

ARTS

BOOKS

Meet & Greet Woffles Wu, Author Of Life In Plastic

In his entertaining and often touching memoir, plastic surgeon Woffles Wu writes about his early childhood, growing up in London, life as a young doctor in Singapore, his role models and going on a remarkable United States tour to talk about plastic surgery.

WHERE: 04-41 Paragon Shopping Centre, 290 Orchard Road

MRT: Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3 - 3.45pm

ADMISSION: Free

TEL: 6836-6182

INFO: paragon.com.sg, timesbookstores.com.sg

National Reading Day

A signature event for the National Reading Movement, National Reading Day will be held tomorrow. This year, the organisers will introduce WondeRead, an initiative to provide children from less privileged backgrounds with reading materials. Big Book Giveaway will also take place at the National Library Building's plaza and VivoCity's The Outdoor Plaza.

WHERE: Central Public Library, B1-01 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street

MRT: City Hall/Bugis

WHEN: Tomorrow, 11am - 12.30pm

INFO: nlb.gov.sg

Books & Beer Turns 7

Singapore's first travelling book swap celebrates its seventh anniversary by joining hands with Pulse, Ethos Books and the Cassia Resettlement Team, which comprises former Dakota Crescent residents, to bring Teo You Yenn's book, This is What Inequality Looks Like, to participants. Associate Professor Teo will deliver a reading and hold a discussion on inequality. Participants can bring up to 10 pre-loved books to exchange with others and mingle over craft beers.

WHERE: The Tuckshop Assembly, 403 Guillemard Road

MRT: Dakota

WHEN: Aug 5, 1 - 5pm

ADMISSION: Free, registration required for book discussion and community walk

TEL: 9090-8073 (Melissa Low)

INFO: facebook.com/booksandbeersingapore

CONCERTS

SCO Community Series: Classic Vibes At Paragon

The Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO), led by resident conductor Quek Ling Kiong, will perform pop tunes such as Lemon Tree, Take Me Home Country Roads and Can't Take My Eyes Off You. **WHERE:** Main Entrance Foyer, Level 1 Paragon Shopping Centre, 290 Orchard Road

MRT: Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, noon & 3pm

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: facebook.com/sphgiftofmusic

The Straits Times Concert In The Gardens

The Singapore Symphony Orchestra, led by music director Shui Lan, will present classical tunes, including Mussorgsky's Pictures At An Exhibition. Sponsored by Singapore Press Holdings' Gift of Music series and supported by The Straits Times, the concert will be preceded by a mini-carnival featuring food and wine from the ST Food team and ST Wine Club, and ST's award-winning photojournalists and illustrators. Books published by Straits Times Press will be on sale, with meet-and-greet sessions with some of the authors.

WHERE: Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road

MRT: Botanic Gardens

WHEN: Sun, 9am - 6pm (carnival), 6.15 - 7.15pm (concert)

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: www.nparks.gov.sg, sso.org.sg

Teng Ensemble Lunchtime Concert

Bridging the traditional and contemporary, East and West, the Teng Ensemble will breathe new life into familiar folk tunes and pop songs, including a medley of Teresa Teng's greatest hits. Home-grown singer Miss Lou will be joined by sign-language interpreter Lily Goh from ExtraOrdinary Horizons.

WHERE: Singapore Conference Hall, 7 Shenton Way

MRT: Tanjong Pagar

WHEN: Tue, 12.30pm

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: facebook.com/sphgiftofmusic

At Home With Sungha Jung

Hailed by many as one of the finest fingerstyle guitarists, 21-year-old Sungha Jung has more than five million subscribers and over 1.5 billion views on YouTube. Covering a wide genre of music, from pop/rock to classical to jazz, he started out creating acoustic covers of popular tunes when he was only five years old, just by listening and watching his guitar heroes.

WHERE: Singapore Chinese Cultural

Olivia Ho recommends



SINGAPORE DANCE THEATRE 30TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

The Singapore Dance Theatre marks 30 years of performances with a gala night of four ballet works, including the world premiere of Linea Adora by Thomas Harbour, created specially for the gala to music by Philip Glass. The programme also includes the company premiere of Nils Christie's Sync, originally created for the Washington Ballet, as well as Goh Choo San's Double Contrasts (above) and the pas de deux from Configurations.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive

MRT: City Hall/ Esplanade

WHEN: Today and tomorrow, 8pm

ADMISSION: \$35 to \$75 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)

INFO: www.singaporedance theatre.com

POETRY FESTIVAL SINGAPORE

The festival takes the stage in its fourth year with its first poetic drama, Benches, a coming-of-age two-hander by American theatre-maker Giovanni Ortega and Singaporean actress Ranice Tay that incorporates poems written by both of them.

Poet Desmond Kon Zhicheng-Mingde will moderate a discussion of spiritual writing with writers Gwee Li Sui, Krishna Udayasankar and Nurallah Norasid, while poets such as Edwin Thumboo, Grace Chia and Aaron Lee will do an inter-faith reading, accompanied by choir PsalmiDeo.

Free Food For The Soul will feature readings from seven up-and-coming young female poets, while humanitarian group Sanrakshan will co-organise Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves, a poetry reading in English and Tamil.

WHERE: The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane

MRT: City Hall/ Raffles Place

WHEN: Today to Sunday, various timings

ADMISSION: Free unless otherwise stated, register at pfs2018.peatix.com before 10pm.

today. Benches is \$20 from benches-sg.peatix.com

INFO: www.poetryfestival.sg



PORTRAIT OF THE HEART

Veteran Singaporean artist and Cultural Medallion recipient Lim Tze Peng, 97 (above, with his work, Hutuzi, in the background), holds one of his largest solo exhibitions with more than 80 works, ranging from his iconic scenes of Chinatown and the

Singapore River, to his more recent calligraphy works.

WHERE: Ode To Art Gallery, 01-36E/F Raffles City Shopping Centre, 252 North Bridge Road

MRT: City Hall

WHEN: Till Aug 12, 11am to 9pm daily

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: www.odetoart.com

PHOTOS: ODE TO ART GALLERY, CHINESE OPERA AND DRAMA SOCIETY (SINGAPORE), SINGAPORE DANCE THEATRE

LEGEND OF THE WHITE SNAKE

The Chinese Opera and Drama Society (Singapore) combines live action opera and animation to stage this classic love story, in which the spirits White Snake and Green Snake travel to West Lake in Hangzhou and transform themselves into beautiful women.

White Snake, now Bai Suzhen (played by Chinese opera performer Huang Ping, left), meets her benefactor, a young man called Xu Xian, but an abbot from a nearby temple tries to break up their relationship.

WHERE: Gateway Theatre, 3615 Jalan Bukit Merah

MRT: Redhill/Tiong Bahru

WHEN: Wednesday, 2pm; Thursday, 8pm

ADMISSION: \$25 (Wednesday), \$25 to \$100 for Thursday from Sistic

INFO: Call 6292-3393



Centre Auditorium, 1 Straits Boulevard

MRT: Tanjong Pagar

WHEN: Aug 10, 8pm

ADMISSION: \$76 - \$96

TEL: 6348-5555

INFO: sistic.com.sg

SSO National Day Concert: A Singaporean Showcase

Celebrate Singapore's 53rd birthday with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra (SSO) and Singapore Symphony Chorus in this all-Singaporean concert. Conducted by Darrell Ang, it will feature six home-grown composers - from veterans Leong Yoon Pin and Phoon Yew Tien to rising names Wang Chen Wei and Syafiqah' Adha Mohd Sallehin. Violinist Kam Ning is the soloist in Chen Zhangyi's Vanda Concerto, while

the choirs of the Singapore Symphony family join forces in Kelly Tang's arrangement of the National Day song Home.

WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive

MRT: Esplanade/ City Hall

WHEN: Aug 11, 7.30pm

ADMISSION: \$15 - \$68; 30 per cent discount for students, senior citizens, NSFs and people with disabilities

TEL: 6348-5555

INFO: sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Premanadi - The River Of Love

Presented by Temple of Fine Arts, this dance-drama draws inspiration from

the many facets of the river Ganges in South Asia, as well as the millions who live along its shores. The story is about the Anurag family, who journeys towards the Indian city of Varanasi and discovers facets of the river and of themselves they never knew existed.

WHERE: Drama Centre Theatre, 03-01 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street

MRT: City Hall/Bugis

WHEN: Aug 11, 7.30pm, Aug 12, 3 & 7.30pm

ADMISSION: By donation; invitations from Temple of Fine Arts, 01-01 Central Square, 20 Havelock Road or go to tinyurl.com/tfariveroflove

TEL: 6535-0509

INFO: E-mail admin@tfasg.org

EXHIBITIONS

Young Americans Tour

Catch Jan Larsen's colourful, cool and catchy neo-pop exhibition that captures the contemporary American experience in all its grit and glory.

WHERE: UltraSuperNew Gallery, 109 Rowell Road

MRT: Jalan Besar

WHEN: Till Tue, 11am - 6pm

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: E-mail gallery@ultrasupernew.com

Long Art Journey - Peh Eng Seng Solo Exhibition

The Singapore artist's exhibition will feature about 30 watercolour paintings. Peh graduated from the

Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in 1964 and is widely regarded as one of the best watercolourists in Singapore. He is known for depicting ethnic customs and cultures, disappearing alleys and old villages.

WHERE: Level 2 Lobby, Orchard Parade Hotel, 1 Tanglin Road

MRT: Orchard

WHEN: Tomorrow - Sept 20, 10am - 8pm daily

ADMISSION: Free

TEL: 6737-9168

INFO: E-mail admin@nanmanart.com or go to nanmanart.com

Shooting Home Youth Awards Exhibition

The Shooting Home Youth Awards is Objectifs: Centre for Photography and Film's annual mentorship programme for young photographers. The participants of last year's edition will present their works in this group show.

WHERE: Library@Orchard, 03-12/04-11 Orchard Gateway, 277 Orchard Road

MRT: Somerset

WHEN: Aug 1 - 31

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: www.objectifs.com.sg

Colour Me Well: Tomoni Shintaku Solo Exhibition

Using food as the main subject of his paintings, Tomoni Shintaku showcases the issues that people face in modern life. In Colour Me Well, his first solo exhibition with One East Asia gallery, he presents his idea of food through patterns, playing around with the idea of how food is not just a daily necessity.

WHERE: 09-03 Thong Teck Building, 15 Scotts Road

MRT: Orchard

WHEN: Aug 1, 6.30 - 9pm; Aug 2 - 21, noon - 7pm (weekdays), noon - 4pm (Sat); Artist's talk: Aug 18, 2 - 3pm; closed on Aug 9 and Sundays

ADMISSION: Free

TEL: 6737-1819

INFO: E-mail info@oneeastasia.org

Japan Park Singapore

The organisers are showcasing 47 Japanese prefectures. Discover the hidden gems of Japan that are unknown to even the most avid fans of Japanese culture. It spans Hokkaido to Okinawa and visitors can explore beautiful sightseeing spots, tasty eats and unique specialties of each prefecture. All ticket-holders stand to win return air tickets to Japan.

WHERE: Halls 403-404 Suntec Convention Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard

MRT: Esplanade/ Promenade

WHEN: Aug 4, 10am - 10pm, Aug 5, 10am - 9pm

ADMISSION: \$15 - \$68, tickets from apactix.com

TEL: 6536-3570

INFO: jpsg.asia

Malaysia Fest 2018

The expo features the different cultures of the Malaysian states, as well as Malaysian products such as halal food and beverage items, Muslim wear and modest fashion.

WHERE: Hall 6A Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive

MRT: Expo

WHEN: Aug 9 - 12, 10am - 10pm

ADMISSION: Free

TEL: 6741-1377

INFO: E-mail info@megaxpress.com or go to megaxpress.com

The Singapore Bike Show 2018

Asia's comprehensive motorcycle, scooter, bicycle and e-scooter show promises to be bigger and better this year. There will be an International Hall, more than 100 exhibitors, indoor and outdoor shows, contests and a host of exciting new features.

WHERE: Hall 5 Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive

MRT: Expo

WHEN: Aug 17 & 18, 10.30am - 9.30pm, Aug 19, 10.30am - 7.30pm

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: singaporebikeshow.com

THEATRE

ImmortalX

Directed by The Theatre Practice's artistic director Kuo Jian Hong, ImmortalX (Mandarin, with English surtitles) puts a modern twist on traditional Chinese mythology. A winning combination of action and comedy, this modern coming-of-age story follows the adventures of three teenage deities as they search for their place in a world where they do not quite fit in.

WHERE: Practice Space, 54 Waterloo Street

MRT: Bencoolen

WHEN: Aug 1 - 12; Wed - Fri: 3pm; Thu: 11.30am; Fri: 8pm; Sat & Sun: 11am & 2pm

ADMISSION: \$32

TEL: 6348-5555

INFO: sistic.com.sg

Peter And The Starcatcher

Directed by Tracie Pang, Pandemonium's Peter And The Starcatcher is a new production featuring a local and international cast and creative team. Molly, a precocious young Starcatcher in training, and three orphan boys embark on a secret perilous voyage across seas infested by pirates, savages and mermaids.

WHERE: Drama Centre Theatre, National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street

MRT: City Hall/Bugis

WHEN: Sept 28 - Oct 20, Tue - Sun, 7.30pm, Wed, Sat & Sun, 2.30pm

ADMISSION: \$20 - \$90

TEL: 6348-5555

INFO: sistic.com.sg