It is numbers galore at Chingay 2009. There will be 13 floats, 3,800 local and international performers and four performance stops along a parade route that stretches 1.5km. Here are some highlights to look out for.

**THE FLOATS**

- **ROARING AHEAD**
  The first float in the parade. It is presented by the Singapore Tourism Board. President S R Nathan will be ushered to the parade on Jan 31 atop the float, which features a lion.

- **MAGICBOX @ THE BANQUET**
  Measuring 28m, this float is the longest in the parade and is also part of the finale. The futuristic-looking float is presented by New Century Foundation Batam View Resort and Gateway Entertainment. Magicians Lawrence and Priscilla Khong will make their entrance on this float and perform illusion tricks.

- **DRACONICA**
  With a 9m-tall dragon and two smaller ones that can reach a height of 5m, it is the tallest float in the parade.

- **GARDEN OF YOUTH**
  Who knew that insects could look so cute? Presented by the People’s Association Youth Movement, Garden Of Youth features a giant 7-part caterpillar, ants, butterflies, bees and wasps in a garden setting.

- **EURASIANA**
  Presented by the Eurasian Association, Eurasiana is Portuguese “Carrack”-style float with an 80-strong contingent. The Carrack was a three or four-mast sailing ship developed by the Portuguese. The association kick-starts its 90th anniversary celebrations at the parade.

**SOME FEATURED PERFORMERS**

**Local participants**
- The Brazilian Zambianongo Capoeira Group (Singapore) will be presenting Chingay’s first Samba Capoeira performance.

**International participants from seven countries**
- Temu Wonogiri Cultural Group from Indonesia will perform in Chingay for the first time. It will present a combination of Sumatran and Javanese dance. Performers will wear a 30kg Reog Mask that consists of a tiger head and peacock feathers. The performer need only bite a small stick of bamboo to lift up the masks – the heaviest in Chingay history.

**THE PARADE**

- **Jan 30, Friday**
  - Parade starts at 8.30pm

- **Jan 31, Saturday**
  - Parade starts at 8pm
  - After-parade party starts at 10pm

**Parade route is from City Hall to Raffles Avenue**

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