

What makes a “mother”?

## Description

I can't believe I'm gonna be watching La Cage Aux Folles again this week!! ??

NEVER in my life have I willingly paid twice for a production. Plus this time we're going for the most expensive tier tickets! ? worth the experience la hor.

Food for thought:

Does one need to be a female to "mother" a child?

After watching La Cage and with Mother's Day around the corner, I was wondering about the societal narrative of what and how a mother should be like.

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We celebrated early over the weekend, and my MIL fits into the stereotype of a mother quite easily.  
(on a side note, isn't the white chocolate piece on this cake so pretty?!?)

But what about other "mothers"?

Is one a mother by virtue of gender?

Or do you become one because you've contributed your X chromosome embedded in your egg which has fused with a sperm to form a baby?

### Singapore's Lesbian Couple

There's a lesbian couple, Irene and Olivia, in Singapore who went through a lot together in order to start a family here.

However, only Olivia has legal rights over their daughter, Zoey, since she is Zoey's biological parent. In the eyes of Singapore law, the state does not recognise Irene as a parent.

Who's the mother here – Olivia or Irene? Or both? Or does Irene automatically become the default "father" figure since Olivia is the natural mother?

I love Singapore, but among its many laws, I have difficulty trying to reconcile my conflicting feelings in regards to Singapore criminalises one's sexuality (for homosexuals). The fact that consensual sex between men is still a punishable offence is a hard pill to swallow, since both parties are technically willing.

But beyond crime and punishment, for as long as this law remains in place, it inevitably continues to fuel the perpetuation of homophobia in Singapore.

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Zoey and her lesbian parents, who have raised a sweet and smart kid!

Getting married has given me a whole new perspective of what it means to be a mother. I'm now having nightmares of difficult labour pains, getting fat after pregnancy, (@thechillmom @audt01 help teach me how you guys did it) and a whole new bundle of responsibility to look after.

We're still about 2 years (hopefully) from having a child, but we're already starting to plan and talk about it.

Becoming a mother scares me.

Just having a brand new set of in-laws is already freaking me out when I think of the extra financial responsibility (healthcare, getting them insurance, probably needing to hire a helper in the near future, etc). I can't imagine another baby to add onto all that stress.

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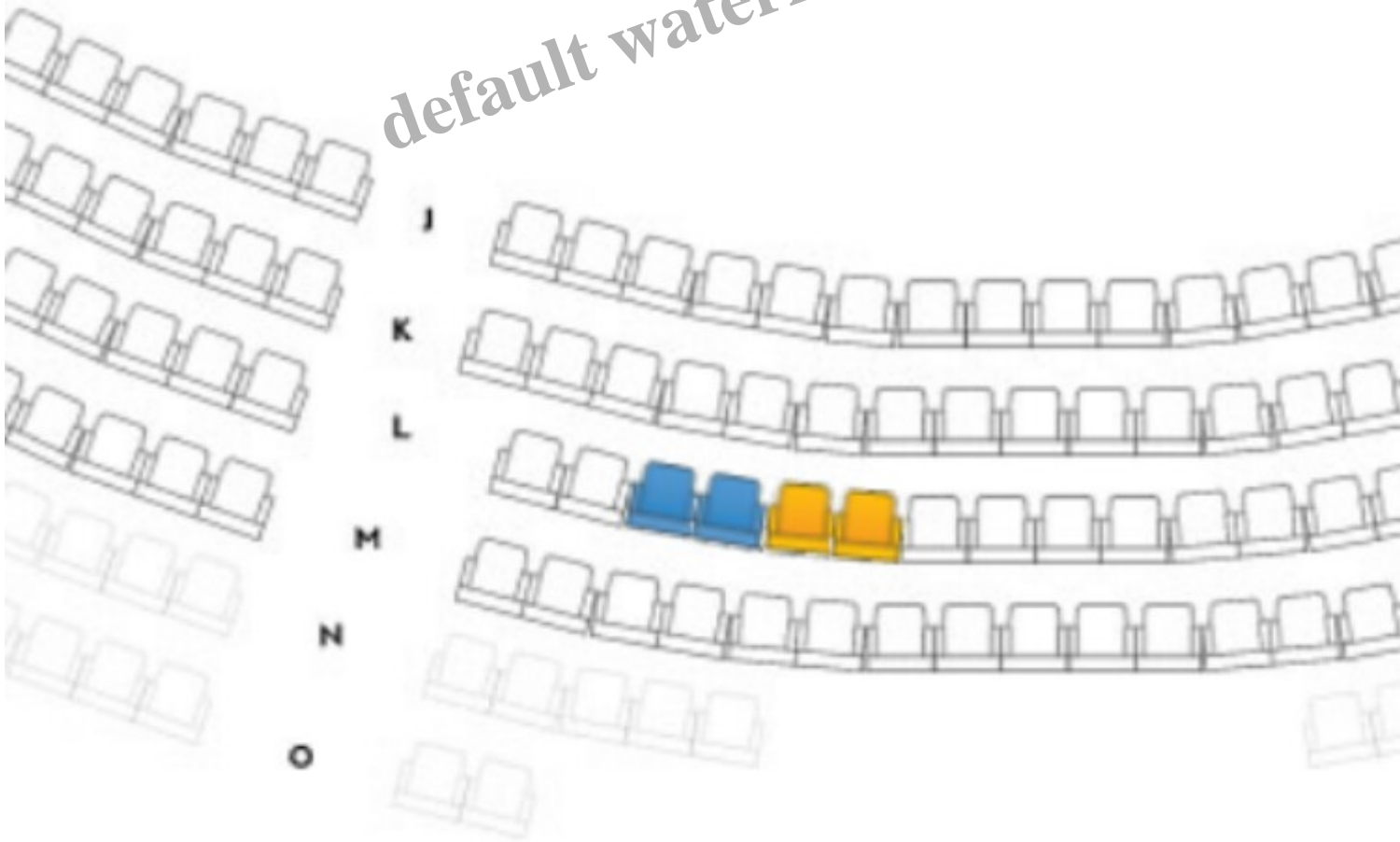
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# SEAT ALLOCATION

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I can't believe all the good seats are already taken for the day I wanna go?!? I'm paying for the \$100 ticket but instead of getting front centre, we're getting middle middle for the same price because #slowlor. Pfffffft.

Never mind, at least this time I'll be on the ground floor! The songs have been stuck in my mind since Saturday and I really wanna hear Sean sing "Look Over There" again ??

I'm not kidding when I say Wild Rice's version of this is wayyyyyyyyyyy better than the 2010 Broadway version. The feels, I kennot. It brought tears to my eyes listening to George telling Jon about the sacrifices Albin has made for him.

Super excited to be watching it again!

Sean Ghazi and his soulful voice. Any Dayre Malaysians here? You guys got some serious talent!!!

Life is short and so we should live and love as hard as we know how.

Is it biology and genes that makes a family, or is it love?

"When your world spins too fast,  
And your bubble has burst,  
Someone puts himself last,  
So that you can come first."  
(song lyrics of La Cage's Look Over There)

My MIL is quite pleased tonight yay her happiness is infectious ??haha will share more another day!

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