



## MEDIA RELEASE

27 May 2011

Gardner&Wife Theatre  
*presents*

### *pluck's* **MUSICAL ARSON – Reignited!**

## Mozart meets the Marx Brothers!

*UK's melodic buffoons set to "trill" Malaysia & Singapore this July.*

The world's funniest string trio will pluck your heartstrings in a concert that goes wrong in every way it possibly can! These award-winning festival favourites are ready to delight old and new fans with their quirky combination of classical music skills and laugh-out-loud comedy routines.

For the last eight years, **pluck** has played and paid homage to the biggest names in music. Bach, Abba and Hendrix – they have never sounded so funny! Their upcoming visit for 2011 will see **pluck** string their musical silliness through some of south-east Asia's most historic capitals, from the Lion City of Singapore to historic Malacca before a final stop in our nation's youngest city, Petaling Jaya!

**"Classical music for all ages and shoe sizes"**


*The Sunday Times (UK)*

Watch these madcap musicians compete, dance, fight, ridicule, argue, scheme and seduce their way with their hilarious and dexterous execution of cabaret, theatre and classical music!

**pluck's** "Musical Arson" will be reignited this season by **Kit Massey** on violin, **Flora Allison** on cello and vocals, and newest Canadian member **Brooke Day** on viola.

Special school performances are available on weekdays at 10am.

Young audiences attending weekend performances at PJ Live Arts are invited to visit the "Musical Zoo" in Studio 2 after the show, courtesy of The Applause Society and Clap & Tap Chamber Orchestra.

SHOW: **pluck's MUSICAL ARSON**  
 *MySL interpretation upon request*

LENGTH: 60 minutes without intermission (daytime)  
90 minutes with intermission (evening)

MALACCA

PETALING JAYA

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cheng Ho Cultural Museum</b> 51 Lorong Hang Jebat 75200 Melaka (06) 2831135</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>19 July 2011 (Tue)</b> 8:00pm</p> <p>Admission: RM65 <i>Packages*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM234 for 4 seats</li> <li>• RM432 for 10 seats</li> </ul> <p><i>Concessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM32.50 for lap seating</li> <li>• RM32.50 for OKU cardholders</li> </ul> <p>Friends of Cheng Ho Cultural Museum or Gardner&amp;Wife Theatre are eligible for other packages. Please call to enquire.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PJ Live Arts @ Jaya One</b> 72A Jalan Universiti 46200 Petaling Jaya (03) 79600439</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>21 – 29 July 2011</b> 8:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>30 July 2011</b> 1:45pm &amp; 8:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>31 July 2011</b> 2:00pm &amp; 8:00pm</p> <p>Admission: RM44 (Wing) RM55 (Prime) RM66 (Premium) RM77 (Super Premium)</p> <p><i>Packages*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM234 for 4 Premium seats</li> <li>• RM432 for 10 Wing/Prime seats</li> </ul> <p><i>Concessions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% off full price for lap seating</li> <li>• 50% off full price for OKU cardholders</li> </ul> <p>Friends of Gardner&amp;Wife Theatre are eligible for free upgrades and other packages. Please call to enquire.</p>
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#### Kit Massey :



For four generations a musical curse has afflicted the Massey family. Kit finally succumbed at the age of 6 when he was given his first violin, and he quickly became addicted to the smell of rosin and prawn cocktail crisps. A life in music seemed assured!

At Trinity College of Music, Kit discovered the dark arts of jazz and beer... secret, furtive passions that remain with him to this day. He then embarked on a career encompassing many genres and climates. He has played operas in Chile with the Sinfonia de Santiago, Gypsy ballads in France, Beethoven in the Goan jungle and gothic organ-jazz in Catford. TV work includes hand-doubling for Rupert Everett on the BBC, where he was asked to play "exquisitely badly".

#### Brooke Day :



Brooke was lucky enough to have been born on his birthday, in his hometown. Of course, this all took place in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada where his parents were living at the time. He studied music at the University of British Columbia and developed his love for the viola, which eventually saw Brooke leading the viola section of Canada's National Youth Orchestra in 2002 and 2003.

He did his post-graduate studies in England where he discovered the joys of the battered sausage and zebra crossings. He has now been working freelance in London for over a year and truly enjoys busking in the freezing rain of the winter months.



#### Flora Allison :

Flora has been playing the cello from the age of 7 and has always since found opportunities to entertain, with the Floral Dance and Morris dancing with paper napkins featuring highly in her repertoire. She studied at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and graduated in 2006.

Since leaving Guildhall, she has had a variety of experiences, notably performing at the Montreaux Jazz Festival and featuring in a comic relief sketch on the BBC. Apart from playing the cello, Flora has spent a lot of her life falling over, and at many times with her stylish green cello case on her back (some have affectionately named her "the turtle").

#### About Gardner & Wife Theatre :

Founded in 2000, **Gardner & Wife Theatre** is Malaysia's leading arts presenter for international theatre and family-friendly performances. **Gardner & Wife Theatre** is committed to developing Malaysian audiences for the performing arts, and have presented 50 productions (and counting!) from all over the world including Australia, England, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore and USA. In addition, **Gardner & Wife Theatre** is also a regional tour representative and facilitator for China, Singapore and Taiwan.