

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Laughter Took Centre Stage for a Worthy Cause at Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick

Kuala Lumpur, 9 July 2026 – Cancer Research Malaysia (CRM) successfully presented Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick, the third instalment of its signature charity comedy series, at the HGH Convention Centre, Sentul. The evening brought together comedy, music and philanthropy to raise awareness and support for life-saving cancer research.

The event featured a stellar line-up of performers who generously lent their talents in support of CRM's mission to improve cancer outcomes for Asian populations. Through laughter, music and heartfelt moments, the evening reminded guests that entertainment can be a powerful force for inspiring hope and driving meaningful change.

Headlining the show was Gurmit Singh, the acclaimed actor and comedian best known for his iconic portrayal of Phua Chu Kang. His trademark humour and engaging stage presence kept audiences entertained throughout the evening.

He was joined by Mad Sabah, whose relatable Malaysian humour and energetic stand-up performance delighted guests with his witty observations and natural comedic flair.

Adding a unique musical element to the programme was renowned electric violinist Jessie L, who captivated the audience with a vibrant performance that blended contemporary music with exceptional artistry.

The evening was hosted by entertainer Dato' Leonard Tan, whose charisma and warmth ensured the programme flowed seamlessly while reinforcing the importance of supporting cancer research.

Speaking after the event, representatives from Cancer Research Malaysia expressed their sincere appreciation to the performers, sponsors, donors, volunteers and guests whose support contributed to the success of the evening.

Cancer Research Malaysia also extends its sincere appreciation to corporate sponsors Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and Fragomen for their valued support of Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick. Their contribution, together with the generosity of donors, volunteers and guests, helped make the event possible and further CRMY's mission of advancing life-saving cancer research.

"Life Is Funny continues to demonstrate how laughter can bring people together for a greater purpose. Every ticket purchased, donation made and partnership formed helps advance our research into cancers that disproportionately affect Asian populations. We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported this year's event."

Funds raised from the event will support CRMY's ongoing research into cancers that disproportionately affect Asian populations, including breast, oral, head and neck, and nasopharyngeal cancers. These efforts continue to drive innovations in cancer prevention, early detection and treatment, bringing hope to patients and their families.

The success of Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick was made possible through the generosity of corporate sponsors, partners, volunteers and supporters whose contributions helped further CRMY's mission of saving lives through research.

As the curtains closed on another memorable edition of Life Is Funny, the evening served as a meaningful reminder that every act of support, whether through laughter, generosity or advocacy, helps move us one step closer to a future where fewer lives are lost to cancer.

About Cancer Research Malaysia (CRMY)

Cancer Research Malaysia is the country's first and only independent, non-profit cancer research organisation, dedicated to saving lives through impactful research focused on Asian populations. Established in 2000, CRMY conducts groundbreaking studies in prevention, early detection, and treatment to improve cancer survival in Malaysia and the region.

For media enquiries, please contact:
Dr. Shamini Rajamanikam
Sr Marcomm Executive
012-2991926
Shamini.rajamanikam@caresearch.my



LIFE IS FUNNY HAT TRICK

Fight cancer with laughter!

a charity comedy night by
cancer research malaysia

9 JULY 2026, 8PM

SENTUL HGH CONVENTION CENTRE

Actor & Comedian
Gurmit Singh

Violinist
Jessie L

Comedian
Mad Sabah

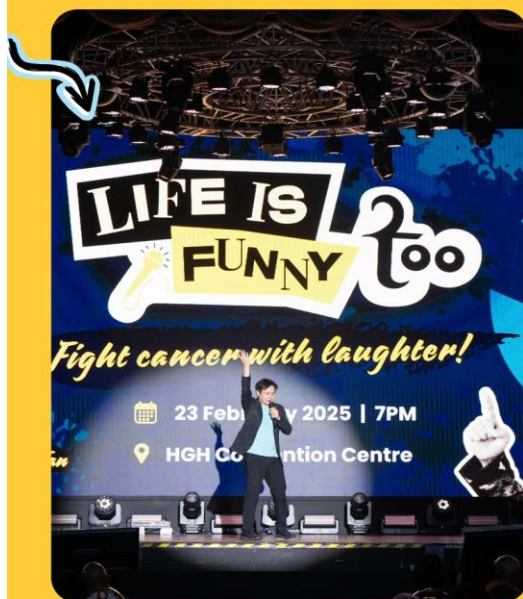
Entertainer
Dato' Leonard Tan



Life is Funny: Hat-Trick

A Charity Comedy Show

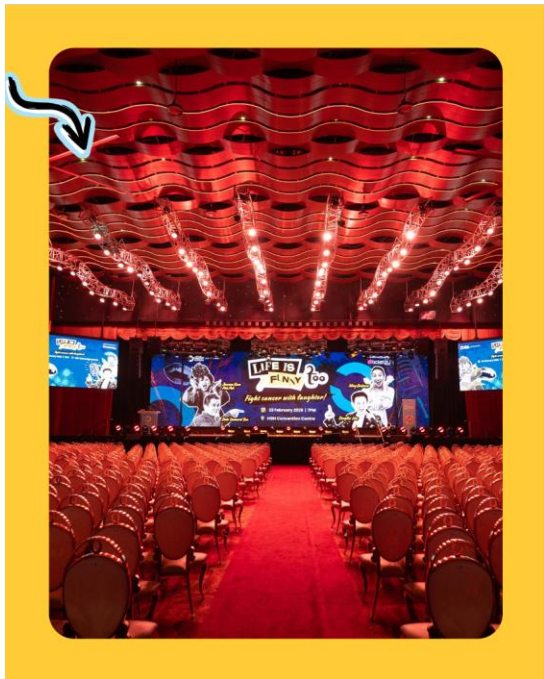
Corporate Sponsorship
in Support of Cancer Research Malaysia



About This Event

"Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick" marks the third edition of Cancer Research Malaysia's signature fundraising comedy series, symbolising continued impact, growing public support, and a shared commitment to **Saving Asian lives**. Each year, the event attracts a wider audience and stronger partners, offering corporates a high-visibility platform to champion community health while aligning with a cause that delivers measurable benefit. Featuring regional comedy icon Gurmit Singh, this edition aims to bring powerful draw, strong media attention, and a memorable experience that elevates sponsor visibility and strengthens brand storytelling.

Cancer can be difficult for many to talk about, but this event uses humour and relatable stories to open the door to awareness, prevention, and early detection. By transforming a heavy topic into a warm, approachable experience, "Life Is Funny: Hat-Trick" encourages understanding and participation in a meaningful way. For corporate partners, supporting this event goes beyond sponsorship, it is a direct contribution to life-saving research that improves outcomes for families across Malaysia. Every partnership helps turn an evening of laughter into long-term impact.



Event Details

DATE

9 July 2026, Thursday

TIME

8.00pm - 10.00pm

VENUE

HGH Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

ESTIMATED AUDIENCE

1,120 pax





Gurmit Singh

The Star of the Show!

Gurmit Singh is a celebrated Singaporean actor, comedian, and entertainer whose humour has entertained audiences across Singapore, Malaysia, and the region for decades. Widely recognised as the man behind television's most unforgettable contractor, Phua Chu Kang, Gurmit rose to fame through a character that became a pop culture icon and made the now-famous yellow boots instantly recognisable across living rooms throughout Asia.

Beyond television, Gurmit has built a remarkable career spanning live comedy, hosting, acting, and writing. Known for his sharp wit, musical flair, and engaging stage presence, he continues to bring audiences together with humour that is both relatable and heartwarming.

[Click this link to watch his previous show.](#)



Mad Sabah

Keeping the Laughter Going!

Kunakian Mad Sabah, also known as Achmad Rusli, hails from Kunak, Sabah and began his stand-up comedy journey in 2016. A regular on the Kuala Lumpur stand-up comedy circuit, he has appeared on shows such as Komediri with Harith Iskander and Sembang Teh Tarik Kaw with AC Mizal, and was the first runner-up of the Astro-produced Lawak Solo.

Mad Sabah has shared the stage with renowned comedians including Douglas Lim, Phua Chu Kang portrayed by Gurmit Singh, and UK comedian Daliso Chaponda, and was also a major contender in Malaysia's biggest comedy competition, Maharaja Lawak Mega 2017.

[Click this link to watch his previous show.](#)



Jessica Loo

A Touch of Musical Magic!

Jessica Loo is a vibrant stage violinist from Penang, Malaysia, known for her captivating performances and dynamic stage presence. Remarkably, she only began learning the violin at the age of 22, yet within a few years she achieved the prestigious Associate and later Licentiate of Trinity College London (LTCL) qualifications in Violin Performance — a recognition equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in music performance.

In 2019, Jessica made national headlines when she performed the violin while paragliding, earning a place in the Malaysia Book of Records as the first Malaysian to accomplish this feat. Today, she is a sought-after performer for prestigious award ceremonies and corporate gala events, bringing elegance, energy, and a memorable musical experience to audiences across the region.

[Click this link to watch her previous show.](#)



Dato' Leonard Tan

Your Host for the Night!

Dato' Leonard Tan is a renowned Malaysian entertainer who has captivated audiences with more than 6,000 performances throughout his career. Known as the "Maestro of a Thousand Voices" and the "King of Jingles," he is one of the region's most sought-after hosts and performers. Born in Penang and educated in Canada, Leonard pursued his passion for music and entertainment, becoming one of the founding members of Positive Tone and building a distinguished career across Malaysia and internationally.

A versatile performer who sings, delivers stand-up comedy, and impersonates legendary personalities, Leonard has performed at corporate and gala events across Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Hong Kong, and London. Beyond the stage, he is deeply committed to philanthropy and has supported numerous charitable initiatives over the years, including his continued support for Cancer Research Malaysia. His longstanding involvement reflects his passion for using entertainment as a platform to inspire generosity and make a meaningful impact.