

MEDIA RELEASE

Travis joins the list of exciting entertainers at the 2009 FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

Additional line-up brings total number of performers for the race weekend to over 200. Eight early-bird categories now sold out.

Singapore, 27 June 2009 – Building upon the recent unveiling of the first wave of circuit park entertainment, race promoter Singapore GP Pte Ltd (SGP) is bringing in alternative rock band **Travis**. They join the likes of **Chaka Khan, Ozomatli, Backstreet Boys** and **Youssou N'Dour** alongside large-scale theatre acts and top DJs to further enhance the overall spectator experience at the 2009 FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX.



Hailing from Glasgow, Scotland, Travis consists of Fran Healy (lead vocals), Dougie Payne (bass guitar), Andy Dunlop (lead guitar) and Neil Primrose (drums). The band have been awarded Best British album and Best British Group at the annual BRIT Awards, and have also been credited for paving the way for bands such as Coldplay, Keane and Snow Patrol. Travis will be performing their hits which include “*Closer*”, “*Sing*”, “*Why Does It Always Rain on Me*” and songs from their latest album, *Ode to J. Smith*.



Spectators will also be treated to what is touted to be the must-go party for race ticketholders. After a successful party last year at the Padang, Zouk returns this time to the Esplanade Outdoor Theatre to present top deejays **Carl Cox**, the godfather of UK techno, and progressive tech-house’ stalwart **John Digweed**.

There will also be additional roving artistes to tease the spectators. Melbourne-based **Strange Fruit** will take the circuit park entertainment to another level, literally. Perched atop 4-metre high flexible poles, the troupe delivers a sublime performance, bending and swaying in the air, fusing theatre, dance and circus acts.





Cie des Quidams' *Herbert's Dream* will also woo spectators with an enchanting performance which has bewitched audiences from Bangkok to Bruxelles since 1997. The French artistes, draped in white cloth, will perform on stilts to bewitching music and slowly transform to illuminated characters.

All of the artistes will be performing at various stages around the Circuit Park. Travis is slated to perform at Zone 4 at the Padang, while the Backstreet Boys will be playing a short acoustic set on 26 September (Saturday) in Zone 1. The Backstreet Boys will perform a full length set on 27 September (Sunday) at the Padang stage after the race. Chaka Khan is scheduled to perform in Zone 1 at the Paddock Club Lifestyle stage and Zone 1 stage on 27 September (Sunday) only. The full schedule* of performances and artistes will be available on the official website, www.singaporegp.sg (*all subject to change).

Early Bird Tickets Selling Fast

Since the unveiling of the first wave of circuit park entertainment two weeks ago, ticket sales have been proceeding steadily. Early Bird tickets for Turn 2, Bay and Connaught Grandstands are now fully sold, which effectively means that **eight categories** of Early Bird tickets are no longer available. The remaining 50% of the inventory for each of these categories will now be sold at the regular price. Soon to join the "sold out" category are the Early Bird tickets for the Stamford and Padang grandstands.

Currently, the lowest entry price to the race remains at S\$38 (for the Friday walkabout), while the lowest price for a three-day entry is at S\$188 (three-day walkabout). Even the lowest priced tickets will enable spectators to see the Backstreet Boys and Youssou N'Dour perform, while those wishing to enjoy Chaka Khan would need to get a seat in Zone 1 (prices start from S\$988 for Turn 3 grandstand).

A full list of ticketing agents and outlets can be found at <http://tickets.singaporegp.sg/>

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About the FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX

The inaugural FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX took place on 28 September 2008 on a street circuit of public roads around the Marina Bay area. The race was the first FORMULA ONE to be held at night, and the first FORMULA ONE street race in Asia. Over 100,000 spectators, a sell-out, capacity crowd, and more than 110 million television viewers worldwide watched the Singapore Grand Prix. The 2009 FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX will take place from 25-27 September 2009 at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in the heart of downtown Singapore.

About Singapore GP Pte Ltd

Singapore GP Pte Ltd is the race promoter for the FORMULA 1 SINGTEL SINGAPORE GRAND PRIX. It holds five-year renewable rights to stage the Singapore Grand Prix, beginning with the 2008 Season. The company is a partnership between Komoco Motors and regional events company Lushington Entertainments, via its parent company Reef Enterprises.

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