

Arts Picks

Melissa Sim Deputy Life Editor recommends



THROUGH THE LENS: PHOTO EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE STRAITS TIMES

The best in news photography is on display at two exhibitions at the National Museum of Singapore.

The Straits Times Photo Exhibition showcases 100 photos and 38 videos produced by ST's photojournalists and video team last year and this year.

One of the highlights is a picture by ST photojournalist Chong Jun Liang, showing a Hong Kong protester throwing an egg at the police (right) during a clash outside the Legislative Council on Aug 5 this year.

Mr Chong spent about seven weeks in Hong Kong between June and October covering the protests. He

and fellow ST journalist Lim Yaohui, who also covered the unrest in Hong Kong (above), will be giving a talk – The Hong Kong Protest In Pictures – tomorrow at 11am at the National Museum of Singapore's Gallery Theatre.

While there, also pop into the World Press Photo exhibition, which celebrates the most powerful and poignant images from around the world.

This is the last chance to catch the free exhibitions, which end on Sunday.

WHERE: Stamford Gallery and The Concourse, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Till Sunday, 10am to 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.straitstimes.com/tt12019



CURIOS FISH

This dance-theatre performance for the young delves into the mysteries of the ocean's twilight zone, where there is little sunlight and strange sea creatures dwell.

The show also reveals how this natural habitat is threatened by marine pollution and human exploitation.

Professional artists perform alongside young dancers to raise awareness of these serious environmental issues.

WHERE: Drama Centre Black Box, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bras Basah/Bugis **WHEN:** Nov 4 to 8, 11am and 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$23 including booking fee from Apactix (www.apactix.com) **INFO:** www.artsfission.org



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IMPROVANOPOLIS

Those in need of a mid-week pick-me-up will not be disappointed by this show.

Grab a drink by the bar and have a laugh with the cast of Improvanopolis, which features a rotating cast of William Landsman, Pavan J Singh, Irene Malone, Erwin Shah Ismail, Tia Guttensohn and Andrew Marko.

With a few quick suggestions from the audience, the actors come up with witty, entertaining skits – often with a local slant.

At a recent show, they re-created hilarious scenes from the National Day Parade; and in another skit, they took on the roles of parliamentarians giving speeches while pulling lines from a hat (the lines were random one-liners written by the audience prior to the show).

Death by bubble tea straw was another scenario which garnered a bunch of laughs.



This is indeed Singapore's answer to the comedy television show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*

WHERE: The Merry Lion, Level 3, 8b Circular Road **MRT:** Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Every Wednesday at 8pm (check Facebook page for updates) **ADMISSION:** \$15 from Peatix or \$20 at the door **INFO:** www.facebook.com/Improvanopolis.SG

ARTS

BOOKS

Tales From The Night

Let local authors and librarians take you into the realm of the supernatural in sessions that are not for the faint-hearted. Part of National Library Board's Night At The Library.

WHERE: National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Today & tomorrow, 7.30pm till late **ADMISSION:** Free, terms & conditions apply **INFO:** www.nlb.gov.sg

CONCERTS

Symphony In The City

The morning concert features a diverse line-up including pianists, vocalists, pipa player Anne Ying Altorfer-Ong and harpist Renee Yadav, who is also the junior category winner of the Young Talents Project 2017. Part of Car-Free Sunday.

WHERE: Atrium, Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Sun, 10 & 11am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.sso.org.sg

DY-Logue

A new series by Ding Yi Music Company, DY-logue showcases an enthralling music dialogue between two musicians of different music background who use similar ethnic instruments.

WHERE: Stamford Arts Centre Black Box, 155 Waterloo Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Sun, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$28, concessions available **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Rendezvous With Nihonbuyo IV

Enjoy the intrinsic elegance of traditional Japanese dance. The performance is organised by the Singaporean-Japanese dance group Reitoku Kai and International Culture Exchange Association "TEN" in celebration of 10 years of collaboration between the two organisations. Nine new dances have been specially choreographed for the event.

WHERE: Auditorium, The Chevrans,

48 Boon Lay Way **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Nov 3, 2.30 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 **INFO:** peatix.com

Roots Of Flamenco

Dancer Selene Munoz's performances are a fascinating fusion of musicality, costume design and artistic collaborations across cultures and styles.

WHERE: Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$75, concessions available **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

NMS: Nightfall – An Interactive Experience For Youth

The National Museum's first after-hours youth event will reshape the way you experience history at the venue. Embark on a journey through the museum's latest exhibition, An Old New World: From The East Indies To The Founding Of Singapore, 1600s-1819, to collect clues and complete tasks to win prizes. Or chill out at the marketplace with light bites, good music and late-night shopping.

WHERE: Basement Level, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7.30pm - midnight **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nationalmuseum.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Three Rooms

In this group exhibition, Singapore-based women artists Queenie Kou, Sandy Liu and Shyama Nadimpalli create personal encounters with the viewers as their stories unfold.

WHERE: Di Legno Gallery, 21A Arab Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Wed - Nov 26, 1 - 7pm (Wed - Sat) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail info@dielegno.sg

Zhu Hong Emerging With Colours: Street Scenes Of Singapore

Zhu Hong focuses on raw expression, as opposed to closely following drawn lines. He emphasises brushwork and the direct application of colours rather than representational or

realistic values. His works feature charming streets, back alleys and shops.

WHERE: Cape of Good Hope Art Gallery, 03-17 Bras Basah Complex, 231 Bain Street **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Till Tue, 11am - 7pm (Tue - Sun) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.capeofgoodhope.com.sg

After2 – A Collection Of 3-Dimensional Prototypes

This annual exhibition showcases creative works by second- and third-year students from the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts' (Nafa) 3D Design Programme. This year, it will include a wider array of prototypes from both the Furniture and Spatial, as well as the Object and Jewellery, courses. On show are 34 original and full-scale furniture prototypes produced by 39 students.

WHERE: Lim Hak Tai Gallery, Nafa Campus 1, 80 Bencoolen Street **MRT:** Bencoolen **WHEN:** Till Nov 3, 11am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nafa.edu.sg

EXHIBITIONS (OTHERS)

Hokkien Architecture: From Thian Hock Keng To Lim Loh House

This site-specific exhibition will highlight similarities between the Hokkien temple Thian Hock Keng and the ancestral houses in Nan'an, Fujian province, built by Lim Loh, Major-General Lim Bo Seng's father. It also provides vignettes of the little-known family lives of Major-General Lim and pieces together a rich picture of him. Organised by National University of Singapore's department of architecture and supported by the Hokkien Huay Kuan, Thian Hock Keng and the Urban Redevelopment Authority as part of Architectural Heritage Season.

WHERE: Covered Walkway at 137 Telok Ayer Street **MRT:** Telok Ayer **WHEN:** Today - Nov 30 **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** ura.sg/carfreeundaysg

Changi General Hospital Ceramic Exhibition

Changi General Hospital has partnered 20 local ceramic artists for an exhibition, in support of HomeCare Assist, a philanthropic programme under Changi Health Fund. Thirty per

cent of the sale proceeds will go to the needy patients fund, which has helped more than 4,200 patients with chronic illnesses and disabilities since 2002.

WHERE: Atrium, Changi General Hospital, 2 Simei Street 3 **MRT:** Simei **WHEN:** Today, 11am - 7pm, & tomorrow, 11am - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.cgh.com.sg

THEATRE

The Ghost Seller

This is a comic take on a classic tale, told by three Peking Opera clowns through the art form, mime and slapstick humour.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Today, 8pm, & tomorrow, 3 & 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$35, concessions available **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

Beauty And The Beast, Jr

Based on the original Broadway production, *Beauty And The Beast Jr* is an adaptation of the story about transformation and tolerance.

WHERE: Auditorium, Singapore American School, 40 Woodlands Street 41 **MRT:** Marsiling **WHEN:** Nov 1, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$2 - \$10 **INFO:** www.eventbrite.sg

Those Who Can't, Teach

The play follows the lives of teachers and students as they grapple with finding meaning in a secondary school, where the teachers try to nurture, the students rebel and, soon, life takes a complicated turn.

WHERE: UTown Auditorium 2, National University of Singapore, 1 Create Way Level 1, Town Plaza **MRT:** Dover **WHEN:** Wed, 7.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.eventbrite.sg

COMEDY

Issac Tay

The comedian presents his hour-long comedy special, *Get With The Program*, which is about growing up in Singapore and his misadventures in learning how to live.

WHERE: The Merry Lion, Level 3, 8b Circular Road **MRT:** Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$10 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg



His steps to success

Join author and historian Kevin Y.L. Tan as he discusses his latest book, *Sole Purpose*, which traces the unique experiences of Austrian shoemaker and entrepreneur Helmut Widdek, who ventured into Asia as early as 1973 and found success in the face of many challenges including corruption and political uncertainty.

The session will be moderated by Straits Times Press' General Manager Tan Ooi Boon.




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100 Victoria Street
B1-01 Programme Zone

Wednesday, October 30, 2019
7 to 8.30pm

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