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## **Avengers: Infinity War Super Heroes meet 4,000 fans at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore** *Additional 3,000 fans surprised with a cast appearance and live simulcast of event in Sands Expo*



*Benedict Cumberbatch poses with fans on the purple carpet at the Event Plaza*

**Singapore** (16 April 2018) – Marvel Studios and Marina Bay Sands pulled out all stops for 4,000 Avengers fans as they rallied at the Event Plaza to welcome the formidable cast of Robert Downey Jr. (Iron Man), Benedict Cumberbatch (Dr. Strange), Karen Gillan (Nebula), director Joe Russo and executive producer Trinh Tran.

The evening was filled with heart-stopping moments, from a surprise appearance by the talent in Sands Expo, to their arrival on the grand purple carpet at the Event Plaza, to a spectacular show of laser, light and water projections, and a display of pyrotechnics.

The show's narrative was built on the Avengers: Infinity War story arc, which culminated in Singapore being the location for the sixth and final Infinity Stone that the movie's villain –

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Thanos – is in search of. Robert Downey Jr. declared it the “coolest fan event” that he had been to, while Benedict Cumberbatch said the event was “utterly surreal”, praising fans who had been waiting for hours for a chance to see the stars.



*From L-R: Mahesh Samat, Trinh Tran, Robert Downey Jr. , Karen Gillan, Benedict Cumberbatch, Joe Russo and George Tanasijevich at the Event Plaza*



*Fans in the Expo Hall were surprised by talent as they made their way to the Event Plaza; Mahesh Samat, George Tanasijevich and the stars on stage*

It was a fully immersive fan experience, where everyone attending got to play a part in a narrative crafted by director Joe Russo. There was strength in numbers as fans were joined by the cast, with Russo getting the crowd to collectively call out the catchphrase, “Avengers Assemble”, to reveal the Soul Stone, a 12m-high glass prism that is a part of Spectra light and water show.

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Also gracing the event with their presence were George Tanasijevich, President and Chief Executive Officer of Marina Bay Sands, and Mahesh Samat, Executive Vice President and Managing Director, The Walt Disney Company, South Asia.

Fans were up early in the morning to register for access to the evening event – queues formed by 7am, when Hall B at Sands Expo and Convention Centre opened for registration. By 10am, all 4,000 wristbands for the Event Plaza were collected.

However, the organisers threw in a surprise for those who did not manage to secure a slot at the Event Plaza. Another 3,000 fans were given access to Sands Expo Hall A, where the entire event was live-streamed. They were also given an extra treat as the talent made a surprise appearance in true Hollywood fashion. Throughout the day, the Hall was also transformed into a space for fans to watch screenings of Avengers: Age of Ultron and Captain America: Civil War.



*The integrated resort was illuminated with the colour of the Infinity Stones for the purple carpet event*

Mr. George Tanasijevich, President and Chief Executive Officer of Marina Bay Sands, said: “There is an extreme sense of pride when you see thousands of fans gather at Marina Bay Sands in support of an event that has taken immense time and effort to execute. This event validates why we continue to actively pitch for and organise entertainment projects of international significance that bolster Singapore’s reputation as a global entertainment hub. Tonight bears even more meaning to Marina Bay Sands as we celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> year anniversary this month. There is no better way to commemorate the occasion than with this event. We thank The Walt Disney Company, South Asia, for letting us play a part in telling their story and look forward to future collaborations.”

The fan event gave the perfect ending to a two-day press tour for the stars of Avengers: Infinity War, which also enabled both Walt Disney Studios and Marina Bay Sands to provide unique opportunities for students and the charities they support.



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On Sunday, 15 April, 37 cancer survivors from the Make-A-Wish Singapore Foundation were given the opportunity to meet Robert Downey Jr., who, in his role as Iron Man, awarded them the title of Honorary Avengers for battling and surviving cancer.



*Robert Downey Jr. helped swear in 37 children from the Make-A-Wish Singapore Foundation as honorary avengers on Sunday*

Earlier today, Joe Russo and executive producer Trinh Trinh were also joined by visual effects artist Jeff Capogreco and Singaporean hometown hero, Adam Lee, for a filmmakers' session with 169 students from LASALLE College of the Arts, Singapore American School, Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic and Spectra Secondary School. The students were invited by the integrated resort as part of its corporate social responsibility programme, Sands for Singapore, which champions youth and education.



*Director Joe Russo taking a photo with Jeff Capogreco, Adam Lee and students at the filmmakers' session*

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Sonia Lim, 20, a student from Nanyang Polytechnic majoring in Digital Visual Effects, said: “It is pretty rare for budding filmmakers like us to have the chance to hear first-hand from experienced directors like Joe Russo, who has worked on so many blockbuster movies like the Avengers franchise. It was very inspiring to learn about his journey as a filmmaker and we are really grateful to Sands for Singapore and The Walt Disney Studios for this opportunity.”

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#### **About Avengers: Infinity War**

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Anthony and Joe Russo direct the film, which is produced by Kevin Feige. Louis D’Esposito, Victoria Alonso, Michael Grillo and Stan Lee are the executive producers. Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely wrote the screenplay. “Avengers: Infinity War” opens in Singapore cinemas 25 April 2018.

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