

Melissa Sim Deputy Life Editor recommends



STREET OUT, EAST MEETS WEST

Street artists from South-east Asia and South America add a splash of colour and grit to the otherwise pristine lobby of the Fullerton Hotel Singapore in this exhibition by ARTitude Gallery.

Look out for Singapore artist Sufian Ham's cheeky piece titled World War M (above), which shows people climbing to reach a helicopter that is already in mid-air.

Upon closer inspection, one can barely make out the image of the cartoon character Hello Kitty in the helicopter, looking down at the heap of writing bodies.

The 39-year-old artist, who goes by the moniker TraseOne, says this piece provides social commentary on the mad rush for the limited-edition Hello Kitty toys that were sold with McDonald's Happy Meals in 2013. He adds: "When the stock ran out, the queues turned rowdy and multiple fights were allegedly reported, causing temporary chaos. That same year, the movie World War Z was released and I adapted the movie poster for this commentary piece."

WHERE: The Fullerton Heritage Gallery, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, 1 Fullerton Square MRT; Raffles Place
WHEN: Till Sept 30 **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.artitudegallery.com or e-mail info@artitudegallery.com



PROJECT TRANSIT: ECHOES OF WATERLOO

Soak in the sights and sounds of Waterloo Street in this site-specific performance, where nine performers use text, movement and multimedia to bring the precinct to life.

Dancer Veshnu Narayanamy (left, in red), 49, who leads this collaborative project, says the work acknowledges the importance of the cultural heritage of Singapore, even as the city embraces modernity.

"Who are we?" and "Where are we heading to?" are two fundamental questions that arise within me when I look through these picturesque neighbourhoods," he adds.

WHERE: Stamford Arts Centre (site-specific), 155 Waterloo Street, meet at Block C lift lobby
MRT: Bancroft/Bras Basah
WHEN: Oct 24 and 25, 7.30pm
ADMISSION: Free (by invitation only) **INFO:** E-mail projecttransit19@gmail.com to request an invitation

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ARTS

BOOKS

MiniCon @ Books Kinokuniya By Mr Kiasu Creator

Mr Kiasu creator Johnny Lau, accompanied by his team of local comic artists, will talk about his publications including Mr Kiasu in Singapore History and the Roi Kaya and Goya series. Lau will also present AXP, a comics paper put together by a group of budding student comic artists from Club Comics AX @ Singapore Polytechnic.

WHERE: Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, Ngee Ann City, 291 Orchard Road MRT; Orchard **WHEN:** Sept 28, 3.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

Book Launch: Awakening By Natasha Oliver

Awakening is the first book in a young adult fiction trilogy titled The Evolved Ones. This urban fantasy series is set in a world where human evolution has resulted in some individuals developing special abilities which others would do anything to replicate. The story follows a strong female protagonist, Rox, who confronts issues of identity and acceptance and searches for belonging.

WHERE: Central Public Library Programme Zone, National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street MRT; Bugis/City Hall/Bras Basah

WHEN: Sept 22, 2-4pm
ADMISSION: Free, pre-registration required **INFO:** nlb.gov.sg

CONCERTS

Crosswinds

This is a collaborative concert between SMU Symphonia and SMU Chinese Orchestra. As a homage to their musical roots, both clubs will showcase their unique music as well as explore commonalities by performing pieces from each other's repertoire. They will also present tunes that celebrate the history and social integration among different racial groups in Singapore. Part of the SMU Arts Festival.

WHERE: SMU Hall/School of Law, 55 Armenian Street MRT; Bras Basah/ City Hall **WHEN:** Sun, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 (for OCBC Frank card members), \$20 (general admission) **INFO:** artsfest.smu.edu.sg/ programs/crosswinds

Those Were The Days

The inter-generational concert features ever-green classics from the 1960s and 1970s, with live music performed by The Philharmonic Youth Winds Singapore. It will also feature veteran local jazz vocalist Robert Ferranado and a pair of seniorists who are specially chosen from an audition. Part of Silver Arts 2015.

WHERE: Concert Hall, School of the Arts, 1 Zubir Said Drive MRT; Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Sept 28, 2.30 & 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$12 for standard

admission, \$8 for senior citizens (aged 60 & above) **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Natyia Darpana (Mirror Of Gestures)

Stories come alive in this fun and interactive dance performance by Apparaj Aras, which was founded in 1977 by Mr S. Sathyalingam and Mrs Neela Sathyalingam, alumni of India's Kalakshetra Foundation.

WHERE: National Library Building, The Plaza, 100 Victoria Street MRT; Bras Basah **WHEN:** Sun, 3-4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** silverarts.nac.gov.sg

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUM)

Wu Guanzhong: Expressions Of Pen & Palette

Wu Guanzhong (1919-2010) is one of the most significant artists of 20th-century China. His distinctive style fuses Western and Chinese art traditions and set a new direction for modern Chinese art.

WHERE: Wu Guanzhong Gallery, City Hall Wing, Level 4 National Gallery Singapore, 151 Andrews Road MRT; City Hall **WHEN:** Till Sept 29, 10am-7pm daily (till 9pm on Fridays) **ADMISSION:** Free for Singapore citizens & permanent residents; \$20 for others **INFO:** www.nationalgallery.sg; www.sistic.com.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Ayumi Endo Exhibition 2019: We Have A Dream

Ayumi Endo, a painter and activist, will hold her first solo exhibition in Singapore at Guoco Tower. The show will be held in three areas such as L1 Lobby Park and B2 Atrium.

WHERE: Guoco Tower, 1 Wallich Street MRT; Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Mon till Sept 22, 11am-7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.ayumiendo.com

The Beauty of Youth (H-side)

This exhibition featuring works by seven artists is part of the 13th Philippines Art Trek and commemorates the 50th anniversary of Filipino-Singapore diplomatic relations. It is organised by Momentous Arts and the Embassy of The Philippines.

WHERE: 03-09 Tanglin Mall, 163 Tanglin Road MRT; Orchard **WHEN:** Tue till Sept 30, 11am-7.30pm (weekdays), 11am-6pm (weekends) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.momentousarts.com

THEATRE

Hothat Ek Monche (Suddenly On Stage)

Tagnore Society presents a Bengali play directed by Koushik Datta, which tells the story of an anti-social gang. They are not inborn criminals but are artists who, due to family and financial crisis, are forced to opt for a

darker world. One night, when taking shelter in an empty theatre hall, they find Tagnore's poem Debarat Grash and enact it. They undergo a transformation and decide to return to their earlier, better life. Will it be too late?

WHERE: Civil Service Club Auditorium, 60 Teessons Road MRT; Farrer Park **WHEN:** Sun, 6pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 **INFO:** www.showtickets.asia

COMEDY

Melbourne Festival Roadshow 2019 (H16)

The event is back with a new crew of comedians specially selected to bring the fun of Australia's largest comedy festival to Singapore. This year's line-up includes Fakkah Fuzz, a rising star of the Singapore scene; Becky Lucas, one of the most exciting voices in the Australian comedy scene; the award-winning and unpredictable Aaron Chen; teacher-turned-comic, musician and actor Ben Knight; and one of Melbourne's favourite British guests, an English Comedian of the Year winner Brennan Reare.

WHERE: KC Arts Centre - Home of Singapore Repertory Theatre, 20 Merbau Road MRT; Fort Canning/Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Sept 25-28 (Wed-Fri 8pm, Sat 6.5-9pm) **ADMISSION:** \$50 (Sept 25), \$48, \$58, \$68 (Sept 26-28) **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg