

Arts Picks

Olivia Ho recommends



CITIZEN DOG
This absurdist play by theatre-makers Oliver Chong and Liu Xiaoyi is based on Qing-dynasty supernatural short story collection Liaozhai Zhiyi. It features a cast of characters ranging from a literary hermit and a shady foreigner who wants to rent a room to run a massage parlour, to a fox spirit and a profanity-spewing dog.

WHERE: Victoria Theatre, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** City Hall/Raffles Place **WHEN:** 8pm (today); 3 and 8pm (tomorrow); 3pm (Sunday) **ADMISSION:** \$35 to \$55 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg) **INFO:** Performed in Mandarin with English surtitles. Advisory 16 (some mature content and coarse language)

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SMALL BIG DREAMERS

This biennial children's festival by National Gallery Singapore puts the spotlight on a Singapore artist. This time, it is pioneer performance artist and Cultural Medallion recipient Lee Wen, whose commissioned work, A Waking Dream: Sun-boy And Yellow Man, will be presented through a series of five immersive installations throughout the gallery. It will be accompanied by other works by international artists such as

We Make Carpets from the Netherlands, teamLab from Japan and Mark Justiniani from the Philippines.

WHERE: National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Tomorrow to Sept 9; 10am to 7pm (Saturdays to Thursdays); 10am to 9pm (Fridays) **ADMISSION:** General admission, free for Singapore citizens and permanent residents, \$20 for foreigners **INFO:** www.nationalgallery.sg



ANNA BEREZOVSKAYA: VOYAGES

Russian artist Anna Berezovskaya returns for another solo exhibition in Singapore that will feature her surreal, fairy tale-like work, which includes Birthday Together

(2017, above), with echoes of hearth and home.

WHERE: Redsea Gallery, Block 9 Dempsey Road **MRT:** Commonwealth/Holland Village **WHEN:** Until Sunday, 11am to 8pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.redseagallery.com

EX DE MEDICI: SMITHEREENS

Australian artist eX de Medici (right) depicts brutal violence and surveillance in the gentle medium of watercolours – from Spies Like Us, a 6.2m-long painting in which tiny birds fly around giant, grey surveillance cameras, to Family Portrait (Birnam Wood), in which flowers explode like fireworks from the mouth of a gun.

WHERE: Sullivan + Strumpf, 01-06, 5 Lock Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Till June 24, 11am to 7pm (Tuesdays to Saturdays); 11am to 6pm (Sundays) or by appointment **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** sullivanstrumpf.com



ARTS

AUDITIONS

Casting Call: Corporal Crumble's Christmas Crisis

Centre Stage School of the Arts and Base Entertainment Asia are producing a traditional Christmas pantomime, Corporal Crumble's Christmas Crisis, at Marina Bay Sands on Dec 1 and 2. The producers are looking for about 100 children (aged seven and older) to sing, dance and act with the international cast. **WHERE:** Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** June 12,

4 - 5.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at centre-stage.com/home/christmas-show-2018

BOOKS

Meet-The-Author Sessions At Books Kinokuniya

Film director and author Ken Kwek (2pm) will talk about his debut children's book, Timothy And The Phubbers, and the issue of children having too much screen time. Mother-and-daughter team Monica Lim and Lesley-Anne (2.30pm) are promoting Secrets Of Singapore: Botanic Gardens, which is suitable for children aged eight to 12. Pick up

tips on market trading and generating returns with your money from Marc Liu, Rayner Teo and Alex Yeo (3.30pm), authors of The Traders' Blueprint: Winning Strategies For Profiting From Stocks, Forex, Commodities And Options. **WHERE:** Books Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20/21 Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2, 2.30 & 3.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6737-5021 **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

CONCERTS

Harmonica Concert: Sinmonica Echo

Singapore artists will perform with guest performers, cellist Khachatur Khachatryan and violinist Narine Gevorgyan from Armenia. **WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** June 16, 7.30pm **ADMISSION/TEL:** \$25, call 9017-4816 (Mr Tan) for tickets **INFO:** esplanade.com

DANCE

Got To Move Pop-Up

At this event held at Our Tampines Hub Festive Plaza, catch dance performances, as well as learn what makes an effective costume choice, how to make the most of any dance class and hear stories of dance professionals who overcame the odds. **WHERE:** Festive Plaza, Our Tampines Hub, 1 Tampines Walk **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10am - 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nac.gov.sg

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

Building History: Monuments In Bricks & Blocks

The exhibition explores Singapore's history through the architecture of eight national monuments. There will

be Lego models of each monument, showing how the design of each is tied to the communities, beliefs, hopes and dreams of the country's forefathers.

WHERE: Central Public Library, Basement 1 National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Till June 30, 10am - 9pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nhb.gov.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Wu Qiong's Painting Sessions

In collaboration with Ode To Art gallery, Beijing-based artist Wu Qiong, best known for his touching and amusing portraits of childhood, will be doing several painting sessions at Raffles City. His works have been showcased in places from Switzerland to Sydney. **WHERE:** Ode To Art Raffles City, 01-36E/F Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 5 - 7pm; tomorrow & Sun, 3 - 4.30pm & 5 - 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, RSVP on 6250-1901 or e-mail info@odetoart.com **INFO:** odetoart.com

Art Day Out! – The School Holidays Edition

Art Day Out! – a Gillman Barracks Saturday open house – returns on June 23 for a school-holidays edition. There are engaging art activities for visitors of all ages, family-friendly programmes, new outdoor artworks, exhibition openings and more. **WHERE:** Gillman Barracks, 9 Lock Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** June 23, 2 - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/ADOSchHols2018

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

Lacoste 85th-Anniversary Exhibition

French fashion brand Lacoste celebrates its 85th anniversary with an interactive exhibition. Visitors can discover the story of tennis player

Rene Lacoste, who created the Lacoste tennis shirt, and the evolution of the famous L.12.12 polo shirt over eight decades. There will also be embroidery workshops, displays of testimonials, a digital book and lucky draws. Shoppers stand to win a wardrobe makeover and a gift with purchase by answering an on-site quiz.

WHERE: Level 1 Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** June 14 - 24, 10am - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** lacoste.com, facebook.com/lacoste

THEATRE

Happy Ever Laughter – The Battle

In the fourth instalment of Dream Academy's gathering of local comedians, things will be taken to a whole new level with The Battle. Team Lao Jiao (Kumar, Suhaimi Yusof, Sebastian Tan, Irene Ang, Koh Chieng Mun and Selena Tan) will take on Team Cuckoo Jiao (Preeti, Fakkah Fuzz, Alaric Tay, Sharul Channa, Rishi Budhrani and Judee Tan). **WHERE:** Capitol Theatre, 17 Stamford Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** July 11 - 29; 8pm (Tue - Fri); 3 & 8pm (Sat); 3pm (Sun) **ADMISSION:** \$70 - \$160 (July 11 & 12 preview: \$60 - \$100) **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

Benches

A girl, in search of her identity, returns to the park that her late grandfather used to take her to. He appears and, together, they embark on a journey spanning five decades, meeting old and new faces along the way and sharing tales that become an allegory of her future.

WHERE: The Arts House Play Den, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** July 27 (8.30pm), July 28 (4.30 & 8.30pm), July 29 (4.30pm) **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$20, tickets from benches-sg.peatix.com



Meet Straits Times Opinion editor Chua Mui Hoong, author of *Singapore, Disrupted*, in conversation with senior executive content producer Denise Chong on Wednesday, June 27.

They will discuss her new book, a compilation of essays on the threat of technological disruption, the class divide and political change in Singapore.



Central Public Library
100 Victoria Street, B1-01
Programme Zone

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
7pm to 8.30pm

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