

ArtsPicks

Akshita Nanda Arts Correspondent recommends



**ANGKOR: EXPLORING CAMBODIA'S SACRED CITY. MASTERPIECES OF THE MUSEE NATIONAL DES ARTS ASIATIQUES-GUIMET**

This exhibition at the Asian Civilisations Museum presents 141 objects from the collection of the Guimet Museum of Paris. Highlights include this 10th-century statue of the Hindu god Brahma (above), which weighs nearly one tonne.

Also featured are rubbings and plaster casts of temple structures made by 19th-century archaeologists. The originals have been destroyed and only these records of the past remain.

**WHERE:** Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Sunday to July 22, Mondays to Thursdays and weekends (10am to 7pm); Fridays (10am to 9pm) **ADMISSION:** \$12 for Singaporeans and permanent residents, \$20 for others **INFO:** acm.org.sg



**FOUR HORSE ROAD BY THE THEATRE PRACTICE**

Take an immersive journey into the past through this site-specific performance written by Jonathan Lim and directed by Kuo Jian Hong. It directs viewers to explore numbers 42, 48 and 54 Waterloo Street, where performers enact sketches inspired by the area's past. Expect to

encounter prostitutes, Japanese spies, prisoners and schoolboys among others. **WHERE:** Ticket holders first head to 54 Waterloo Street for instructions **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Till April 28, Tuesdays to Sundays, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$68 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)

**X & Y**

Raw Moves' artistic director Ricky Sim is in his late 40s and company dancer Matthew Goh is in his mid-20s. Can Generations X and Y find common ground? X & Y is a dance dialogue between two practitioners from the same Singapore troupe, shaped by their times and time of life.

**WHERE:** Aliwal Arts Centre, Multi-Purpose Hall, 28 Aliwal Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Wednesday and Thursday, 8pm; April 13, 3 and 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$30 from x-and-y.peatix.com

**IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR HEART**

This immersive, intimate theatre experience was created by Singaporean artist Kaylene Tan (left) for The Studios, an annual festival

curated by the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay.

Put on headphones and listen to the recorded voice of actor Lim Kay Tong playing a bedridden man reliving his life. Performers Jalyn Han and Tan Hui Er play the other main characters.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 8pm; tomorrow, 3 and 8pm; Sunday, 3pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)

**INFO:** Not recommended for children below the age of 10. For more details, go to www.esplanade.com/festivals-and-series/the-studios/2018

PHOTOS: ALPHONSUS CHERN, ESPLANADE - THEATRES ON THE BAY, THE THEATRE PRACTICE

ARTS

BOOKS

**Book Launch - The Savant Trilogy #1: Misdirection**

The book is the latest venture by Ning Cai, an award-winning illusionist, mentalist and author. It is the first title in a new mystery trilogy about a savant schoolgirl, Maxine Schooling, who is on the trail of her parents' killer.

**WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, Level 4 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** April 14, 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

**Meet-The-Authors: Gabby Tye & Elodie Kyra**

Sisters Gabby Tye and Elodie Kyra will promote their respective latest young adult publications - K and Rage. K is the companion book to Tye's trilogy, RunHideSeek, while Rage is the first book in a mystery series by 15-year-old first-time author Elodie Kyra.

**WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, Level 4 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** April 14, 3.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

**Lee's Lieutenants - Meet The Editors**

Together with Lydia Lim, head of training and development at The Straits Times, the book's editors, Kevin Tan and Lam Peng Er, will discuss the new edition that rediscovers the roles and contributions of Singapore's founding fathers in nation-building.

**WHERE:** Programme Zone, B1-01 Central Public Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** April 25, 7-8.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, sign up at str.sg/oaq5g

CONCERTS

**School Of Young Talents' Junior Music Winners' Concert**

In celebration of Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts' (Nafa) 80th anniversary, the Junior Music Department puts together a concert featuring the young talents who swept 79 prizes at various competitions last year. Thirteen musicians aged between 10 and 16 will perform on the piano, violin and cello.

**WHERE:** Lee Foundation Theatre, Nafa Campus 3, 80 Bencoolen Street **MRT:** Bencoolen **WHEN:** Sun, 7.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 - \$20 **TEL:** 6512-4168 **INFO:** E-mail junior\_music@nafa.edu.sg

**Leonard Bernstein At 100 - West Side Story With SSO**

The Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO), conducted by Joshua Tan, performs Leonard Bernstein's electrifying score and memorable songs with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim live, as the newly re-mastered 1961 film West Side Story is shown in high definition on the big screen.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** April 13, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$128, tickets from goo.gl/4V9AH1 **INFO:** sso.org.sg

**Masters Of Comedy**

This tribute to iconic comedians in Singapore celebrates the stories of the country's funny men - Bai Yan, Jack Neo, Mark Lee and Henry Thia, as well as comic duos Wang Sha and Ye Feng and Hua Liang and Zhao Jin. Be entertained by comedic dialogue and cross-talk in talk-show format, accompanied by song and dance.

**WHERE:** Level 9 Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre Auditorium, 1 Straits Boulevard **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** May 19 & 20 (3 & 8pm), May 22 - 25 (8pm) **ADMISSION:** \$38 -

\$48 (discounts: 20 per cent for seniors, students & NSFs; 25 per cent for bookings by April 30 and for 10 or more tickets) **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

DANCE

**A Takemitsu Season: The Spring Soiree**

This immersive musical experience features artists from The Arts Fission and The Philharmonic Orchestra (Singapore). The curatorial team of composer Joyce Beetuan Koh, Cultural Medallion recipient Angela Liong and pianist Shane Thio will introduce acclaimed Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, a self-proclaimed gardener composer, and take the audience on a walk in his musical garden through short sketches of music and dance performances.

**WHERE:** Japan Creative Centre, 4 Nassim Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** April 14, 2 - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** artsfission.org, facebook.com/TPOSingapore, www.sg.emb-japan.go.jp/JCC

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

**Sota Visual Art Students' Works**

3Quarters is a yearly showcase for Year 3 and 4 visual art students from the School of the Arts (Sota). Media such as drawing, painting, design, ceramics, media arts and sculpture will be on display.

**WHERE:** Level 2 Sota Gallery, 1 Zubir Said Drive **MRT:** Bencoolen/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Till Wed, noon - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/2GiGInd

**Still Life With The Artists Village**

This exhibition features the works of 29 artists from The Artists Village, revisiting the long-established genre of still life in contemporary art in the context of today's art canon and culture.

**WHERE:** Ngee Ann Kongsi Galleries 1 & 2, Nafa Campus 1, 80 Bencoolen Street **MRT:** Bencoolen **WHEN:** Till April 15, 11am - 7pm (closed on Monday) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail artgalleries@nafa.edu.sg

**Beyond Gingers Exhibition - Tham Pui San's Encounters With Nature**

Self-taught artist and volunteer Tham Pui San captures the beauty of the Singapore Botanic Gardens through his sketches, journals and paintings.

**WHERE:** CDL Green Gallery @ SBG Heritage Museum, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** April 14 - July 8 (closed on last Tuesday of each month), 9am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks\_sbg\_visitor\_services@nparks.gov.sg

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

**SIM-University Of London Education Fair**

Learn more about the programmes offered by the University of London at this half-day fair. Faculty members from Britain will be present to give advice. Visitors can also learn from industry professionals the skill sets needed for the IT and accounting sectors and the job opportunities available. Other activities include a masterclass on data analytics and a talk on taking summer courses in London.

**WHERE:** Level 4 Seminar Room A.4.01, Block ASIM Headquarters, 461 Clementi Road **MRT:** Clementi/Dover/King Albert Park **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9.30am - 2.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at simge.edu.sg **TEL:** 6248-9746 **INFO:** E-mail study@sim.edu.sg

**Singapore Yacht Show**

In its eighth edition of the show, which is supported by the Singapore Tourism Board, visitors can discover

some of the world's finest super-yachts and boating brands. **WHERE:** One\*15 Marina, Sentosa Cove **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Thu - April 14 (3 - 9pm), April 15 (3 - 8pm) **ADMISSION:** \$75 for a single-day ticket (quote FJD9NBA4 for a 50 per cent discount) **TEL:** 6304-7950 **INFO:** singaporeyachtshow.com

THEATRE

**The Silly Girl And The Funny Old Tree**

Students from Victoria Junior College's Drama Club perform a dramatised script-reading of a classic text by the late theatre doyen Kuo Pao Kun - The Silly Girl And The Funny Old Tree, about a girl who develops an odd attachment to an old, funny-looking tree in her school. When the tree is slated to be cut down, she finds herself defending it.

**WHERE:** Open Stage, library@esplanade, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** esplanade.com

**The Consultant**

In Heidi Schreck's play, presented by Wag The Dog Theatre, a firm has fallen on hard times and employees know that their heads are on the chopping block. After a series of brutal lay-offs, a precocious young consultant is brought in to save one job. The play takes an intimate look at what one owes others when everything is falling apart.

**WHERE:** Drama Centre Black Box, Level 5 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** May 17 & 18, 22 - 25 (8pm); May 19 & 26 (3 & 8pm); May 20 & 27 (2 & 7pm) **ADMISSION:** \$20 - \$40 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

Library talks by seasoned journalists

CO-ORGANISED BY THE STRAITS TIMES AND NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

askST@NLB

you ask, we answer, come listen

How social media has changed the way chefs create dishes

Central Public Library 100 Victoria Street #B1-01 Programme Zone Friday, April 27, 2018 7pm to 8.30pm (Registration starts at 6pm)

Sign up at http://str.sg/askHsueh For more information, go to www.straitstimes.com/askst



Tan Hsueh Yun Life Editor