

GIGS

A120th Anniversary Reunion Tour

Popular boyband A1, who have hits such as Like A Rose, Take On Me and Same Old Brand New You, are celebrating their 20th anniversary this year. Their concert here will include former member Paul Marazzi, marking the only time the original line-up is appearing together since 2002. **WHERE:** MES Theatre, 1 Stars Avenue **MRT:** One-north **WHEN:** Oct 20, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$168, tickets from apactix.com

Wakin Chau In Concert

Wakin Chau – better known by his stage name Emil Chau in the 1980s and 1990s – will perform at the National Stadium, headlining for WAU Live 2018, which is held in conjunction with the final edition of the BNP Paribas WTA Finals Singapore. Also performing are home-grown acts, jazz vocalist Joanna Dong and duo ShiLi & Adi. Chau had a sold-out concert here in August last year. **WHERE:** National Stadium, 1 Stadium Drive **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Oct 20, 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$228, tickets from Singapore Indoor Stadium Box Office & SingPost outlets **TEL:** 3158-7888 **INFO:** www.sportshubtix.sg

Kenny G Live In Singapore

Legendary Grammy Award-winning saxophonist Kenny G returns to Singapore for a one-night gig in November. The line-up will include songs from his 14th studio album, Brazilian Nights. **WHERE:** The Star Theatre, 04-01 The Star Vista, 1 Vista Exchange Green **MRT:** Buona Vista **WHEN:** Nov 8, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$78 - \$228 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

CHARITY

Ice Cream Charity Party

To mark its 13th anniversary, ice-cream shop Tom's Palette will host a charity party with the Down Syndrome Association (Singapore) to raise funds for the association's educational and enrichment programmes. The all-you-can-eat ice cream buffet will feature 27 flavours, including unique ones like chee cheong fun. Attendees also stand to win prizes worth more than \$50. **WHERE:** Tom's Palette, 01-25 Shaw Tower, 100 Beach Road **MRT:** Bugis/ Esplanade **WHEN:** Sun, noon - 1pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 a person (\$120 for party of four) **INFO:** E-mail alicia@downsyndrome-association.org or register on EventBrite

Charity Gala Dinner – Mystique XII

The theme of the Down Syndrome Association (Singapore)'s annual charity dinner is Saving Gaia. The programme and performance line-up will focus on efforts and contributions towards saving Earth. **WHERE:** Island Ballroom, Shangri-La Hotel Singapore, 22 Orange Grove Road **MRT:** Orchard/Stevens **WHEN:** Oct 6, 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** From \$388 a person or \$3,888 a table **TEL:** 6500-9313 (Joanne) **INFO:** E-mail joanne@downsyndrome-association.org

TALKS

Breast Cancer Awareness Public Forum

More women diagnosed with breast cancer are surviving as a result of early detection and treatment. Held in conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this public forum aims to raise awareness and encourage women to go for mammogram screening. **WHERE:** Learning Centre, Level 1 Tower B Khoo Teck Puat Hospital, 90 Yishun Central **MRT:** Yishun (shuttle bus from 7.45am) **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8 - 10am (Mandarin), 9 - 11.45am (English) **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6602-3388 **INFO:** ktpb.com.sg/bcam2018

Middle East 101 Lecture Series

This series of lectures will give an overview of the circumstances and impact of the encounters between the Middle East and the rest of the world in the areas of politics, economics and culture. Those who attend 70 per cent of the lectures will get a certification of participation. **WHERE:** Middle East Institute Conference Room, Level 6 Block B, 29 Heng Mui Keng Terrace **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Oct 3, 10, 17, 24 & 30; Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28 & Dec 5 & 12: 5 -

Gigs Picks

Eddino Abdul Hadi Music Correspondent recommends



SAM SMITH THE THRILL OF IT ALL TOUR

British singer Sam Smith's (above) two-night concerts are his first shows in Singapore. The crooner behind emotional pop hits like I'm Not The Only One and Too Good At Goodbyes won four Grammy Awards, including Record of the Year and Song of the Year for Stay With Me, and an Oscar and a Golden Globe Award for Writing's On The Wall, his 2015 theme song for the James Bond film, Spectre. The shows are part of his The Thrill Of It All World Tour,

named after his second album which went to No. 1 worldwide last year.

WHERE: Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$128 to \$348 from Sports Hub Tix. Call 3158-7888 or go to www.sportshubtix.sg, Singapore Indoor Stadium box office, SingPost outlets, The Star Performing Arts Centre box office and Scotts Square concierge desk

IL DIVO TIMELESS LIVE IN SINGAPORE 2018

Pop classical vocal quartet Il Divo return to Singapore for a show that is part of their 15th anniversary global tour. The group – comprising (from left) Swiss Urs Buhler, Spaniard Carlos Marin, American David Miller and Frenchman Sebastien Izambard – recently released their ninth album, Timeless and are listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most commercially successful classical crossover group of all time.

WHERE: The Star Theatre, The Star Performing Arts Centre, 04-01, 1 Vista Exchange Green **MRT:** Buona Vista **WHEN:** Oct 13, 8pm **ADMISSION:** From \$78 (restricted view) to \$688 (with one Category 1 ticket and one meet-and-greet pass) from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)



FUN & LAUGHTER FEST – CINEMATIC EDITION

Gig series Fun & Laughter Fest returns after a two-year hiatus, this time with 10 ska and punk bands in the line-up. Scottish ska-punk band The Hostiles (above) headline the gig, together with Malaysian punk rock bands 199X and Tadpoles.

Other acts include home-grown outfits The Full Pledge Munkies, Cesspit, Rancour and Iman's League. **WHERE:** Blue Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$20 from theprojector.sg/filmsandevents/fun-laughter-fest, \$30 at the door

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YOONA FANMEETING TOUR, SO WONDERFUL DAY #STORY_1 IN SINGAPORE

South Korean singer and actress Yoona, a member of popular girl group Girls' Generation, is back in Singapore to sing and interact with fans.

The 28-year-old, who made her solo singing debut in 2016 with a single, Deoksugung Stonewall Walkway, and an EP, Blossom, is also known for her roles in South Korean television fantasy drama Love Rain (2012) and last year's action film Confidential Assignment, as well as 2016 Chinese drama, God Of War, Zhao Yun.

WHERE: Zepp @ Big Box, 1 Venture Avenue **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** From \$98 to \$248 from Apactix (www.apactix.com/events/detail/yoona-2018)

6.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at goo.gl/A8wUNI **TEL:** 6516-2380 **INFO:** E-mail contact.mei@nus.edu.sg

Vietnamese Port Cities: A Historical Overview

Professor Bruce Lockhart from the National University of Singapore will talk about the history of Vietnam's trade relations with Asia and the West through important port cities such as Hoi An and Danang. **WHERE:** Ngee Ann Auditorium, Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Oct 5, 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** acm.org.sg

CLASSES

How To Curate And Improve Your Photobooks

Nicolo Degiorgis, art director of studio and publishing house Rorhof, will guide participants on curating and improving on their photobooks. Participants should preferably prepare a portfolio or a series of works they plan to publish.

WHERE: Auditorium, National Design Centre, 111 Middle Road **MRT:** Bugis/ Bras Basah **WHEN:** Sun, 2 - 5pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$80 (\$50 for students), register at goo.gl/vsCPx8

Dining Etiquette And Professional Image

Former Miss Singapore winner Teo Ser Lee will teach participants proper table manners, how to navigate the table and dress for success. **WHERE:** Serangoon Gardens Country Club, 22 Kensington Park Road **MRT:** Serangoon/Ang Mo Kio/ Toa Payoh **WHEN:** Oct 5, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$535 a person (SkillsFuture credit eligible), lunch included **INFO:** E-mail enquiry@protocolacademy.com.sg

English Masterclass Executive Edition Special: Creative Writing

This course covers the basics of narrative writing – generating story ideas; creating characters, plots, twists and endings; and turning life experiences into stories – as well as the publishing process. The trainer,

Felix Cheong, has published 13 books of different genres, such as poetry and short stories. The recipient of the Young Artist award has worked in the media industry for more than 20 years and holds a master's degree in creative writing. He currently teaches journalism at the University of Newcastle and Murdoch University in Australia. **WHERE:** SPH News Centre, 1000 Toa Payoh North **MRT:** Braddell **WHEN:** Wed & Oct 24, 10am - 6pm (registration closes 10 working days earlier) **ADMISSION:** \$499 a person (lunch, tea breaks included) **TEL:** 6319-5076 **INFO:** E-mail STmasterclass@sph.com.sg

Creative Non-fiction Workshop With John Burnside

Drawing on works by writers in different non-fiction genres, this workshop by poet, novelist and memoirist John Burnside is recommended for experienced writers. He will also give a talk on his creative non-fiction works. **WHERE:** Council Room @ The Arts

House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** Raffles Place/City Hall **WHEN:** Oct 6, 10am - 1pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Talk (Thu, 7.30pm, Living Room): free; workshop: \$50 (\$30 for students, full-time national servicemen & seniors), tickets from johnburnsidews.peatix.com

Backstage: Cantonese Opera Workshop

Having successfully toured the Netherlands, Belgium, Britain, Italy, China and South Korea, Hong Kong-based Spring Glory Cantonese Opera Workshop brings its marquee production, Backstage, to Singapore for the first time. Participants can learn about what happens in the backstage of a Cantonese opera. Led by Yuen Siu Fai, the troupe will entertain with dazzling costumes, bold make-up, stylised movements and beautiful vocal techniques. **WHERE:** UCC Theatre, 50 Kent Ridge Crescent **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Oct 9, 7.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at goo.gl/tTQJKi

SPORTS

SCC International Rugby 7s

The Singapore Cricket Club (SCC) will be holding the 71st edition of the SCC International Rugby 7s, a tournament that has become part of the fabric of Singapore's sporting scene. **WHERE:** The Padang **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Nov 3 & 4, 9am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** \$30 (\$10 for students, seniors & full-time national servicemen), tickets from apactix.com **INFO:** scc.org.sg

Fina Swimming World Cup

The world's top swimmers, including Singapore's Olympic champion Joseph Schooling, will go head to head at the OCBC Aquatic Centre in the final leg of the Fina Swimming World Cup Singapore 2018. **WHERE:** OCBC Aquatic Centre, Singapore Sports Hub, 1 Stadium Drive **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Nov 15 - 17, 9.30am (heats), 6.30pm (finals) **ADMISSION:** \$20 - \$100 (daily), \$60 - \$250 (three-day bundle), tickets from sportshubtix.sg & SingPost outlets **TEL:** 3158-7888 **INFO:** sportshub.com.sg