GIGS

Date Night Friday: Kelvin Kong

In this Jazz in July performance, Kelvin Kong and his band of unusual suspects take audiences through the styles of the male vocal jazz genre. WHERE: Esplanade Outdoor Theatre, 1Esplanade Drive MRT: Esplanade/ City Hall WHEN: July 27, 8.30 & 9.30pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: www.esplanade.com

Ash - Live In Singapore

The Northern Irish trio are inspired by grunge pioneers Nirvana, Sonic Youth, Pixies and alt-rock act Lazer Gun Nun. The band's latest album, Islands, was released in May this year to rave reviews. WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, 04-01 HPL

House, 50 Cuscaden Road MRT: Orchard WHEN: July 31, 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$118 **TEL:** 6348-5555 INFO: sistic.com.sq

CHARITY

Art For Hope

This charity party by holistic lifestyle centre Levitise raises funds for the Down Syndrome Association of Singapore, primarily through the sale of artwork by people with Down syndrome. Also on sale is organic wine from small boutique farms in Europe provided by Brown Bag Wines and Michelin-starred canapes provided by Tim Meijers Fine Catering. Visitors can also win artwork and Levitise's Advanced Holistic Lifestyle Assessment.

WHERE: 19-01 SBF Center, 160 Robinson Road MRT: Tanjong Pagar WHEN: July 26, 6 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION**: \$49 **TEL**: 6282-0185 INFO: goo.gl/rKYQch

TALKS

In Conversation: Lacquer In **Contemporary Art**

Artist Saeko Ando (Japan/Vietnam) and Phi Phi Oanh, a participating artist (United States/Vietnam) in the exhibition titled Trees Of Life -Knowledge In Material talk about how traditional Vietnamese lacquer has been innovatively adapted in contemporary art.

WHERE: NTU Centre for Contemporary Art, Block 43 Malan Road, Gillman Barracks MRT: Labrador Park WHEN: Tomorrow, 2 - 3.30pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: goo.gl/1f46bx

Agnes And Her Amazing Orchid: **Writing History For Our Children**

Agnes Joaquim created the world's first cultivated orchid hybrid, the Vanda Miss Joaquim, which was named Singapore's national flower in 1981. Linda Locke, Joaquim's greatgrandniece and author of Agnes And Her Amazing Orchid: How Vanda Miss Joaquim Became Singapore's National Flower, and the book's editor Eldes Tran will share the story behind the orchid. WHERE: The Salon, Level 1, National

Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road MRT: Bras Basah WHEN: Tomorrow, 2 - 3pm ADMISSION/INFO: Free with registration at agnesorchid.peatix.com

Parenthood – An Amazing Journey: Raising Happy And **Healthy Kids**

The forum covers common childhood illnesses such as asthma, as well as essential skills to raise a happy and healthy child and addresses parenting in the digital age. 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: Aug 4, 11am - 2pm ADMISSION: \$15 a person, \$25 a couple **TEL**: 6394-1268 (Mon - Fri, 9.30am to 4pm) **INFO:** www.kkh.com.sg/events

CLASSES

Poetry MasterClass

Jee Leong Koh is the author of Steep Tea, named Best Poetry of 2015 by Britain's Financial Times. He is also the founder of Singapore Unbound, which aims to build understanding by facilitating cultural exchange, publishing literary works and presenting events. In this workshop, he will give his comments on poems submitted by participants. WHERE: Shelford Green, 9 Shelford Road MRT: Botanic Gardens/Tan Kah Kee WHEN: July 29, 2 - 5pm ADMISSION: \$60

INFO: E-mail jkoh@singaporeunbound.org to register

Phonetics Workshop

This workshop, for adults and children aged nine and older, is conducted by Joseph Wong, who specialises in communication, with a focus on phonetics. Find out how phonetics can help you speak better and communicate more effectively.

Anjali Raguraman recommends

GigsPicks

SG LEWIS - LIVE IN SINGAPORE

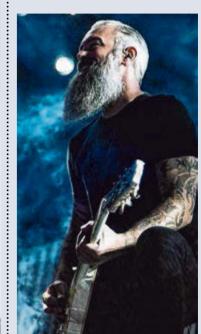
After gaining attention for his remix of Jessie Ware's song, You & I (Forever), and off the back of his latest EP Dusk, British producer, songwriter and DJ SG Lewis (right), or Sam Lewis, brings his moody, atmospheric electronic music to Singapore for the first time.

WHERE: Kilo Lounge, 01-02/04, 21 Tanjong Pagar Road MRT: Telok Ayer WHEN: Tonight, 8.30 to 11.30pm ADMISSION: \$65 via sglewis.peatix.com, 18 and above only



IN FLAMES - LIVE IN **SINGAPORE**

Metalheads, take note. In Flames, the standard bearers for Swedish melodic death metal, are playing in Singapore for the first time. The band, whose lead singer is Bjorn Gelotte (below), started their career in Gothenburg in 1990 and have released 12 albums, including their latest, Battles, in 2016. WHERE: Zepp @ Big Box, 1 Venture Avenue MRT: Jurong East WHEN: Tonight, 8pm ADMISSION: \$118 (free standing tickets) via Sistic (www.sistic.com.sg, or call 6348-5555). Add on \$200 for VIP Meet & Greet.



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ODESZA 2018: A MOMENT APART TOUR - LIVE IN SINGAPORE American electronic duo Odesza

(above) makes stadium-filling, electronic chillwave music and audiences here will get to experience Harrison Mills (aka CatacombKid) and Clayton Knight (aka Beaches Beaches) live for the first time.

WHERE: The Coliseum, Hard Rock Hotel Singapore, Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway MRT: HarbourFront WHEN: Tonight, 8pm. Doors open at 6pm (priority entry) and 6.30pm (standard entry) ADMISSION: \$108 (standard) and \$128 (priority) via www.apactix.com/ events/detail/odesza-2018



IGNITE! MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

The 11th edition of Republic Polytechnic's two-day annual music festival will see the return of indie rockers Caracal (above) with a new line-up. Other home-grown acts include rappers Yung Raja and Fariz Jabba, synth pop group Discohue and indie outfit Pleasantry, who will also debut a new line-up.

WHERE: Republic Polytechnic Lawn, 9 Woodlands Avenue 9 MRT: Woodlands WHEN: July 27 and 28, from 5pm ADMISSION: Free

WHERE: 06-04 Sunshine Plaza, 91 Bencoolen Street MRT: Rochor/Bras Basah/Bencoolen WHEN: Aug 4, 9am - 6pm ADMISSION: \$180 (claimable through SkillsFuture Credit) INFO: E-mail josephwong@ delapro.com.sg or go to goo.gl/K8GR3A to register

FESTIVALS

Feel Fab Fest 2018 The inaugural sports, fitness and

lifestyle festival by Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) will feature more than 50 booths offering popular health, lifestyle and food products and services. Exhibitors include HIC Juice, which will launch its latest cold-pressed juice range at the festival, YOLO Food, Optimum Nutrition, and Core Collective, a co-working space for fitness and wellness professionals. SPH Radio DJs from ONE FM 91.3 and UFM100.3 will keep visitors entertained. WHERE: Halls 405 & 406, Suntec Convention Centre, 1Raffles Boulevard MRT: Esplanade/Promenade WHEN: Tomorrow - Sun, 10am - 8pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: www.feelfabfest.sg

SkillsFuture Festival@Bedok

The month-long festival of workshops, talks, exhibitions, experiential learning and lifestyle activities is going east. Organised by SkillsFuture Singapore, the event brings together innovative and experiential learning to inspire Singaporeans to develop a passion for learning. WHERE: Bedok Town Square, 208C New Upper Changi Road MRT: Bedok WHEN: Sun, 10am - 9pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: Myskillsfuture.sq/festival

Singapore Garden Festival

The biennial festival, in its seventh edition, is back with more than 70 garden and floral displays. The displays, conceptualised as a tropical rainforest garden, stretch across The Meadow, Supertree Grove and Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay.

WHERE: Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive MRT: Bayfront WHEN: Tomorrow -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.

Poetry Festival Singapore

The four-year-old festival, a platform for rising poets, will offer critical surveys of published verse and spoken word in Singapore's other official languages. This year's keynote address on Chinese-language poetry performance in Singapore and Malaysia will be delivered by Malaysian poet Chiew Ruoh Peng. WHERE: The Arts House, 10ld Parliament Lane MRT: City Hall WHEN: July 27 - 29 (go to poetryfestival.sg/pfs2018 for times of events) ADMISSION/INFO: Free for most events, register at poetryfestivalsg.peatix.com

SPORTS

Energise@SCCC: Zumba Dance The workouts - a fusion of Latin, Chinese, international music and dance themes - feature aerobic and fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow

rhythms.

WHERE: SCCC Ho Bee Concourse. Level 1, Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, 1 Straits Boulevard MRT: Tanjong Pagar WHEN: Wednesdays (July 25 -Sept 26), 6.30 - 7.30pm ADMISSION: Free, register at goo.gl/dLWxMy - you can also walk in to the event INFO: singaporeccc.org.sg

Walk For Wellness

The annual signature fun walk organised by NTUC's U Live community encourages adults aged 55 years and above to stay active and get healthy. The 5km walk will take participants across Market Square, D'Resort and Wild Wild Wet in Pasir Ris. There are also activities such as a mass K-pop fitness workout, a BMI and blood pressure health screening, as well as talks on hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes and healthy

eating. WHERE: Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close and Pasir Ris Park MRT: Pasir Ris WHEN: July 29, 8am -1pm **ADMISSION**: \$25 a person, \$20 for NTUC members, \$18 for U-Live member and groups of 10; register at goo.gl/R1Aqai INFO: goo.gl/5vVzeH

Maximise Your Fitness Potential ELXR Arena's **Mobile Container Gym**

Fitness junkies can test their mettle at the ELXR Arena, a mobile container gym by Superfit Global. There will be 10 fitness stations such as battle rope, box jump, chin-up bar, rope climb, skipping rope, slam ball and

WHERE: Outside SportsHub Library at OCBC Square, National Stadium, 1Stadium Drive MRT: Stadium **WHEN:** Aug 4 - 9, 10am - 7pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: E-mail: info@the-ELXR.com

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SPEAKERS



Dr Joseph Liow Professor of Comparative and International Politics and Dean, S. Rajaratnam School of International **Studies**



Head of Treasury Research and Strategy, Member of OCBC Wealth Panel OCBC Bank



Shannon Teoh Malaysia Bureau Chief The Straits Times

Hear their views at noon on Monday, August 13, at OCBC Centre Level 50.

To register for the forum, go to str.sg/globaloutlook Limited seats available