



Marina Bay Sands a celebrity hotspot over the weekend

Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham and actors Kelly Marie Tran and Waheeda Rehman among stars that attended events held at integrated resort



From L-R: Marina Bay Sands Senior Vice President of Marketing Maunik Thacker with Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham; Star Wars: The Last Jedi actor Kelly Marie Tran with David Beckham at the red carpet for the SGIFF Benefit Dinner

Singapore (27 November 2017) – The energy was exhilarating this past weekend at Asia's leading entertainment destination, Marina Bay Sands, as the integrated resort played host to several celebrity-studded events across the property.

Red carpet fever returned to Marina Bay Sands again for the 28th Singapore International Film Festival (SGIFF) as it rolled out the red carpet at the Mastercard Theatres for the festival's launch and opening film *Angels Wear White* on Thursday, and again for the festival's special presentation film, *The Song of Scorpions*, on Friday.

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From L-R: Angels Wear White director Vivian Qu and actress Zhou Meijun at the SGIFF Opening on Thursday; Song of Scorpions director Anup Singh and Bollywood legend Waheeda Rehman at the Special Presentation Screening on Friday.

Celebrities who walked the red carpet included Chinese director-producer Vivian Qu, Bollywood legend Waheeda Rehman, Japanese filmmaker Daisuke Miyazaki, Japanese model and director Takumi Saito and award-winning Singaporean filmmakers Kirsten Tan, Anthony Chen and Boo Junfeng.



Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham attended the SGIFF Benefit Dinner, where he donated an autographed Haig Club Limited Edition Box Set for the charity auction

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On Saturday, fans descended upon Sands Expo and Convention Centre to catch a glimpse of Sands Global Ambassador David Beckham, who was invited by Marina Bay Sands to walk the red carpet and make a special appearance at the SGIFF Benefit Dinner in support for the IR's commitment to SGIFF, now a designated charity of the IR. At the private charity auction held during the dinner, Beckham donated an autographed Haig Club Limited Edition Box Set. By the end of the evening, \$270,000 was raised in support of the charity.

On the red carpet, Beckham was joined by film director Anup Singh, Waheeda Rehman, *Crazy Rich Asians* actor Henry Golding, Japanese actor, model and singer Takumi Saito, Japanese actor Misuzu Kanno and upcoming Star Wars: The Last Jedi cast member Kelly Marie Tran. They were joined by Singaporean filmmakers Tan Pin Pin, Royston Tan, Eric Khoo and Anthony Chen.



From L-R: Marina Bay Sands' Chief Financial Officer Bob Harayda and Kelly Marie Tran at the Event Plaza for the Festive Light-Up and Stars Wars-themed light and water show; The Star Wars: The Last Jedi light and water show was watched by thousands of fans on Saturday night.

The evening called for double the excitement as Marina Bay Sands also launched its year-end festivities at the Event Plaza with a special Star Wars-themed light and water show. The integrated resort and Disney teamed up for the Marina Bay Sands Festive Light-Up – Star Wars: The Last Jedi Edition, a first-of-its-kind multimedia performance that combined lights, lasers, and water fountains, set to original music from the Star Wars film franchise.

The Force was strong at the Light-Up, where thousands of fans, some dressed in Star Wars costumes, gathered to witness actor Kelly Marie Tran and Marina Bay Sands' Chief Finance Officer Bob Harayda launch the 5-minute light and water show.

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From L-R: Beckham helping children out at a pastry workshop at The Bird Southern Table & Bar; Beckham with CEO & Founder of 50 Eggs and The Bird, John Kunkel

To cap off the weekend, David Beckham visited new restaurant The Bird Southern Table & Bar on Sunday morning, where he made a special appearance during a children's pastry workshop with close to 40 children, together with John Kunkel, CEO & Founder of 50 Eggs and The Bird.

Over at ArtScience Museum, *The Song of Scorpions* director Anup Singh and cast member Waheeda Rehman participated in a special dialogue session on Friday hosted by SGIFF and Marina Bay Sands under its *In Conversation* series, where they spoke about film and their respective careers in the industry. The talk was one of seven dialogue sessions being hosted by the integrated resort during the festival, and is part of Marina Bay Sands' corporate social responsibility programme, *Sands for Singapore*.

The Singapore International Film Festival continues till December 3. For more information about the In Conversation sessions with film actors, producers, and directors hosted at ArtScience Museum during the festival, log onto www.marinabaysands.com/entertainment/sgiff.html.

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