FAREZ NAJID

STORYTELLER MULTIDISCIPLINARY PERFORMER-EDUCATOR CREATIVE PRACTITIONER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Multidisciplinary performer-educator and creative practitioner with over 20 years of crossplatform storytelling experience spanning theatre, immersive installations, tabletop roleplaying games, podcasts, documentaries, voiceovers, and digital media. Co-founder of TableMinis, Singapore's leading TTRPG studio, having designed and delivered over 2,500 hours of live, Game Master-led storytelling and trained more than 60 professional Game Masters

Experienced collaborator with institutions such as United World College, National Gallery Singapore, and the Asian Festival of Children's Content. Skilled programme designer and facilitator, having developed 23 youth-focused initiatives across community arts hubs and schools, as well as led corporate workshops using narrative and improvisation to strengthen team dynamics.

Versatile emcee for weddings, corporate events, and public programmes, including serving as lead host for Civil Service College Celebration Day 2025. Stage credits include leading roles with Teater Ekamatra, WILD RICE, DramaBox, and The Finger Players. Featured in Business Insider, The Straits Times, and TheHomeGround Asia for innovative creative work. Proficient in Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, and DaVinci Resolve, with a strong focus on audience-centric storytelling and mentoring emerging creators to craft compelling, purpose-built narratives across media.

WORK EXPERIENCE

EDUCATOR & FACILITATOR

Freelance | 2008 - Present

- Designed and delivered 23 community youth-focused arts programmes including drama CCAs, holiday camps, and creative literacy workshops with partners such as United World College, National Gallery Singapore, and the Asian Festival of Children's
- Lead facilitator for Tak Takut Kids Club (2018-2021), developing daily arts curricula and the pandemic-era "Goodnight Radio" YouTube podcast.
- Corporate trainer for narrative-based team-building workshops that use improvisation and role-play to enhance communication and empathy.
- Current collaboration with Apple (Singapore): creating 100 classroom activities for the Apple Education Community Forum, focusing on storytelling, media literacy, and project-based learning.
- Running teacher training programmes with Apple (Singapore)

PERFORMER

Freelance | 2008 - Present

- Leading roles and featured ensemble work with Teater Ekamatra, WILD RICE, DramaBox, and The Finger Players, spanning classical revivals, new Malay-language writing, and devised physical theatre.
- Performed in more than 150 stage productions and immersive shows, plus on-camera re-enactments for CNA documentaries and National Day Parade segments.
- Voice-over and on-mic talent for podcasts, radio plays, and short-form video narration.
- Current performance focus: hybrid live-play events merging tabletop storytelling with theatrical staging.

CORE SKILLS

Story & Content Creation Teaching & Facilitation Production & Post-Production Digital & Social Storytelling Collaboration & Leadership

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Productivity & Collaboration:

Google Workspace · Airtable · Notion · Miro · Frame.io · ChatGPT · Deepseek · Gamma Al Butter

Design & Video Production:

DaVinci Resolve · Adobe Premiere Pro · After Effects · Photoshop · Canva · OBS Studio

Audio Production:

Studio One · Ableton Live Suite · Adobe Audition

Specialist & Educational Tools:

AutoCAD · Padlet · Kahoot · Pigeonhole · Apple Education Community

EDUCATION

Diploma in Design and Media (Digital Entertainment & Events) Republic Polytechnic

2023 - 2026

Foundation Year in Acting **LASELLE College of the Arts**

CERTIFICATES

- SDEA Drama Pedagogy (Level1) - Speech & Drama Teacher Training - Shakespeare Translation Masterclass - Ensemble Physical Theatre Intensive -(John Britton / DUENDE Collective) - Performer Laboratory Residency -(Workcenter of Jerzy Grotowski &Thomas Richards)

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

EVENT HOST & EMCEE

Freelance | 2010 - Present

- Host weddings, public festivals, and corporate events for audiences of 100-1,000.
- Highlight: lead host for Civil Service College Celebration Day 2025, scripting and anchoring a three-hour programme for 300 attendees.
- Skilled in audience ice-breakers, programme pacing, and bilingual crowd work (English/Malay).

CO-FOUNDER & LEAD DUNGEON MASTER

TableMinis Pte Ltd | 2021 - 2025

- Co-founded Singapore's first dedicated Dungeons & Dragons studio, launching branches at Arumugam Road and Chinatown in 2021.
- Designed and delivered more than 2,500 hours of live, narrative-driven campaigns for players aged 8 to 65.
- Created a Dungeon Master apprenticeship programme and trained more than 60 professional Game Masters.
- Oversaw business development, outreach, studio operations, and bespoke corporate storytelling workshops.

LEAD FACILITATOR & PROGRAMME DESIGNER

3Pumpkins (Tak Takut Kids Club) | 2018 - 2021

- Ran daily arts-based sessions for youth in the neighbourhood and produced community showcases.
- Launched "Goodnight Radio" and 100+ digital content in a nightly radio-play format during the COVID-19 lockdown.
- Managed volunteer teams and coordinated cross-agency collaborations.

LEAD FACILITATOR & PROGRAMMER

Ground Up Initiative (WOW Kampung) | 2014 - 2016

- Developed and led eco-social preschool curriculum called the Just One Earth (JOE).
- Developed and led a 30-hour Famine Camp in collaboration with World Vision Singapore
- Recruited and trained facilitator cohorts, serving over 2,000 students across three
 years.

JUNIOR MARKETING EXECUTIVE & FACILITATOR

Mini Monsters (Dua M) | 2012 - 2013

- Created bilingual language-through-drama programmes marketed to primary schools.
- Led school holiday camps and public workshops, averaging 30 participants each.

ATTRACTION ARTISTE

Sentosa Development Corporation | 2008 - 2009

- Performed nightly in Songs of the Sea and Images of Singapore, interactive multimedia shows viewed by over half a million visitors annually.
- Led audience participation segments while adhering to strict show-safety protocols.

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CREDENTIALS

PRESS & MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- 2025 · Esplanade Flipside Artist Page "The Ultimate Flipside Face-Off!" profile feature listing TableMinis and role as guest Game Master.
- 2025 · <u>Berita Harian "Bekas pelakon teater kembang niaga studio permainan fantasi"</u> Malay-language feature on the shift from theatre actor to fantasy-gaming studio founder.
- 2024 · Business Insider "I set up a business where I got paid to play Dungeons & Dragons" in-depth profile of TableMinis.
- 2024 · CNA Digital Video "Indoor tabletop gaming scene enjoys revival in Singapore" news segment featuring commentary on the local tabletop scene.
- 2023 · <u>The Straits Times Life "At nearly 50, Dungeons & Dragons is more popular than ever"</u> quoted as professional Game Master.
- 2022 · <u>The Straits Times "A space where vulnerable youngsters learn not to be afraid"</u> feature on Tak Takut Kids Club, highlighting facilitation work.
- 2022 · <u>The Home Ground Asia "Making a living out of fantasy, a reality, as a professional Dungeon Master"</u> long-form interview on career path.
- 2021 · 3 Pumpkins Blog "This Is Us! Video Documentation" co-editor and on-screen facilitator.
- 2018 · ArtsEquator "Tiger of Malaya: The Body Remembers What the Archive Cannot" review praising lead performance.
- 2018 · <u>Bakchormeeboy</u> "Re-appropriating Film History: Interview with the Cast and Creatives of Teater Ekamatra's
 <u>Tiger of Malaya"</u> cast interview feature.
- 2018 · <u>Bakchormeeboy</u> "M1 <u>Singapore Fringe Festival 2018</u>: <u>An Interview with Rei Poh</u> <u>Attempts: Singapore</u>" production preview including performer profile.
- 2018 · <u>Berita Harian "Pesona Muzik Melayu Ulasan Pementasan"</u> review noting stage presence in a retro-Malay music showcase.

FACILITATION | WORKSHOPS | YOUTH PROGRAMMES

- 2025 · Civil Service College Celebration Day corporate emcee & narrative workshop lead
- 2025 · Apple Education Community Co-creator, 100 classroom activities
- 2025 · Asian Festival of Children's Content 2025 Discovering the Magic of Storytelling Through Role Playing Games: A D&D Journey for Children
- 2024 · National Gallery Singapore: Light To Night Festival Collective Canvas: A Tour Reimagined
- 2024 · National Gallery Singapore: Light To Night Festival Dungeons & Dragons: The Art Quest
- 2019-2021 · Anglo-Chinese School (Barker) Drama CCA Coach
- 2018–2021 · Tak Takut Kids Club (3 Pumpkins) Lead Facilitator & Programme Designer
- ${f 2018}\cdot{f Superhero\,Me\,Inclusive\,Arts\,Lab}$ Workshop Facilitator
- 2016-2018 · Mosaic Kindergarten Creative Drama Lead Facilitator
- 2015–2018 · Yuhua Secondary Drama CCA Instructor
- 2014–2016 · Ground Up Initiative / WOW Kampung Lead Facilitator & "JOE Programme" Designer · Over 500 sessions
- 2014 · Sengkang Secondary Drama CCA Instructor
- **2014** · Jamiyah Children's Home Drama Facilitator
- 2012-2013 · Mini Monsters / Dua M Language-through-Drama Facilitator & Junior Marketing Exec
- 2008-Present · Weddings, corporate galas, and public festivals Event Host & Emcee
- 2008-Present · Various school programmes and workshops across Singapore

SELECTED ONE-OFF & SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2025 Civil Service College Celebration Day—Lead emcee & programme designer for 800 attendees.
- 2024 TikTok '60-Second Lore Drop' Series Produced 40 short-form videos (280 k cumulative views).
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2022} \cdot \text{National Day Parade Float (Music \& Movement)} \\ -\text{On-float performer, "Stronger Together."}$
- **2021** "Goodnight Radio" Nightly youth podcast (over 70 episodes), Tak Takut Kids Club.
- 2020 A Date Gone Wrong (VR video) On-screen performer; CNA's first VR drama.
 2016 Social Storytelling for Teens Camp Program creator; partnered with National Gallery Singapore.
- 2011 · Zouk Out Main Stage—Live drummer for 30-minute DJ-led percussion set.

CREDENTIALS

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MEDIA | SCREEN | LIVE EVENTS

- 2018-Present CNA Documentaries (various titles) Mediacorp Actor/Re-enactment Talent
- 2022 National Day Parade NDP 2022 Actor (Float segment)
- 2020-2021 Alamak! You D&D?! Podcast · Independent · Co-Host/Producer
- 2016 A Date Gone Wrong (VR video) CNA Digital Performer
- 2013 & 2014 National Day Parade NDP Performer
- 2011 Zouk Out Zouk Drummer (Live set)
- 2010 Sun Festival · IMG Artists · Drummer (Live set)
- 2010 Utsav Deepavali Parade Event Organiser Performer
- 2010 The Voice: Common Cents The Voice SG Performer
- 2008–09 Songs of the Sea · Sentosa Leisure Group · Live Performer
- 2008–09 Images of Singapore Sentosa Leisure Group Live Performer
- 2003 Rambo Live Rambo Live SG Vocalist (Mati Katak SG)

IMMERSIVE | LARP | INTERACTIVE

- 2025 The Ultimate Flipside Face-Off! Esplanade Flipside Guest Game Master
- 2025 Ready, Set: SHOW! March On 2025 Game Master Farez Najid
- 2025 TTKC Community Getai · March On 2025 · Game Master Farez Najid
- 2023 Changeling (LARP) · Void Deck Games @ Esplanade · Bunian King
- 2020 A Tiny Country (interactive) ATTEMPTS, M1 Fringe Festival Narrator/Facilitator
- 2018-19 ACAB: Discipline the City The Substation Docent/Performer
- 2017 Attempts: Singapore · Centre 42/Rei Poh · Immersive Performer

THEATRE (SELECTED STAGE & PUPPETRY)

- 2023 The Ageing Artist The Finger Players Performer/Puppeteer
- 2022–23 The Musical Zodiac · The Finger Players · Deviser/Performer
- 2022 Kingdoms Apart · Esplanade Presents · Performer
- 2021 June & The Octopus The Finger Players Performer
- 2019 Kerana Nila Esplanade FYI Performer
- 2019 Move Along · National Design Week · Performer
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2019} \cdot \mathsf{OffCentre} \cdot \mathsf{The}\, \mathsf{Necessary}\, \mathsf{Stage} \cdot \mathsf{Performer}$
- $\mathbf{2018} \mathbf{-19} \cdot \mathsf{The} \, \mathsf{Rubbish} \, \mathsf{Prince} \cdot \mathsf{3Pumpkins} \cdot \mathsf{Title} \, \mathsf{Role}$
- 2018 Tiger of Malaya · Teater Ekamatra · Performer
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2018} \bullet \mathsf{ProjekSuitcase} \cdot \mathsf{TeaterEkamatra} \cdot \mathsf{Writer/Performer}$
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2018} \cdot \mathsf{Poems} \, \mathsf{of} \, \mathsf{Love} \, \& \, \mathsf{Loss} \cdot \mathsf{SIFA} \cdot \mathsf{Ensemble}$
- 2018 Year Zero Edinburgh Fringe Fest Solo Performer
- **2017** Tebu Di Bibir State of Motion Performer
- **2017** Angkat · Teater Ekamatra · Performer
- **2017** Geylang WILD RICE Performer
- 2016 Projek Suitcase · Teater Ekamatra · Performer
- **2015** Super Happy Land (Singapore) · Hatch Theatrics · Performer
- 2015 Super Happy Land (Osaka) Hatch Theatrics Performer
- **2015** Lady Soul & the Ultimate "S" Machine Cake Theatre Performer
- 2014 Mereka: Wasteland Teater Ekamatra Performer
- 2014 Laki Bini 2 · Creative Outbox · Performer
- 2013 Tahan Teater Ekamatra Performer
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2013} \cdot \mathsf{Taman}\,\mathsf{Roboh} \cdot \mathsf{Teater}\,\mathsf{Artistik} \cdot \mathsf{Performer}$
- $\bullet \quad \textbf{2013} \boldsymbol{\cdot} \mathsf{A} \; \mathsf{Woman} \, \mathsf{Before} \boldsymbol{\cdot} \, \mathsf{LASALLE} \, \boldsymbol{\cdot} \, \mathsf{Performer}$
- 2012 National Memory Project · Hatch Theatrics · Performer
- 2012 Spermy 2 · Panggung Arts · Performer
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