

**GIGS**

**Rahul & Friends**

Rahul Advani is a pop-rock singer-songwriter whose debut EP, *Night Stories*, was featured on the BBC Asian Network. His gig is part of a month-long series of free performances at the Esplanade celebrating new music. Advani, Yuresh Balakrishnan and Joshua Tan will put their own spin on songs by Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, John Mayer and Bruno Mars, as well as play original songs from Advani's upcoming EP, *Elements*.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Forecourt Garden, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Jan 18, 7, 8, 15 & 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Gerhana Skacinta 20th Anniversary Tour Live In Singapore**

Malaysian ska band Gerhana Skacinta have appeared at festivals in Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, and for their gig here, the band will perform their evergreen tracks *Mimpi* and *This Is Ska*.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Feb 7, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$28 - \$58 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

**Golden Prosperous Year**

Celebrate Chinese New Year with local getai singers Wang Lei, Hao Hao, Li Pei Fen, Bao Bei Sisters, Zhong Jin Ling, Zheng Ying Ying, and veteran Malaysian singers Huang Xiao Feng and Zhuang Xue Zhong.  
**WHERE:** Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Feb 10, 1 & 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$88 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

**Lea Salonga: The Human Heart**

Filipina singer and actress Lea Salonga is the singing voice of Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin* (1992) and the titular character in *Mulan* (1998). Among her numerous accolades is a Tony Award for her role in the musical *Miss Saigon*.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Feb 14, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$48 - \$188 (limited concessions for students, full-time national servicemen & seniors: \$40 - \$65) **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Blackpink World Tour**

Live Nation and One Production have brought Blackpink 2019 World Tour (In Your Area) Singapore to the Singapore Indoor Stadium. The South Korean group will perform not only their hit songs, but also remixed versions.  
**WHERE:** Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Feb 15, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$128 - \$268, tickets from sportshubtix.sg, Singapore Indoor Stadium Box Office & SingPost outlets **TEL:** 3158-7888

**TALKS**

**Thailand's Asean Chairmanship: Advancing Partnership For Sustainability**

The 19th Asean Lecture by Mr Arthayudh Srisamoot, deputy permanent secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will discuss Thailand's theme for the Asean chairmanship. It will identify strategic priorities for Asean this year, opportunities it must take advantage of, challenges it must address and the most viable direction it should take

**Gigs Picks**

**Eddino Abdul Hadi Music Correspondent recommends**

**SANGEETHA SINGS SINATRA**

Singapore singer and actress Rebekah Sangeetha Dorai (right) digs deep into Frank Sinatra's extensive repertoire and will put her own spin on some of Ol' Blue Eyes' classics, such as *I've Got You Under My Skin*, *Come Fly With Me* and *My Way*. The show is directed by singer and entertainment veteran Jacintha Abisheganaden.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Thursday and Jan 18, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$35, go to sangeethasings.peatix.com



**\*SCAPE INVASION BACK-TO-SCHOOL FESTIVAL**

Having done more than 100 shows in schools all over Singapore, the \*Scape Invasion movement celebrates its fifth anniversary with a public concert featuring established and up-and-coming home-grown music talents.

On the bill are acts including acclaimed singer-songwriters Charlie Lim and Inch Chua, post-hardcore band Caracal and rising rappers Fariz Jabba and Yung Raja (above left and right).

Gig-goers are encouraged to dress in school-inspired outfits and can take part in contests as well as check out the food, drinks and activity booths.

**WHERE:** \*Scape Indoor Ground Theatre, 2 Orchard Link **MRT:** Somerset **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5 to 11pm **ADMISSION:** Free and ticketed, from \$5. For details and line-up, go to scapeinvasionbtsfest.peatix.com



**'S... TAEYEON CONCERT IN SINGAPORE**

South Korean singer Taeyeon (above), leader of K-pop icons Girls' Generation, will stage her first solo concert in Singapore. While her group found global success in the late 2000s, Taeyeon embarked on her solo career in 2015. Her concert is part of an Asian tour that includes stops in Bangkok and Manila.  
**WHERE:** Singapore Expo Hall 1, 1 Expo Drive **MRT:** Expo **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6pm **ADMISSION:** From \$148 via Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)

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**LUNARIN - INTO THE ETHER EP RELEASE SHOW**

Home-grown alternative rock veterans Lunarlin (left) are back after a six-year hiatus with a new EP, *Into The Ether*. They will launch it with a gig featuring new songs as well as some of their old ones.

The show will also feature artwork from Clare Lee, the artist behind the EP artwork. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to migrant workers charity Home (Humanitarian Organisation for Migration Economics).

**WHERE:** Esplanade Annexe Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$21.19, go to www.eventbrite.sg

while leveraging its strengths.  
**WHERE:** Iseas Seminar Rooms 1 & 2, Iseas-Yusof Ishak Institute, 30 Heng Mui Keng Terrace **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Today, 10 - 11.30am

**ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.iseas.edu.sg

**Critical Conversations: The Heart Of Mathematics**

Drama Box artistic director Kok Heng Leun and Dr Pablo Suarez (artist-in-residence, NUS-Lloyd's Register Foundation Institute for the Public Understanding of Risk) discuss how mathematics has informed their aesthetics and the work that they do in raising awareness about critical issues facing the world today.

**WHERE:** NUS Museum, 50 Kent Ridge Crescent **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Thu, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, go to tinyurl.com/nusheartmath

**Revival Of Chinese Opera In Singapore**

Chua Soo Pong, an ethnomusicologist, playwright, director and choreographer, will talk about how Chinese opera has overcome its decline and is set to flourish in Singapore in the decades ahead.

**WHERE:** Ngee Ann Auditorium, Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Jan 21, 11am **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6337-3685 **INFO:** www.fom.sg

**Top 10 Travel Experiences For 2019**

Discover more travel destinations and experiences for the year ahead with Straits Times travel writer Lee Siew Hua, whose travels have taken her to all seven continents. She has filed stories on Antarctica, a great

white shark cage-dive in Australia and a road trip to the far western edge of China. She has also written on politics and religion. Previously based in Washington, she established the paper's United States Bureau and later joined the World Bank as a consultant. She has also worked in Bangkok as a foreign correspondent.

**WHERE:** Programme Zone, Central Public Library, National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Jan 25, 7 - 8pm (registration starts at 6pm) **ADMISSION:** Free, go to str.sg/askSiewHua2

**CLASSES**

**Special Effects Make-up Workshop**

In this hands-on workshop led by Makeup Maestro's lead artist Valda, learn to create realistic wounds and scars using household products and special-effects modelling wax.

**WHERE:** Workshop Space 1 & 2, Level 2 SAM at 8Q, 8 Queen Street **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Jan 18 & 25, 7 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$30, tickets from www.apactix.com

**Ikebana Chinese New Year Workshop**

The facilitator, Ho Hin Shing from Hong Kong, started learning the art of Ikebana at the Sogetsu School in 1979. In 1988, he was awarded the Teacher's Diploma of Sogetsu School, and in 2008, he was awarded the highest qualification of Teacher's

Diploma First Grade Riji of Sogetsu School. For both qualifications, he was the youngest teacher in Hong Kong to attain them.

**WHERE:** Japanese Association Singapore, 120 Adam Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Jan 24, 11am - 1pm **ADMISSION:** \$80 (members) & \$100 (non-members) **INFO:** E-mail ii135rsvp@gmail.com

**Tapestry Weaving Workshop**

In this three-hour class, learn to repurpose an old blouse or a ragged pair of pants into yarn that will be weaved into a one-of-a-kind wall art piece. Learn basic weaving techniques, make tassels and fringes and take home a weaving loom kit (worth \$59) to continue creating more art pieces.

**WHERE:** Citizen Farm, 60 Jalan Penjara **MRT:** Queenstown **WHEN:** Jan 26, 2 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$79 a person **INFO:** E-mail events@ediblegardencity.com or go to citizenfarm.com.sg/shop

**Wonders Of The Voice - Voice Training Course**

Learn to project, pronounce, inflect, emote, modulate, breathe right for vocal resonance, change up your accent or neutralise it to sound more international. Participants will also learn to bring characters to life with just their voices through script analysis and try out voice-over and voice acting lines.

**WHERE:** Changi Simei Community Building, 10 Simei Street 2 **MRT:** Simei

**WHEN:** Jan 27, 10am - 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$240 - \$250 (SkillsFuture claimable), sign up by Jan 20 at onepa.sg/class/details/c026691126 **INFO:** wondersofthevoice.com

**SPORTS**

**SMBC Singapore Open Golf Tournament**

The US\$1-million (\$S1.35-million) tournament will feature players such as defending champion Sergio Garcia from Spain, who played a starring role for Europe in this year's Ryder Cup, as well as top golfers from the Asian and Japan Tours.

**WHERE:** Serapong Course, Sentosa Golf Club, 27 Bukit Manis Road **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Thu - Jan 20, from 7am **ADMISSION:** \$20 - \$30 (season: \$60); VIP \$450 - \$700 (season: \$1,800), go to apactix.com

**Stadium/Kids Spartan Race**

Spartan Race is one of the world's best-known obstacle course races, with more than 240 races in 25 countries around the world. The Stadium race is run over 5km with 20 obstacles, while the Kids Race will be between 800m (four - six years old) to 3.2km (10 - 13 years old). Family packages are available.

**WHERE:** National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub, 1 Stadium Drive **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Jan 26, from 7.30am **ADMISSION:** Stadium: \$165 - \$175; Kids Race: \$80; parent & child: \$208; register at spartanrace.sg **INFO:** info@sg.spartan.com

**THE STRAITS TIMES SINGAPOREAN OF THE YEAR 2018**  
 PRESENTED BY **UBS**

**The Straits Times Singaporean of the Year award, organised in partnership with UBS for the fourth year running, seeks to honour the positive impact made by Singaporeans and celebrate the triumph of the human spirit**

**Teo You Yenn**  
 Sociology researcher Teo You Yenn published a book of essays on the lives of people who live in HDB rental flats. This *Is What Inequality Looks Like* is a bestseller that has sparked a national conversation on socio-economic inequality in Singapore.

**FINALIST**

**Read about the other finalists at str.sg/soty2018 and tell us who should be the Singaporean of the Year 2018 by Jan 15, 6pm**

**Cast your vote now at str.sg/soty18vote**  
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