* is made possible by a partnership between Gardens by the Bay and the Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited (“OCBC Bank”). OCBC Bank is also the sponsor of the OCBC Skyway at the SuperTrees – a breathtaking 128 metre-long aerial walkway, suspended at a height of 22 metres above the ground.

Mr Samuel Tsien, CEO of OCBC Bank shared, “We are honoured to have played a part in the development of such an iconic waterfront gardens project through our sponsorship of the OCBC Skyway and OCBC Garden Rhapsody on the occasion of OCBC’s 80th anniversary this year. It is an occasion that we would like to remember and celebrate as an opportunity to give back to the community we serve. This is the community which has provided us with the foundation of our past growth.”

He added, “The launch of the OCBC Skyway and OCBC Garden Rhapsody this evening marks the culmination of one and a half years’ tireless work by the Gardens by the Bay team and the OCBC team. They have come together to realise a common vision of giving our community new public spaces where we can relax according to our own pace and connect with one another.”



Dr Kiat W. Tan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Gardens by the Bay says, “We want to surprise and delight our visitors, and the *OCBC Garden Rhapsody* is one of the offerings that will not only add to the magic of the Gardens, but also make an indelible impression on the Singapore night sky. It is the second gift to Gardens by the Bay from OCBC Bank and we are glad that OCBC Bank shares our aspirations in transforming Gardens by the Bay into a garden for everyone’s enjoyment. The Gardens welcomes corporations to come onboard as stakeholders of our City in a Garden, to leave a legacy in green for future generations to enjoy.”

The *OCBC Garden Rhapsody* was conceptualised and produced by Mr Philip Tan, a critically acclaimed music director and composer based in Singapore, and lighting designer Gabriel Chan. It is an exciting poetic trilogy of music and light, which celebrates the harmonious co-existence of Man and the Garden, making these trees come alive. The installation was composed using recordings of the sounds made by the trees and plants at Gardens by the Bay.

The *OCBC Garden Rhapsody* can either be viewed from a distance or experienced from within the Supertree Grove. Each performance uses 48 independent audio speakers to stream music from every spot and corner of the Grove, resembling ‘live’ musicians performing at various spots. The lights add further to the ambience with changing colours and moving displays that silhouette the spectacular structure of the Supertrees against the dark of the evening sky. Each show will last about 10 minutes and the performances will change every three months based on the musical score composed by Tan.

The OCBC Garden Rhapsody is a twice nightly performance, at 7:45pm and 8:45pm at Gardens by the Bay’s Supertree Grove. The show is free of charge for all to enjoy. Gardens by the Bay charges nominal entrance fees to its main attractions, including the OCBC Skyway. All ticket proceeds will go towards the programmes and upkeep of the Gardens.



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Marina Bay. Comprising three waterfront gardens – Bay South, Bay East and Bay Central – it is a showcase of horticulture and garden artistry.

A project started by the National Parks Board, Gardens by the Bay has grown to become an independent organisation and registered charity responsible for developing and managing this world-class garden destination and national icon.

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