

ARTS

BOOKS

Singapore Art Book Fair

This year's fair will showcase up to 74 exhibitors, including local ones such as The Book Shop and regional ones such as TwelveBooks of Japan. It will also host bigger presses such as Germany's Edition Nord.

WHERE: NU Centre for Contemporary Arts Singapore, Gillman Barracks, 43 Malan Road
MRT: Labrador Park **WHEN:** June 29 - July 1, noon - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** singaporeartbookfair.com, [facebook.com/singaporeartbookfair](https://www.facebook.com/singaporeartbookfair)

CONCERTS

Masala Coffee Live

The band perform Indian folk, blues, pop and rock. In this concert, they will deliver renditions of popular Tamil and Bollywood songs.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** April 30, 7pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$46 - \$126 from apactix.com

Masters Of Comedy

Masters Of Comedy pays tribute to iconic Singapore comedians - Ba Yan, Jack Neo, Mark Lee and Henry Tio as well as comic duo Wang Xia 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, 15 Straits Boulevard **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** May 19, 20, 3 & 6pm **May 22 - 25, 8pm** **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$48 (discounts, 20 per cent for seniors, students, full-time national servicemen; 25 per cent for bookings by Mon & for 10 or more tickets) **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Garden Uprooted

This music and dance-theatre performance features works by Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu, who is supported by an inter-generational cast comprising senior citizens, dance students, professional dancers from Arts Fission and musicians from The Philharmonic Orchestra. It is helmed by maestro Lim Yau and choreographer Angela Liang, both Cultural Medallion recipients.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** May 19, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$19 - \$27 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

You've Got Mail

This two-part exhibition by the Singapore Philatelic Museum aims to re-ignite the fond memories of an era when pen and paper, letter-writing and the postal service played a pivotal role in bringing people together. A collection of 200 award-winning decorative envelopes from the Washington Calligraphers Guild, and 150 unusual stamps and philatelic materials from the museum's collection and lenders, are on display.
WHERE: Singapore Philatelic Museum, 23-B Coleman Street **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till Dec 31, 10am - 7pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free for Singaporeans & permanent residents; others: \$8 an adult, \$6 a child **TEL:** 6337-3888 **INFO:** www.spm.org.sg

Anek Gambar: Peranakans & Photography

The exhibition includes studio and amateur photographs of Peranakans

from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar. In celebration of a donation by Mr and Mrs Lee Kip Lee of more than 2500 photographs to the Peranakan Museum, the exhibition explores the multifaceted role of photography in the lives of Peranakans.

WHERE: 39 Armenian Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bras Basah **WHEN:** May 5 - Feb 3, 10am - 7pm (Sat - Thu), 10am - 9pm (Fri) **ADMISSION:** Singaporeans: \$5 (free for children & seniors); foreigners: \$9 - \$13 (includes entry to permanent galleries) **TEL:** 6332-7591 **INFO:** E-mail nhb_pim_vsn@nhb.gov.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

The Art of Jacqueline Ng

Jacqueline Ng has been working with clay for almost two decades. She developed her interest in ceramics after being inspired by her elder brother, the late Cultural Medallion recipient Ng Eng Teng. Her first solo exhibition with One East Asia gallery features nine ceramic sculptures and her brother's drawings and ceramics.

WHERE: 09-03 Thong Teck Building, 15 Scotts Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Till May 25, noon - 6pm (Mon - Fri) by appointment on Sat **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6737-1819 **INFO:** E-mail info@oneeastasia.org or go to www.oneeastasia.org

Self-Appeal

Virt-taught Korean artist Hannami Kim is holding her first solo exhibition, which she explores feminism, subtle eroticism and minimalism through paintings and drawings.
WHERE: NPE Gallery, 39 Kallang Place **MRT:** Kallang/Bendemeer **WHEN:** May 10, 6.30 - 9pm, May 11 - 25, 10am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** hannamikim.com

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

Ramadan Festival Grand Bazaar

Inspired by the sights and sounds of Turkey, The Grand Bazaar is a first collaboration between Muslim Youth Forum Singapore and RoseValley, an online fashion store that caters to the Muslim demographic. Embassies of Middle Eastern countries will also be promoting their respective cultures.
WHERE: Hall 6B Singapore Expo, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Expo **WHEN:** June 8 - 10, 10am - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free, 8pm onwards & breaking of fast practices available **TEL:** 6720-6100 **INFO:** E-mail theGrandBazaar@sfg@gmail.com

THEATRE

Shakespeare In The Park - Julius Caesar

Shakespeare in the Park is back with a modern-day remake of the political thriller Julius Caesar. The riveting play about power, greed and betrayal features actress Jo Kakathas as Julius Caesar.
WHERE: Fort Canning Park **MRT:** Fort Canning **WHEN:** Wed - May 27, 7:30pm **ADMISSION:** From \$49. Tickets at srt.com.sg/show/juliuscaesar **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

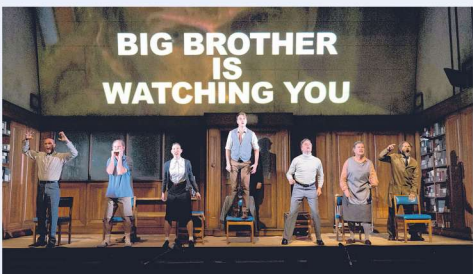
OFF-THEATRE

This is the first production of Emergency Shelter, the training arm of experimental theatre company Emergency Stairs. Members of Emergency Shelter will take on roles in theatre as both cast and crew to look at conventions in theatre-making and challenge how one can look at the roles in different ways.
WHERE: Stagecase@Soon King Industrial Building, 2 Soon King Road, **MRT:** Mattar **WHEN:** May 30 & 31, June 3, 8pm, June 2, 3 & 6pm **ADMISSION:** \$20 **INFO:** goo.gl/UXD5eb

Arts Picks

Olivia Ho recommends

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS



BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING YOU

1984 (above)

In his new stage adaptation of George Orwell's dystopian classic by Robert Icke and Duncan Macmillan, an ordinary man called Winston Smith finds himself thinking thoughts he should not think and falls in love. But Big Brother, the malevolently omnipresent eye of the government, is always watching. The production is presented as part of the Singapore International Festival of Arts 2018.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 7.45pm; tomorrow and Sunday, 3 and 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 to \$80 from ticketing.sifa.sg. Limited concessions available for students, national servicemen and seniors; limited student tickets at \$10 **INFO:** Some mature themes, recommended for ages 13 and above. Go to www.sifa.sg



A DREAM UNDER THE SOUTHERN BOUGH - THE BEGINNING (above)

Toy Factory Productions adapts a Ming Dynasty Kun opera about a naval officer suspended for being drunk on duty, who then dreams about leading battles in the kingdom of ants.

This will be the first of three parts spanning the 44-chapter opera. In a

twist, the distinctive arias - presented as part of the Singapore International Festival of Arts 2018 - will be spoken, rather than sung.
WHERE: Sota Studio Theatre, School of the Arts, 1 Zubir Said Drive **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Monday, 8pm; Tuesday, 3 and 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 from ticketing.sifa.sg **INFO:** www.sifa.sg



LEDA and the RAGE

Writer-director-head actress Edith Podesta closes the Esplanade - Theatre on the Bay's The Studios season with this take on the Greek myth of Leda, who was coerced into a sexual encounter by the god Zeus in the form of a swan. Podesta discusses the myths around rape and explores a survivor's trauma.

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:** Some mature themes. Patrons must be 16 years or older. Go to bit.ly/2vGKIC2

PHOTOS: ESPRANCE - THEATRES ON THE BAY; TOY FACTORY PRODUCTIONS; SHANE REED; SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA



THE BUND - SWING TO JAZZ CONCERT

Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) joins forces with jazz singer Coco Zhou (above) and trumpeter Li Xiaochuan (right), who are in a concert that harks back to the early 1900 on the Shanghai Bund.

Conducted by music director Yeh Tsung, the programme will feature the likes of Chen Ruozhen's Yearning, Chen Gexin's Night In Shanghai, Irving Berlin's Blue Skies and Jon Hendrick's I Want Your Love.
WHERE: SCO Concert Hall, Singapore Conference Hall, 7 Shenton Way **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Today and tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 to \$98 from Sistic **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

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