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Downton Abbey stars sizzle on the red carpet at Marina Bay Sands

Creator, executive producers and cast walk red carpet for the launch of Downton Abbey: The Exhibition at Sands Expo and Convention Centre



From L-R: Michael Fox, Kevin Doyle, Jim Carter, Gareth Neame, Laura Carmichael, Lord Julian Fellowes, President, NBCUniversal International Studios Michael Edelstein, Phyllis Logan, Sophie McShera, Liz Trubridge and COO, NBCUniversal International Studios Sarah Cooper, posing on the red carpet for Downton Abbey: The Exhibition on Wednesday

Singapore (21 June 2017) – The stars of multiple award-winning television show Downton Abbey graced the red carpet at Marina Bay Sands on Wednesday evening for the launch of a new, interactive exhibition - Downton Abbey: The Exhibition - based on the series.

The stars of Downton Abbey – creator and writer Lord Julian Fellowes, executive producers Liz Trubridge and Gareth Neame, and actors Sophie McShera (Daisy), Michael Fox (Andy), Laura Carmichael (Lady Edith), Jim Carter (Carson), Phyllis Logan (Mrs. Hughes), Kevin Doyle (Molesley) – walked the red carpet along with local celebrities at Sands Expo and Convention Centre and attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Downton Abbey: The Exhibition.

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Actors Jim Carter (left), and Sophie McShera (right), mingled with fans on the red carpet and signed autographs

Downton Abbey: The Exhibition, held at Hall F of Sands Expo and Convention Centre, is an interactive touring exhibition that features some of the iconic sets, costumes and props from the television series, created by Oscar-winning writer Lord Julian Fellowes. The exhibition runs from now till 31 July.

On Wednesday evening, the event, sponsored by Piper Heidsieck champagne, saw the stars of the show mingling with fans on the red carpet, and posing for photographs outside of the exhibition.



Students from Singapore Polytechnic were among the invited guests that got to spend time with Oscar-winning writer Lord Julian Fellowes at Tuesday's In Conversation With session

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Earlier on Tuesday, Lord Julian Fellowes hosted an hour-long exclusive dialogue session with invited students as part of Marina Bay Sands' corporate social responsibility programme **Sands for Singapore**, in collaboration with NBCUniversal.

Called ***In Conversation With***, the session was part of an on-going series of talks with celebrities and prominent individuals from creative fields, who give insight into the world of film, television and art to young students interested in pursuing a career in a related discipline. These meaningful dialogues are one of the many ways Marina Bay Sands gives back to the local community and champions the growth of the arts in Singapore.

On Tuesday, Lord Fellowes, an actor and revered author and screenwriter behind critically acclaimed works including the Oscar-winning 2002 film *Gosford Park* (screenplay), shared on his career highlights and writing for film, theatre and television with students from Temasek Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic and representatives from Tanglin Trust School, as well as invited guests from the Singapore International Film Festival's Youth Jury & Critics Programme.

Wee Li Shyen, 17, a year one student with Singapore Polytechnic (Diploma in Creative Writing for TV and New Media), said: "Lord Fellowes is such a down-to-earth gentleman. He has created many great films and television shows, yet he still took the time to share about his craft with students. Also, as a fan of *Downton Abbey*, I was delighted to get to hear stories about what goes on behind-the-scenes. Thank you Sands for Singapore for the opportunity."

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