

Joel Tan

He/Him
Writer

Joel is a Singaporean playwright based in London. Described as one of the most exciting Singapore playwrights of his generation, his plays have received acclaim for their lyrical and incisive interrogation of his home city's politics and society. Joel was part of Theatre503's residency scheme, the 503 Five, and an associate artist with the London-based Chinese Arts Now Festival and Singapore's Checkpoint Theatre. He has an MA in Dramatic Writing from the Drama Centre, Central Saint Martins, which he pursued under a scholarship from Singapore's National Arts Council.

He is currently under commission to Headlong Theatre, The Royal Court and The Almeida Theatre and has an original feature film in development with Paradigm Shift Entertainment.

Theatre

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| 2025 | The Serangoon Gardens Techno Party of 1993
Wild Rice @ Funan
Directed by Sim Yan Ying "YY" |
| 2025 | Scenes from a Repatriation
Royal Court Theatre
Directed by emma + pj |
| 2023 | G*d is a Woman
Ngee Ann Kongsi Theatre, Singapore
Directed by Ivan Heng
Produced with Wild Rice @ Funan |
| 2022 | No Particular Order
Theatre503
Directed by Josh Roche
Produced by Theatre503 and Ellandar Productions
<i>Shortlisted for the George Devine Award 2022</i>
<i>Shortlisted for Theatre503's Playwriting Award 2018</i> |

- 2021 **Collect, Cumin, Coriander, Chardonnay, and Cashews**
Royal Court, as part of Living Newspaper Volume 1
Directed by Izzy Rabey
- 2020 **Overheard**
Chinese Arts Now Festival, London
Directed by Mingyu Lin
- 2019 **My White Best Friend (and Other Letters Left Unsaid)**
The Bunker Theatre
Co-curated by Rachel De-Lahay & Milli Bhatia
Directed by Milli Bhatia; Produced by Tobi Kyeremateng
- 2019 **Peter Pan in Serangoon Gardens**
[Lyrics]
Wild Rice @ Funan, Singapore
Book by Thomas Lim; Directed by Ivan Heng
- 2017 **Tango**
Pandemonium Theatre Company, Singapore
Directed by Tracie Pang
- 2017 **Tropicana the Musical**
[Lyrics]
Capitol Theatre, Singapore
Written by Haresh Sharma; Directed by Beatrice Chia-Richmond
Composed by Julian Wong
Produced by Spare Room Productions
- 2016 **Café**
Twenty Something Theatre Festival, Singapore
Directed by Chen Yingxuan
- 2015 **You are Here**
[Director & Dramaturg]
Wild Rice @ Funan, Singapore
Written by Pooja Nansi
In association with Singapore Writer's, Festival & Checkpoint, Esplanada Studios,
Singapore & Queensland Poetry Festival, Australia
- 2015 **Mosaic**
Singtel Waterfront Theatre, Singapore
Directed by Tan Shou Chen
Produced by Esplanade
- 2014 **The Way We Go**
SOTA [School of the Arts] Studio Theatre, Singapore
Directed by Claire Wong
Produced by Checkpoint Theatre
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Opera

2023

The Butterfly Lovers

[Libretto]

Victorian Opera, Australia

Conceived and Directed by Ivan Heng

Conductor Richard Mills

