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Re: An Enquiry to Ho Bee Foundation to support an Original Interfaith, Interracial Performance Work on “Five Elements Movement” with theme on Materiality and Nature-Human Harmony

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings! The Very Quiet Studio is a local arts and heritage charity and we have a performance arts program that is yet to be completed due to financial limitations. We would hope your Foundation will kindly consider our proposal if it may interest you. I have tried to send an email to enquiries@hobee.com to seek guidance but the message was blocked.

The work was intended as a collective advocacy about Environment Concern by looking inward at Asian Culture and Values with people who share similar spiritual conscience and artistic spirit. We believe resource sustainability is also an innerwork, hence the world in imbalance is gravely related with humanity in disarray.

Five Elements Movement Project Summary

Objective:

The Five Elements Movement 5EM is an international artistic performance, a collaboration with creators and performers from Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. It is a call to strengthen our mental and physical well-being by contemplating their fundamental nature within Nature. Drawing on the artistic synergy, strengthened by the harmony built within individual spiritual paths across religion and race, may we re-examine our impact on all sentient beings, and realize our humble co-existence with one another. Although Five Elements Movement is based upon two ancient Asian religions' common values in regard to our materiality world, the key philosophy of this endeavour is to seek harmony and balance, between our inner world and outerworld beyond species and beyond boundaries.

Background:

The Very Quiet Studio (TVQS) has performed the “Five Elements Movement” (**5EM**) at the 7th Parliament of World Religions (PoWR), held online this year (October 17-18 2021). As a Program about **Climate Change**, 5EM was accepted in early August 2021, and we successfully presented 5EM online for an International audience. However due to COVID restrictions and lack of budget, we were still not able to complete the FULL 5EM as a complete video, for local audience release by 28 Feb 2022.

The “Five Elements Movement” expands on our earlier “Four Elements Movement (**4EM**) – Healing Art”, debuted at **Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Singapore General Hospital** on 28 Mar and 9 Nov 2018

respectively. The open air performances received warm feedback from the audience. (see 2018 reviews)

5EM in 2021 develops 4EM with new dance choreography, music compositions, a Hokkien song, a capella singing and an animation background for some of the performed items. The programme will be pre-recorded for online presentation, with some items filmed over a greenscreen.

The final performance medium is a 42-45 minute video. Presenting this community work online is not only due to pandemic restrictions, rather, recording our work provides opportunities to preserve and share locally created interfaith works with a wider audience, both at home and internationally.

Other information:

The Very Quiet Studio Profile: <https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/>

Creative team & Collaborators: <https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/fiveelementsmovement>

4EM at Tan Tock Seng Hospital in 2018: <https://youtu.be/tldnIfZTuh8>

5EM Work in Progress in 2021: <https://youtu.be/WQJ9CfpvefE> (unlisted, work in progress)

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Other possible expansion or development beyond 5EM

We are contemplating on holding another interfaith forum (Older but Wiser series) to discuss about our duty towards Nature and other beings. We have been conducting forums since 2014 except since 2020. The video 5EM shall be a regular reference over our lost regards towards basic Elements that maintain our existence.

Past Forums Archives <https://www.theveryquietstudio.asia/forums-digital-archive>

Best regards



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P.S. You may also read this letter of enquiry as pdf on our hidden website www.theveryquietstudio.asia/hb so you may just click on the links within this pdf to access the video (yet to be made public).

2022 5EM Reviews:

Through the sound of music, the musical rhythm, from a solo performance to a group presentation, we see the five elements in motion, and with it comes our reflection and respect for nature and our surroundings. It is like the piecing of jigsaw puzzles, piece by piece, a picture is complete. With an awareness of the five elements, we understand the foundation of all beings, and the completeness and bountiful energies that are created when they come together, in harmony. - Tan CF (Sg)

It was a very beautiful presentation!! I loved the pipa player and dancers but truthfully they were all wonderful. Thanks for sending me this video. I very much enjoyed it. C. Hubbard (USA)

So artistic Bravo! For me I really enjoy the music. The lyrics sometimes not clear to read esp in dancing part. And many movements and translations quite many to absorb. - Juniwati (Indo)

.....it's good! i like the way Sri Ghana appears also. really makes me serene after seeing this whole video is seamless and smooth. all nice. the singing also very good actually i like the hokkien song a lot. although i don't understand hokkien. but it sounds very harmonious – Elizabeth Wong (Sg)

我覺得整體感非常好！裡面的音樂、舞蹈、合唱、影片的設計都很棒！兩首合唱曲歌詞、合聲都非常好聽！這支影片唯有一個疑問是西方人對五界(元素)有多少瞭解？可能在片頭稍微簡單描述一下較好- 美瑜/台灣

福建語的歌曲文字超厲害的 很好看。很值得在專業的舞台上表演會讓人想探究描述的內容。等疫情穩定後可上大舞台 - 淑宜/台灣

2021 5EM Reviews at Parliament of World Religions virtual platform:

Perfect Way to end my day – Martha Good (PoWR attendee)

Bravo! - Michael Brant (PoWR attendee)

So Beautiful! - Leili First (PoWR attendee)

“Dancers must keep dancing. The wind must keep moving”. - Rev Brian Weis (PoWR attendee)

2018 4EM Reviews at TTSH:

Enjoyed it very much and would like more of such performance. Spread it. - Public, anonymous

Lovely performance which has made my day! - - Public, anonymous

表演很精彩！此表演好！Enjoyed it! =) - Public, anonymous

Should conduct more regular basic. - - Public, anonymous

Thank you for promoting health thru holistic healing. Beautiful & realistic expressions from dancers. - - Public, anonymous