

**GIGS**

**Date Night Friday: Kelvin Kong**

In this Jazz In July performance at the Esplanade, Kelvin Kong and his band of unusual suspects will take audiences through a brief exposition of the styles and swing of the male vocal jazz genre.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Outdoor Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** July 27, 8.30 & 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Remembering Leslie Cheung And Danny Chan**

Paying tribute to the two late Hong Kong Cantopop heart-throbs of the 1980s, home-grown singers Donnie Chan and Carina Tien will present Leslie Cheung and Danny Chan's unforgettable hits such as The Wind Blows On, Just Loving You and Pursuit. Vouchers for coffee or tea will be provided at each performance.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Aug 6, 10.30am, 3 & 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**CHARITY**

**Great Eastern Charity Car Wash & Carnival**

Purchase the "waterless" car-wash packages and have your car washed by volunteers from Great Eastern General Insurance. You can also enjoy games and activities and win attractive prizes. All proceeds will help needy school children supported by The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.

**WHERE:** Block 8 Dempsey Road (behind Ben & Jerry's), Dempsey Hill **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9am - 6pm **INFO:** great110.com

**Singtel-Singapore Cancer Society Race Against Cancer**

The annual run marks its 10th anniversary this year, will feature the 10km and 15km competitive runs, and a 5km fun run. The event raises funds for cancer treatment subsidies, welfare assistance, cancer rehabilitation, hospice care, cancer screenings, research, public education and cancer support group initiatives.

**WHERE:** Angsana Green, East Coast Park **MRT:** Bedok **WHEN:** July 22, 7 - 10am **ADMISSION:** \$48 an adult/ \$34 a student (5km), \$56/\$38 (10km), \$62/\$39 (15km); walk-in registrations at City Square Mall, 180 Kitchener, tomorrow & Sun, 11am - 7pm **INFO:** raceagainstcancer.org.sg

**TALKS**

**High Renaissance: Da Vinci, Michelangelo & Raphael**

The talk will review the work and accomplishments of the great Renaissance masters. A documentary on Michelangelo will also be screened.

**WHERE:** The Parkview Museum Singapore, Level 3 Parkview Square, 600 North Bridge Road **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3 - 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$60 **INFO:** corcovadoarts.com

**Panel Discussion: Left To Write - Observing Struggle & Loss**

How does loss relate to and shape writing? Desmond Kon, Chan Li Shan and Clara Lock explore how writing can be a witness to a personal loss, the responsibilities of writers when approaching such topics and the language/medium used as a means to write on such issues.

**WHERE:** Singapore Book Council Training Room, 03-32, Block E Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road **MRT:** Mountbatten **WHEN:** July 17, 7 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at goo.gl/FPqG1D **INFO:** bookcouncil.sg

**Parenthood - An Amazing Journey: Your Child's Development: Learn, Play & Grow Together**

These talks and workshops cover topics on healthy child development and help equip parents with essential parenting skills.

**WHERE:** KKH Auditorium (Training Centre), Level 1 Women's Tower, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road **MRT:** Little India **WHEN:** July 21, 11am - 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 a person, \$25 a couple **TEL:** 6394-1268

**GigPicks**

**Boon Chan Media Correspondent recommends**

**NO PARTY FOR CAO DONG - SAME OLD SAME OLD WORLD TOUR 2018**

Taiwanese indie band No Party For Cao Dong (right) won big at the Golden Melody Awards last year, picking up gongs for Best New Artist and Best Musical Group. The rockers also took home the trophy for Song Of The Year for Simon Says, off their debut album The Servile. Expect them to be anything but docile in their live performance though.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Annexe Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** July 22, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$45 from 2018kkboxsg.kktix.cc/events/caodong-485n6392, \$55 at the door



**ASH - LIVE IN SINGAPORE**

Northern Irish band Ash (left) are probably best known for their power pop hits like Girl From Mars, Kung Fu and Burn Baby Burn. Their most recent album is islands (2018), which music website New Musical Express hailed as being "as ferocious and catchy as ever".

**WHERE:** Hard Rock Cafe Singapore, 02-01 HPL House, 50 Cuscaden Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** July 31, 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$118 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)

**PESTA RAYA: MALAY FESTIVAL OF ARTS 2018**

**FIRST 10 YEARS**

Singapore-born singer-songwriter Imran Ajmain's (left) debut radio single was Sudah Tu Sudah in 2006. He has since released four albums, with a fifth in the pipeline. The Kuala Lumpur-based artist will be performing soulful Malay ballads and new songs at his homecoming gig.

**WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$27 from www.esplanade.com

**TARAKUCHA!**

Tarakuchal, a band which play jazz with a Malaysian twist, are the brainchild of Malaysian singer and actor Sean Ghazi (right). They celebrate the country's musical heritage with songs by the likes of P. Ramlee and Sudirman. The concert features supporting vocals by actress-singer Ida Mariana (far right).

**WHERE:** Esplanade Annexe Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8 and 10pm **ADMISSION:** \$27 from www.esplanade.com



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(Mon - Fri, 9.30am to 4pm) **INFO:** www.kkh.com.sg/events

**CLASSES**

**Poetry Sessions With Nii Parkes**

Nii Parkes is the 2007 recipient of the Arts Critics and Reviewers Association of Ghana award. The writer, editor and socio-cultural commentator is also the author of the hybrid novel, Tail Of The Blue Bird, which has been translated into Japanese and several European languages. Suitable for young writers aged 12 to 14, these sessions offer a confident and fun approach to the reading of poetry, share and critique the work and raise awareness of a range of poets and poetry styles.

**WHERE (MRT):** Broken Verses: Singapore Book Council Training Room, 03-32, Block E Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road (Mountbatten); A Conversation With Poems: The Reading Space, Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road (Somerset/Orchard) **WHEN:** Tomorrow **ADMISSION:** Broken Verses (2 - 4.30pm) \$25, register at goo.gl/9ZAZfW; A Conversation With Poems (6 - 8pm): Free, register at goo.gl/S7Vq1 **INFO:** bookcouncil.sg

**Stress Buster Bendy Body Aroma Workshop**

This 90-minute complimentary session shows participants how to reduce stress, be more flexible and feel vibrant. Some aroma-therapeutic oils will be used and gluten-free snacks will be available. Food proceeds will be donated to Ecpat International (www.ecpat.org), which fights sexual exploitation of children.

**WHERE:** Level 2 Cluny Court, 501 Bukit Timah Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10am - 12.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at bit.ly/2Ng5ioM

**FESTIVALS**

**Singapore Garden Festival**

The Singapore Garden Festival returns next Saturday with more than 70 garden and floral displays. The biennial festival's seventh edition, which stretches across The Meadow, Supertree Grove and Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay, is conceptualised as a tropical rainforest garden.

**WHERE:** Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** July 21 - Aug 3, 10am - 10pm daily (garden festival); 9am - 10pm daily (conservatories) **ADMISSION:** \$12 (weekdays), \$16 (weekends) for garden festival & Flower Dome; \$20 all days for garden festival and two conservatories. Rates apply to adults who are Singapore residents.

Concession rates available for senior citizens & children **INFO:** Go to www.singaporegardenfestival.com

**Tampines Urban Arts Festival**

Enjoy urban arts activities and music inspired by Singapore's various cultures. Try your hand at making digital music and coffee painting, or doodle on a 10m blanket of intricate patterns, and view the Payong Batik 1,000 Project (1,000 batik umbrellas created by residents) at Our Tampines Hub. Exchange a 5kg bag of rice for one umbrella - the rice will go to needy families and homes.

**WHERE:** Festive Walk East & Festive Plaza, Our Tampines Hub, 1 Tampines Walk **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** July 21, 5 - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** facebook.com/PAssionArtsAtTampines

**SPORTS**

**Get Fit & Fab At Tanjong Pagar Centre**

Take part in weekly fitness workouts on Saturdays as Virgin Active team up with New Zealand fitness company Les Mills for classes such as Body Balance, a yoga-based activity where participants groove to an inspiring soundtrack while engaging in yoga moves, taiji and pilates.

**WHERE:** Urban Park, Level 1 Tanjong Pagar Centre, 1 Wallich Street **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Sat, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at goo.gl/4xRr4b

**THE STRAITS TIMES RUN 2018**  
PRESENTED BY **Panasonic**

**Date: Sept 23, 2018 Time: From 4am**  
**Venue: Singapore Sports Hub**  
**Register at www.straitstimesrun.com**



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