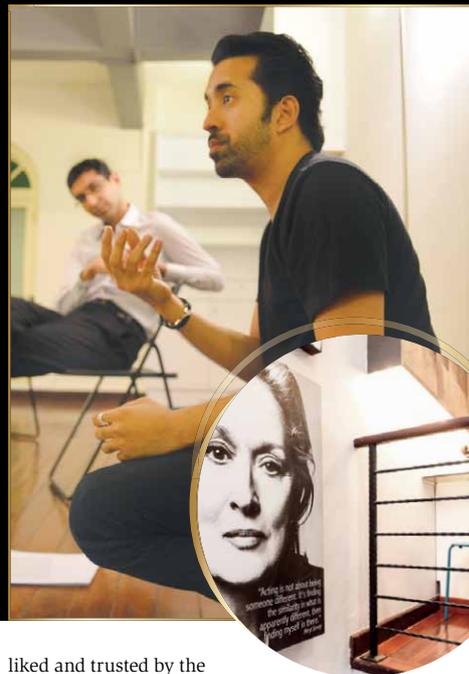


## Singapore Secrets

Unearthing Lion City treasures

# LEAP OF FAITH



Are you looking for inspiration or wanting to tackle a new challenge while living and working in the Lion City? Then go no further. Singapore-born and bred and internationally recognised actor and director **KAMIL HAGUE** knew from the age of seven that acting was his calling in life.

Driven by a strange concoction of ambition and a fear of mediocrity, he moved to LA in 2005, where he established a career for himself through sheer determination. Now a celebrated actor in both LA and Singapore, Kamil has produced, directed and acted in several critically acclaimed theatre productions. He attributes one of his earliest childhood memories to a poster in his school library that read "Shoot for the moon, if you miss, you land amongst the stars." Make choices to lessen that distance between you and your moon and you'll be a star!

Kamil is the first Singaporean and only known Asian who has coached and worked extensively in Hollywood with the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute and is the first and only instructor in Asia experienced in executing Lee Strasberg's techniques of acting. Kamil also serves as a member and Global Internship Director in 'Company of Angels' - LA's oldest repertory theatre company and is the first Singaporean bestowed with the honour of being a lifetime working observer at The Actors Studio, founded in 1947 in New York City.



It was in LA where Kamil had the realisation; he loved both acting and teaching equally. So after honing his craft, Kamil returned home to Singapore in 2012 to pursue his dream of pioneering the first professional acting school in the Lion City for young adults through *Hague Centre of Acting & Creativity (HCAC)*. Kamil has trained over 1,000 students in his time as a teacher and aims to inspire the people he meets, trains and works with at HCAC. He strongly believes in giving back to the community by sharing what he has learnt while reaching out to actors and underprivileged individuals who may lack access to teachers and inspiration.

To help you understand the process associated with becoming an actor, Kamil sets out his preferred five step plan. Step one - Know thyself. Why do you want to be an actor? Step two - Know the craft. Are you getting the suitable training to improve your skills? Are you keeping abreast of the latest local and global developments in the industry? And then step three - Know the business. As an actor, you are your own business as you're essentially selling yourself. Are you familiar with the business landscape in your local industry and are you setting your 'business' up for success? Step four - Know the people. To have the right opportunities come your way, you need to be known,

liked and trusted by the right people. People in the industry, be it managers, agents, directors, producers or casting directors, must feel confident staking their reputation on you. Who are the industry's movers and shakers and what are you doing to build relationships with them? Create a situation where your name comes up first for casting opportunities. Last but not least, step five - Become known. If you have some credits on your resume and you have built some important relationships, it's time to build leverage. If you're known in the world of theatre acting, who can you speak to about breaking into film or television? Always let your work speak for itself first. Be generous with your time and help people who were once in your shoes. Better still, help those not in the industry through charity work for the less fortunate. After all, building a world as a working actor does not mean the world revolves around you.

In his downtime, Kamil - an avid Frank Sinatra and Manchester United fan - turns to food and travel for inspiration. He has been known to share snapshots and reviews of his global food adventures on Instagram. A huge fan of spicy food, Kamil held the record for the largest number of spiciest chicken wings ever eaten in one sitting and has also won an award for eating chilli (pictured) in a chilli eating competition here in Singapore. Kamil's motto in life? "Genius is inspiring, hard and smart work gets results."

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