

*A very Happy New Year to you all!*

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At the beginning of this new year, I am delighted to share these beautiful photos from Singapore Dance Theatre (SDT). These images of SDT Season 2021 are a greeting card to you all!

Last year was a very challenging year for all art performance companies, and SDT was no exception. As the theatres and SDT's own dance studio were closed for so long, SDT tried their best to create opportunities to express themselves as a ballet company and get closer to their supporters. They

created lessons in ballet, stretch and Pilates taught by SDT dancers from their own homes. They even held popular Q&A sessions with their dancers.

SDT introduces their Season 2021 as follows;

“Through the ups and downs of 2020, we have found a deepened connection with our audience and loyal supporters as we dared to dance beyond our circumstances by opening up our homes to virtual ballet classes and heart-to-heart live



interviews. More than ever, SDT is committed to presenting world-class ballets, and our hope is to inspire, unite, and lead the arts industry forward.

Season 2021 – ***Dance from Within*** seeks to reveal who we are in the most authentic and genuine way. We believe that the beauty of dance is grounded in its power to reveal our deepest selves, and express what words cannot.”

Based on this theme, the images of Season 2021 have been produced. Unfortunately, 5 out of the 6 seasons in 2020 had to be canceled, but luckily most of them could be re-scheduled to perform in Season 2021. Each image describes a different season and the designs are noticeably different from 2020, to show the stark contrast before and after COVID-19.

This year’s design has the profiles of dancers as background with different dancers performing in front. To me the design seems almost two dimensional, as though we went through a long tunnel to reach a new dimension. I see the dancers’ passion for dance and their determination to perform. However, the two dimensions could also indicate that theatre is a place where different ideas of dancers and audience meet. I hope the design similarly inspires you and gives you hope, as it did me :)

I heard an interesting story from the SDT team. It is easy to assume that dancers can act but apparently this is not always the case! For some dancers, acting does not come easily, especially striking a pose for a photo shoot like this. Some dancers find it unnatural to act without dancing or moving. And you may think taking pictures of dancers is easy because they can jump so beautifully. Again, it is very hard to make a static photo show the true beauty and flow of ballet. If you look closely at the images for Passages and

Ballet Under the Stars, you may well appreciate how hard it was to capture the graceful movements of body and costume in perfect unison!

The company’s message ends with an invitation to the world of dance.

“We are inviting you to step back into the theatres with us and fall in love with dance all over again. To be liberated, captivated, and fascinated by the magic of dance within ourselves, because this is who we are, we are dancers.

Would you join us in dancing from within?”

Let us hope that we can all meet at the theatre early this year! Till then, I would like to continue to share inspirational stories about the Singapore art scene.

Photos/information Singapore Dance Theatre

All dates are subject to Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. Please check the latest schedule on SDT’s website.

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Meet Me on Monday  
with Takeaki and  
Kana in Japanese  
with English  
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