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Trained in Chinese and contemporary dance, Cai Shiji holds a Masters in Choreography (Dance) from Purchase College, New York, and is the Creative Director of Dance Ensemble Singapore (DES).

Her talent in dance was recognised from a young age. In 1997, she received a bursary from Rotary Club West to study modern dance techniques and ballet at the Tisch School of Arts in New York. As a dancer, she has performed extensively across Asia, Europe and the United States.

Married to a Peranakan, her discovery of the Straits Chinese culture has inspired her choreographic work and her passion is in telling Singapore stories through dance. DES is known for exploring the 'Nanyang Style' of dance.