

ArtsPicks

Olivia Ho recommends



M1 OPEN STAGE + DIVERCITY
Part of the M1 Contact Contemporary Dance Festival, this platform brings together a diverse set of dancers from around the world. DiverCity features local choreographer duo Chiew Peishan and Liu Wen-Chun with *Should I Kill Myself Or Have A Cup Of Coffee?*, inspired by the famous quote by French philosopher Albert Camus. Open Stage runs the gamut from Taiwanese-American breakdancer Tom Tsai's political *A Fantasy Of Going Home* to Japan's Ruri Mito in *Matou* (left), about the artist's complex relationship with her body.
WHERE: Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)
INFO: the-contact.org

FLESH MATTERS

Veteran Singaporean abstract expressionist Wong Keen returns with 49 works in this solo show on blood, meat and the nude form. Among them is the 3m-tall and 6m-long *The Aftermath*, in which a mushroom cloud dominates human limbs and butchered joints in a post-apocalyptic world.
WHERE: Artspace@Helutrans, 39 Keppel Road **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Until Sunday, noon to 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.theculturestory.co and www.artcommune.com.sg



Artist Wong Keen with his work, *Nice Shop*.
PHOTOS: SYAMIL SAPARI, SINGAPORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, ONE DANCE WEEK, WILD RICE

ONE METRE SQUARE: VOICES FROM SUNGEI ROAD

Interviews carried out with the vendors of Sungei Road flea market – before it closed for good last year – are stitched together verbatim in this Singapore Theatre Festival work, which brings to life characters from the market and asks questions about the price of progress in Singapore.
WHERE: The Singapore Airlines Theatre, Lasalle College of the Arts, 1 McNally Street **MRT:** Rochor **WHEN:** Today, 7.30pm; tomorrow and Sunday, 3 and 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$75, \$60 from Sistic **INFO:** Performed in Mandarin, Hokkien and Cantonese with English surtitles. Advisory: Some mature content. For more information, go to singaporetheatrefestival.com



SSO: FAMILIAR FAVOURITES

In this edition of the Singapore Symphony Orchestra's (SSO) Familiar Favourites series, conductor Shui Lan leads the orchestra in an all-Russian programme, which is anchored by Modest Mussorgsky's orchestral showcase, *Pictures At An Exhibition*, as arranged by Maurice Ravel. The Singapore Symphony Choruses join in for a performance of Alexander Borodin's *Polovtsian Dances*, the choral part of which is recognisable from the popular song *Stranger In Paradise*, from the 1953 musical *Kismet*.
WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **WHEN:** Today, 7.30pm; pre-concert talk at 6.30pm at library@esplanade **ADMISSION:** \$15 to \$88 from Sistic **INFO:** www.sso.org.sg



ARTS

BOOKS

Meet The Authors:

Karen Lam And Dickson Tang
Karen Lam's book, *Power Talk: Insights From Asia's Leading Entrepreneurs*, is the product of six seasons of the television series, *Power List Asia*. From memorable conversations with various head honchos, she compiles the best business ideas, personal philosophies and intriguing stories. Dickson Tang is an author, speaker and trainer who focuses on leadership, creativity and the future of work. He will promote his new publication, *Leadership For Future Of Work: 9 Ways To Build Career Edge Over Robots With Human Creativity*.
WHERE: Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm (Karen Lam) & 4pm (Dickson Tang) **ADMISSION:** Free
TEL: 6737-5021
INFO: kinokuniya.com.sg

Rohit Brijnath & Felix Cheong At The Straits Times Book Club
The fifth instalment of *The Straits Times Book Club* will see ST's assistant sports editor Rohit Brijnath engaging with award-winning author and poet Felix Cheong about his writing journey. A well-known name in Singapore's literary scene, Cheong

has served as a judge for many literary competitions.
WHERE: Central Public Library, B1 Programme Zone, National Library Board, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Wed, 6.30 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at goo.gl/BAZHvq

CONCERTS

Harmonica Music With Joe Powers

Award-winning harmonica virtuoso Joe Powers is known as a premier tango artist, but his musical interests also include genres such as jazz-fusion, classical, blues, pop rock, hip hop and new age.
WHERE: Harmonica Aficionados Society club house, 21B Smith Street **MRT:** Chinatown **WHEN:** Aug 1, 8 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free
TEL: 6486-6341
INFO: harmonica.org.sg

Lion City Nostalgia Gala Concert

This concert brings together a new generation of young Singaporean professional singers who have studied opera overseas. It is centred on the theme of nostalgia to evoke the idea of a homecoming concert for the singers.
WHERE: Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Aug 21, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$30 - \$50
TEL: Call or WhatsApp 9126-6768,

9620-8428 or 9739-2748
INFO: E-mail artstation.sg@gmail.com

DANCE

Celebration In Dance

For the third time, the Singapore Dance Theatre and the Royal Academy of Dance collaborate for a one-night-only performance. This production presents a rare opportunity for Royal Academy of Dance students in Singapore to perform at the Esplanade Theatre. The Singapore Dance Theatre will also present *Double Contrasts* by Goh Choo San and Napoli Tarentella by August Bournonville.
WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** July 29, 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$45 (\$40.50 for students, NSFs & seniors)
TEL: 6348-5555
INFO: www.sistic.com.sg

Ballet Masterclasses With Patricia Zhou

Ballet clothing brand Cloud & Victory presents a day of ballet masterclasses with ballet prodigy Patricia Zhou. A selection of the brand's dancewear will be available for purchase at special prices during the class.
WHERE: Dance On Us studios, 8 Claymore Hill Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Aug 9, 10am **ADMISSION:** From \$55 a class **INFO:** Register at masterclass.cloudandvictory.com

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUM)

Behind The Game: Exploring History Through Assassin's Creed

In only 10 years, Ubisoft Singapore has gone from having one employee to 300 and has left its indelible mark on the blockbuster video-game series *Assassin's Creed*. Producer Matthew Thorpe and his team give a behind-the-scenes look at the company's role in the video game, including significant innovations in naval battles and technology. They have also combined history with game design to create content, such as the *Discovery Tour* – which has been showcased in museums and used in schools worldwide.
WHERE: The Salon, Level 1 National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** July 28, 2 - 4pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free with registration at assassinscreedhistory.peatix.com

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Sun Xun: Work In Progress

ShanghArt Singapore is hosting Beijing-based artist Sun Xun for a three-day programme. His first solo exhibition in Australia at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney is ongoing. For it, he created a new 10m painting during the opening week in front of a live audience.

WHERE: ShanghArt Singapore, 02-22, 9 Lock Road, Gillman Barracks **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 1 - 7pm; July 26 & 27, various timings
TEL: 6734-9537 **INFO:** E-mail info@shanghartsingapore.com

Heave And Coexist, Solo Exhibitions By Filipino Artists John Marin And Dale Erispe

Yavuz Gallery presents two solo exhibitions of emerging Filipino artists. In *Heave*, John Marin explores the many facets of carrying objects in his latest collection of paintings. In *Coexist*, Dale Erispe continues his probe into the interactions between man and nature through images of man-made objects, such as cars and high-rise apartments, being reclaimed by elements of nature.
WHERE: Yavuz Gallery, 02-23, 9 Lock Road, Gillman Barracks **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4 - 7pm; Sun - Aug 5: Tue - Sat, 11am - 7pm, Sun, 1 - 5pm, Mon & public holidays by appointment only
TEL: 6734-3262 **INFO:** E-mail info@yavuzgallery.com, www.yavuzgallery.com

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

Singapore Home Show

The annual show features many local and international home-furnishing brands, as well as more than 100 interior design consultants.
WHERE: Hall 6B Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive **MRT:** Expo

WHEN: Tomorrow - July 29, noon - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free
TEL: 6842-7266
INFO: myhomeinternational.com.sg

National Engineers Day

This annual engineering festival offers a peek at innovation in various fields of engineering, such as artificial intelligence and drones. Visitors can tinker with microcontrollers, immerse in a virtual-reality fly-through of a jet engine and view smart engineering solutions presented by student participants of the Energy Innovation Challenge.
WHERE: Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard **MRT:** Esplanade/Promenade **WHEN:** Thu - July 28, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at goo.gl/UyYmbk
INFO: www.ned-ies.org

THEATRE

My Daddy Is A Dragon King

This production explores how Eastern mythical figures such as Lei Gong (Thunder God), the Dragon Kings of the Four Seas and Ne Zha are related, and the interesting stories related to them.
WHERE: The Theatre Practice, 54 Waterloo Street **MRT:** Bencoolen/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Sun, 11am & noon **ADMISSION:** \$5, tickets from patchdk.peatix.com
INFO: practice.org.sg