

# THE WALK LEARNER

## GONG GONG'S FIRST TALE

Sammee-Jo leaves the town of Shouling for a more exciting life in Handan, where she has heard people live in style and walk in an elegant way. Try as she might, she never quite seems to master it, and realising she does not fit in, she returns home to Shouling in the hope that her new way of life will impress them. Once there, she finds she no longer fits in. Rejected by the people of Shouling, she flees into exile, forsaking the ways of humans, and learns to live

with leopards. After a time, she becomes unrecognisable, and is shot by a passing hunter.

Gong Gong reflects that Sammee-Jo's fate was sealed by following others. Nü Wa tests the spirits by casting them into the Yellow River – 'Why,' he says, 'look to the sky for inspiration, when the waters team with new creation?'

### Orchard Primary School

#### Sammee-Jo

Vanessa Margai

#### Almond Seller

Lindon Thaqi

#### Citizens of Handan

Hussain Ali Shah, Junior Antonio, Sajeda Begum, Abisade Bhadmus, Gerrard Costelloe, Daniella Darko Coby, Mohammed Mangera, Shafi Miah, Daisy Querry, Aisha Rahiem, Courtney Stanislaus, Kaine West

#### Citizens of Shouling

Sadia Al Wahab, Lauren Boyd, Minhaji Chowdhury, Christiana Egere, Johnny Egere, Paige Gibson, Sertac Goztas, Habil Humoud, Happy Imafidon, May Luu, Duncan Rondhout, Monica Wong

#### Birds

Yasmin Abdi, Kiki Fakorede, Jade Lee-Forrester, Kerry Gittens, Nadia Haloua, Sultana Rahman, Reanne Robin, Tosin Taslim

#### Leopards

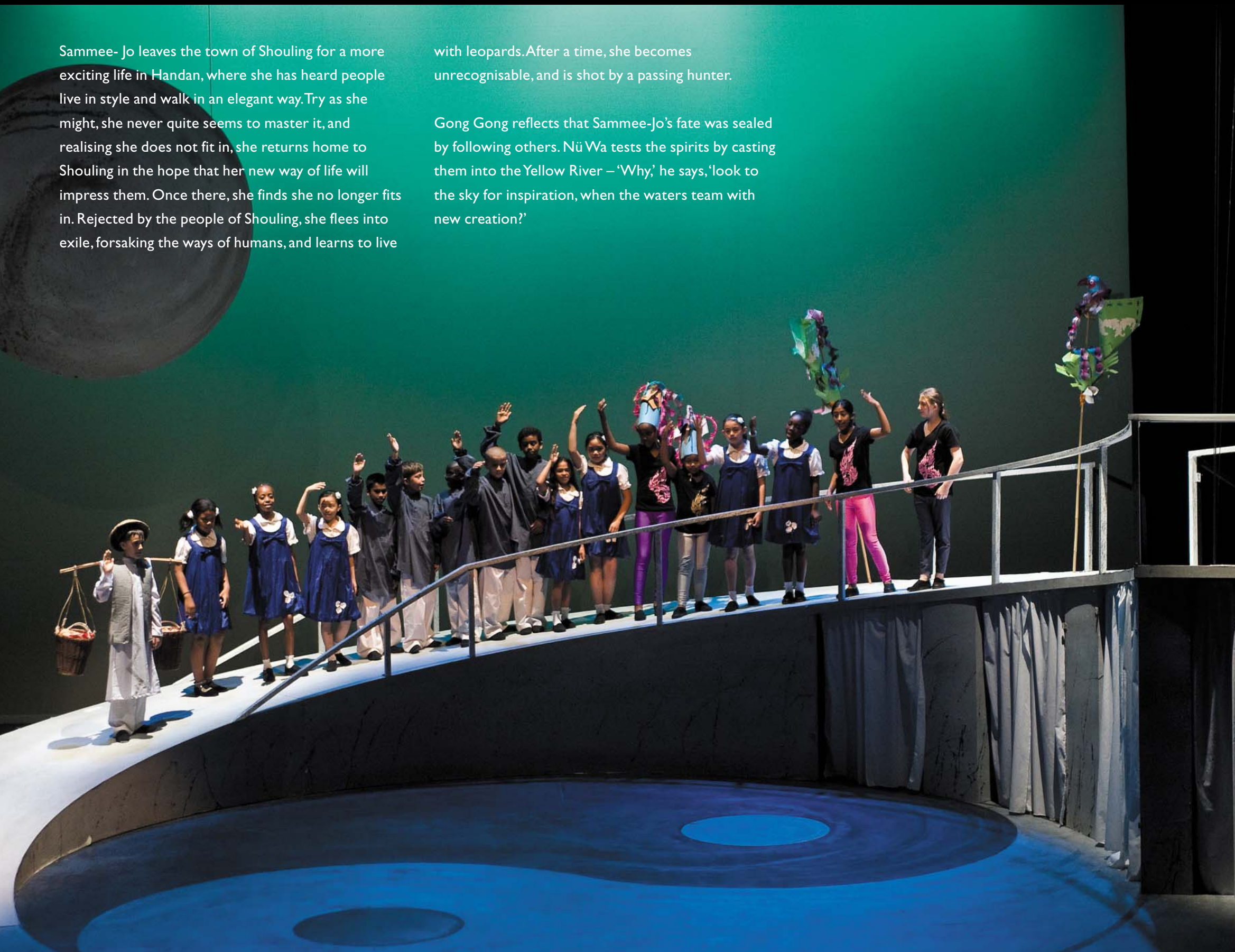
Schwaib Adensanya, Joshua Best, Nilima Chowdhury, Daniel Dos Santos, Jessica Faria-Shah, Jessie Musenge, Lorena Spataru, Nikyta Wahr

#### A Hunter

Kiki Fakorede

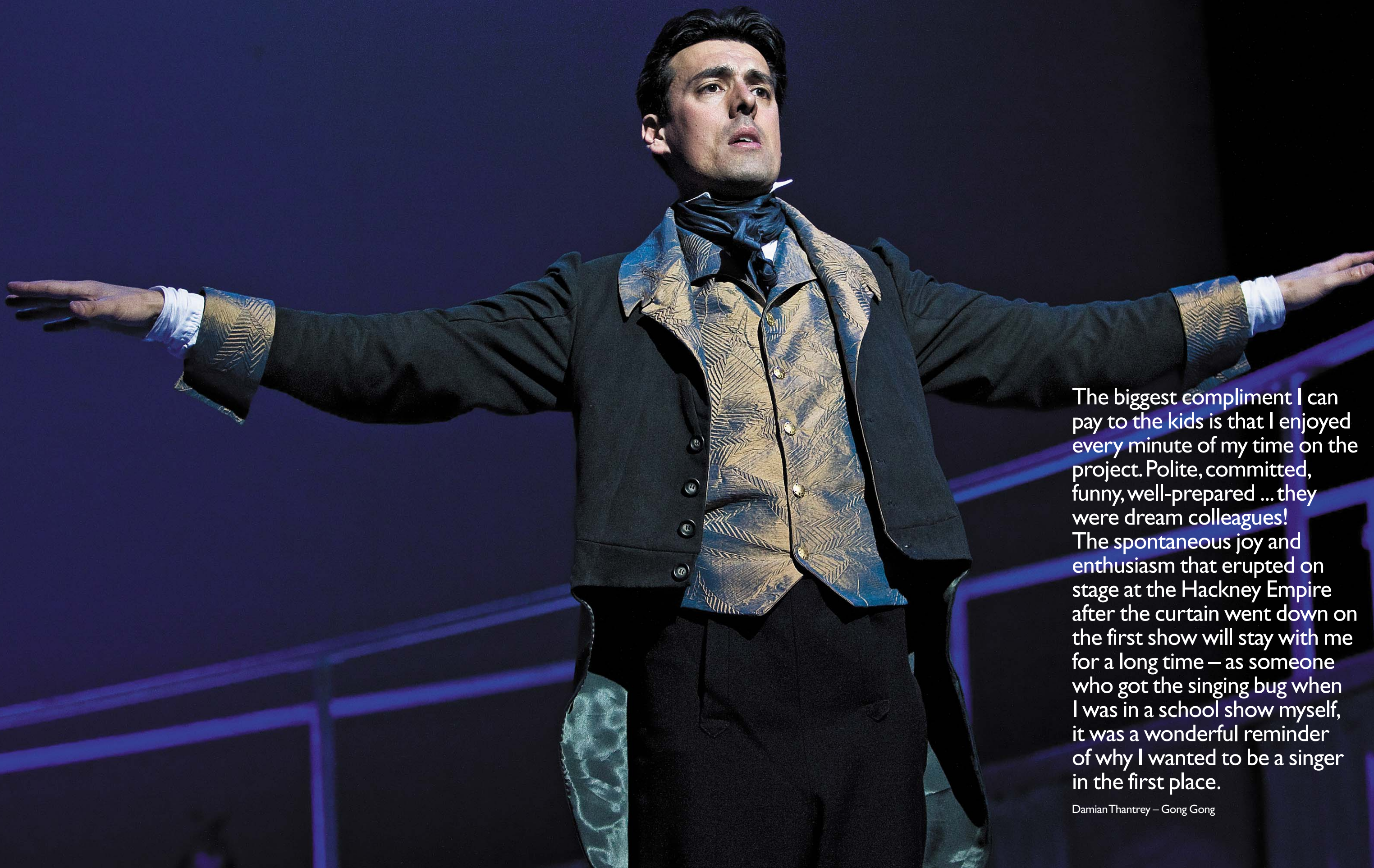
### Confucius says:

If one learns from others but does not think, one will become confused.









The biggest compliment I can pay to the kids is that I enjoyed every minute of my time on the project. Polite, committed, funny, well-prepared ... they were dream colleagues! The spontaneous joy and enthusiasm that erupted on stage at the Hackney Empire after the curtain went down on the first show will stay with me for a long time – as someone who got the singing bug when I was in a school show myself, it was a wonderful reminder of why I wanted to be a singer in the first place.

Damian Thantrey – Gong Gong