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DATUK Faridah Merican is back with the latest series of *Life Sdn Bhd*. The series comprises true stories told by actors and non-actors on issues that affect us living in Malaysia. In 2007, the fourth edition of the series touched on breast cancer, and the fifth edition this year will focus on living with HIV/AIDS. It features people living with or affected by the HIV and AIDS epidemic, and also four singers — Dayang Nurfaizah, Ariff Akhir, Peter Ong and Ian Chow — some armed with original compositions specially composed for this instalment of *Life Sdn Bhd*. 8pm, The Actors Studio @ Lot 10, Roof Top, Level 8A, Lot 10 Shopping Centre, 50 Jalan Sultan Ismail, KL. Tickets are priced at RM30 (centre seats) and RM20 (side seats). Call the box office at (03) 2142 2009 or (03) 2143 2009.

HEAD to Instant Café's House of Art and Ideas (CHAI) tonight for its monthly Global Playwrights Series. Naa Murad, Zahim Albakri, Zalfian Fuzi and Jo Kukathas are presenting *The Ugly One*, a sharp comedy on beauty, identity and getting ahead in life by German playwright Marius von Mayenburg. It explores our 21st century obsession with cosmetic surgery, aesthetic enhancements, appearance and identity through the story of Lette. He is the inventor of a new high voltage connector but his boss deems him too ugly to sell his invention at a convention in Switzerland. This prompts Lette to consult a surgeon, and from here on things get complicated. Show starts at 8.30pm at CHAI, 6 Jalan 6/3, off Jalan Templer, PJ. Entrance is by donation of RM20. Call (03) 7784 8792 for more information.

VIEW Fong Kim Sing's newest series of lotus-themed works in the exhibition, *To Lotus with Love*, on display at

NN Gallery. The self-taught, veteran artist continues to explore the ethereal flower that has captivated him since his youth. He paints images of ephemeral waterscapes of white lotuses and lilies, with dancing dragonflies in mystic and romantic washes of colours, to translate onto canvas the relationship between man and nature whilst illustrating the temporality of life. The results are alluring and imaginative works that capture the beauty and purity of the lotus. The gallery is located at 53A & 56 Jalan Sulaiman 1, Taman Ampang Hilir, Ampang, Selangor. Hours are 9am to 6pm (Mon to Sat), and admission is free. Call (03) 4270 6588 for more information.

PAVILION Kuala Lumpur is having a Festive Fashion Show today at 2pm and 4pm. So if you're in the area, be sure to drop in and see the latest fashion currently in stores at the shopping centre.

