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GIC Partners Singapore and International Talent to Recount its History in First-Ever Animation

- First collaboration of this nature for GIC, featuring original illustrations and an original soundtrack, performed by Singapore inclusive orchestra, The Purple Symphony
- Marks the first time that The Purple Symphony is playing music composed for a film

SINGAPORE, 7 November 2023 – GIC today launches its first-ever animated film, *Bold Sees the Bigger Picture*.

The film features original illustrations by Singaporean artist André Wee and an original soundtrack composed by MassiveMusic. The soundtrack was performed by The Purple Symphony (TPS), Singapore's first and largest inclusive orchestra featuring people with and without disabilities. TPS has been a GIC community partner since 2016.

The film is inspired by GIC's commemorative book, *Bold Vision: The Untold Story of Singapore's Reserves and its Sovereign Wealth Fund*, published during its 40th anniversary in 2021. It spans the history of how Singapore's reserves have been managed from the early years of the Republic to the founding of GIC.

The film took 10 months to come to fruition from scriptwriting to storyboarding, production, rehearsals, studio recording and finally, rendering. Given the unique nature of the collaboration, special considerations were required. For example, sound cues were built in by the composer and conductor to help visually impaired musicians execute their part well.

"GIC is a name that many have heard of, but few know of its history and impact on Singapore's success. It has been an amazing experience to work with the various teams to express this story in a stylised way. I hope our work helps to shed light on the challenges our country has overcome, in recognition and celebration of Singapore," said André Wee, the Singaporean artist who GIC worked with to illustrate the film.

"As with any project, there were challenges to overcome. For example, having to find alternative methods of sharing a score with TPS's visually impaired musicians, which we addressed by sending audio files isolating their instruments for memorisation. However, there were also moments of inspiration. It was especially heartening to see the sense of community in TPS, with musicians helping each other out and working together as a team," said Gerard Fitzgerald, Music Director and co-orchestrator of the film's soundtrack.

"This is TPS's first time playing alongside a film and has been a chance to see how bold our musicians can be in taking on different challenges. I hope the audience imagines us as a paintbrush illustrating the story of Singapore's reserves and GIC," said Liong Kit Yeng, Assistant Conductor, TPS.

The 5-minute film can be viewed on GIC's Made of Bold website, <https://madeofbold.sg/>.

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About GIC

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About The Purple Symphony

The Purple Symphony is an inclusive orchestra comprising talented musicians with and without disabilities. Its members play a range of Asian and Western instruments from five key musical sections: Strings (Plucked), Strings (Bow), Wind, Percussion and Choir.

As Singapore's first all-inclusive orchestra, The Purple Symphony creates an opportunity for the inclusion of people who are different. It is a ready avenue for musicians to learn and share music with one another and their audiences, support inclusion, and celebrate and demonstrate their abilities and excellence they can achieve together.

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