

WORTH THE WAIT

Performing the first show at the new National Stadium, Stefanie Sun broke her five-year hiatus with a concert that left us all in awe. By Lee Jing Hui

The last time we saw the homegrown star was in 2009, for *The Answer Is* concert. After taking a break and starting her family, she came back rejuvenated with a new image and spirit, proving she's still got what it takes at her *Kepler World Tour* show.

WELL-LOVED REPERTOIRE

Sashaying onto the stage at 8.25pm, Stefanie kicked off the evening with 'Cloudy Day', to the passionate screams of a 20,000-strong crowd. From upbeat tempos to melodic ballads, all eyes were glued on the singer as she belted out tunes from her massive 30-track set!

KEEPING IT REAL

In-between songs, the petite songstress engaged in friendly banter. At one point, she greeted the audience with an enthusiastic, "Singapore, I'm back. How can speak Singlish or not?" drawing deafening applause. Perhaps due to her recent poor health, she faltered midway through songs like 'Angel's Fingerprints', but being the determined trooper that she was, she held on.

REMEMBERING HER ROOTS

The last hour was more of a sing-a-long session as she delivered some of her best-known songs. However, it was the past National Day songs that she prepared especially for Singaporean fans that touched our hearts. When frenzied spectators chanted for an encore at the end, Stefanie serenaded us with 'My Desired Happiness' before giant bursts of confetti rained down to thunderous applause. The show may be over, but we're sure we'll be hearing from her again in no time!

