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## Disney and Pixar's *Turning Red* breaks the fourth wall with students at Marina Bay Sands

*Director and producer of the upcoming animation film get real about their filmmaking journeys and career milestones*



*Film and animation students were invited to the In Conversation With session on Tuesday for a personal and insightful discussion with Turning Red's director Domee Shi and producer Lindsey Collins*

SINGAPORE (1 March 2022) – Marina Bay Sands and The Walt Disney Company Southeast Asia have teamed up once again for a rare opportunity for local students to meet the dynamic duo behind Disney's and Pixar's highly anticipated animation film, ***Turning Red***, which will be available on Disney+ from 11 March, during the integrated resort's (IR's) *In Conversation With* session.

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On Tuesday, more than 40 aspiring animators and filmmakers from Nanyang Polytechnic's Animation and Visual Effects programme, and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts' Design and Media programme were given an opportunity to interact with the film's director Domee Shi and producer Lindsey Collins, who tuned in virtually from Los Angeles for the session being held at Marina Bay Sands' Hybrid Broadcast Studio.

While *Turning Red* is Shi's first feature film, she has contributed storyboards to numerous Pixar animation films including *Inside Out* (2015), *Incredibles 2* (2018), and *Toy Story 4* (2019). She was also the first woman to direct a Pixar short, *Bao* (2018), which won an Academy Award.

A Pixar veteran of more than two decades, Collins has also built an incredible legacy as a producer, bringing beloved films like *WALL•E* (2008) and *Finding Dory* (2016) to the big screen.



From L to R: Domee Shi and Lindsey Collins tuning in from Los Angeles; a Nanyang Polytechnic student asks a question during the session; students striking a pose with Marina Bay Sands' Chief Operating Officer Paul Town

Prior to the talk, the attendees watched an exclusive 30-minute preview of *Turning Red* at Sands Theatre, where they gained a unique perspective on the film's style, tone, and endearing characters. In the dialogue that followed, Shi and Collins shared their inspirations and creative process for the film.

*Turning Red* is Pixar's first animated feature film that centers on Asian culture, and led by an all-female leadership team. Shi and Collins did not hesitate to share their personal experiences, empowering students with stories of obstacles they overcame on the path to success.

Marina Bay Sands' Chief Operating Officer, Paul Town, said: "As a leading entertainment destination, we facilitate encounters between our local community and leading figures and creative talent from around the world. We are pleased to partner with Disney+ to offer students the opportunity to meet Domee Shi and Lindsey Collins – two visionaries who are sure to inspire our rising talents in pursuit of their art."

The hour-long dialogue marks the first *In Conversation With* session of the year, organised as part of Marina Bay Sands' Corporate Social Responsibility programme, *Sands Cares*. Through

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this ongoing series, the IR provides unique exposure to the worlds of film, art, and culture through the eyes of experts and celebrities.

Claudya Mizhellie Santosa, a student from Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, said: "I've never been to such an event before, so it was quite exciting. I was especially looking forward to learning about Domee and Lindsey's thought processes and how they came up with the story, but what I did not expect was for their sharing to be so personal. Although they are both highly experienced in this field, hearing about their outlook in life and approach towards filmmaking was eye-opening and relatable to us film and animation students."

Launched in 2014, the *In Conversation With* series provides a platform for young adults to engage with and be inspired by leading figures who have a wealth of knowledge and experience in their respective career fields.

Past luminaries who have participated in the series include music artists Jessie J, Corinne Bailey Rae, and Joss Stone; actors Tom Hanks, the late Irrfan Khan, Melissa McCarthy, Dev Patel, Michelle Yeoh and Choi Siwon; as well as film directors Darren Aronofsky, Antoine Fuqua, Shekhar Kapur and Ron Howard. The most recent talk featured producer Osnat Shurer and screenwriter Adele Lim from Disney's animated film *Raya and the Last Dragon*.

Turning Red will premiere 11 March on Disney+.

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