

ARTS

BOOKS

Book Launch: The Antibiotic Tales With Sonny Liew & Hsu Li Yang

Award-winning graphic novelist Sonny Liew and Associate Professor Hsu Li Yang, head of the Infectious Diseases Programme at the National University of Singapore's Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, will launch their new comic book and share why they chose comics as a medium to dispel myths and misconceptions about antibiotics. There will be a book-signing session. **WHERE:** Jurong Regional Library, 21 Jurong East Central 1 **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2 - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** antibiotics.peatix.com

Meet International Keto Expert, Kelly Tan Peterson

American-Singaporean Kelly Tan Peterson, a certified nutrition and health coach as well as an international keto expert, will talk about the keto lifestyle and its health benefits. **WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.kinokuniya.com.sg

Book Launch: The Ghost Who Pinched Me By Mabel Gan

Singapore International Children's Film Festival founder Mabel Gan will launch her debut novel, which was nominated for the Scholastic Asian Book Award last year and recommended for readers aged between nine and 14. **WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.kinokuniya.com.sg

CONCERTS

Music In An Enchanted Garden

Yuan Ching Secondary School's concert band and guzheng ensemble perform in this East-meets-West concert with tunes such as Gangnam Style and Hey! Baby! The concert is held in conjunction with Singapore Botanic Gardens' 160th anniversary. **WHERE:** Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5.30 - 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nparks.gov.sg

French Connections

Enjoy an evening of beautiful music featuring strings and harp with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra's Lynnette Seah and Gulnara Mashurova. Faure's elegant Piano Quartet shares the atmosphere of lyricism with Ravel's miniature harp concerto, played in its original chamber form. **WHERE:** Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** City Hall/Raffles Place **WHEN:** Nov 14, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$20 **INFO:** Tickets at www.sso.org.sg

Music Tuesdays: Pipa Encounters

Led by pipa principal Yu Jia, this concert presents Wang Yunfei's Wu Sheng and Wang Danhong's Encounters. Yu will also play the nanyin pipa. **WHERE:** SCO Concert Hall, Singapore Conference Hall, Level 1, 7 Shenton Way **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Nov 26, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$27 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Dancers @ Work

An informal performing and producing platform for the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts' (Nafa) dance programme to showcase works in progress. It will feature guest choreographer and Nafa dance alumna Rachel Lum. Dance creations from a collaborative project with Tanglin Secondary School will also be presented. **WHERE:** Dance Studio (C6-38), Nafa Campus 3, 151 Bencoolen Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Today, 6.30 - 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** nafa-dn-daw0811.peatix.com

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

Life Underground

Life Underground invites visitors on a journey through the world's subways and passengers' personal stories.

ArtsPicks

Ong Sor Fern Senior Culture Correspondent recommends



FROM BRUSH TO LENS: EARLY CHINESE PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIOS IN SINGAPORE

In this selfie-crazy Instagram age, it is hard to remember when photography and portraiture were luxuries available only to the rich. This modest little exhibition at the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall is a charming reminder of a past age. It is rather poignant to see Tan Yew Wah, born in 1909, grow from an earnest three-year-old with hair

tightly pulled back to sombre little girl to thoughtful teenager and finally a serious woman with her husband in a series of formal studio portraits. Museum-goers will probably be familiar with the G.R. Lambert & Co photographs frequently displayed at the National Museum of Singapore. But it is eye-opening to learn that the European studios were driven out of business partly because Chinese studios offered cheaper services. Families will enjoy the little studio

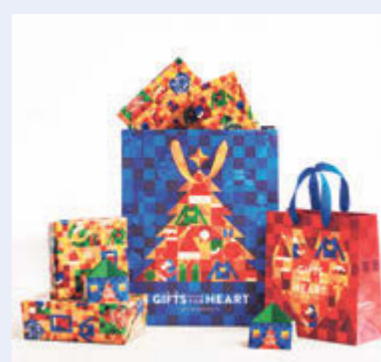
mock-ups, complete with props, where they can snap shots. Kids can play a game which explains how glass negatives were developed. **WHERE:** Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, 12 Tai Gin Road **WHEN:** Till May 3 next year, Tuesdays to Sundays, 10am - 5pm. Closed on Mondays. Last admission at 4.30pm **MRT:** Toa Payoh **ADMISSION:** Free for Singaporeans and permanent residents **INFO:** str.sg/Jw7Q

CHINATOWN OPERA FESTIVAL

Get ready for an opera feast at this inaugural festival organised by the Chinatown Business Association. The offerings range from the Hainanese street puppets of San Chun Long to Cantonese opera by the Chinese Theatre Circle and the Guangzhou Hongdou Cantonese Opera Troupe. There are also bite-sized introductions to opera techniques such as the water sleeve and face-changing theatrics. Look out for actor Nick Shen and singer Sylvester Sim in a pop music and opera programme on Nov 22. Kids can get in on the act too with a colouring contest, in which the prize is a Nintendo Switch Lite. **WHERE:** 2 Banda Street Carpark and Chinatown Pavilion **WHEN:** Nov 20 to 24 **MRT:** Chinatown **ADMISSION:** \$10 and \$20 from eventbrite.com **INFO:** str.sg/JUt7



PHOTO: GUANGZHOU HONGDOU CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE



PHOTOS: SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL, TAKASHIMAYA SHOPPING CENTRE

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Temasek Polytechnic School Of Design students Tan Ruyi, 19, Gamboa Sweet Balagtas, 21 and Yong Yuen Zen, 19 - got an early Christmas gift courtesy of Takashimaya. Their designs will be used by the department store for its bags and wrapping paper this shopping season. Said Ms Balagtas: "All this still feels very surreal for all of us. We are overwhelmed but really grateful for the opportunity and experience." The work of 18 other teams will also be on display, so shoppers can check out creative designs by other young talent. The store has donated a project fee to the school's grant to support needy students. **WHERE:** The Atrium, Takashimaya Shopping Centre, Level 1, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Till Nov 21 **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** str.sg/JwMR

OPEN STUDIO

If you are in the Orchard area, pop by library@Orchard to watch artisan bookbinder Adelene Koh (right) at work. She is currently in residence at the library's craft space and there is a little display of her beautifully hand-bound books. The friendly bookbinder is happy to talk about her craft. The studio space houses her heavy cast-iron antique book presses as well as projects she is working on, including a Quran she is restoring. She will be hosting an open studio day on Nov 23, so to get a more detailed idea about what she does, visit her that Saturday. **WHERE:** library@Orchard, 03-12 orchardgateway, 277 Orchard Road **WHEN:** Mondays to Sundays: 11am - 9pm. Closed on public holidays. Open studio day is on Nov 23, 2 - 5pm **MRT:** Somerset **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/2WPx6G1



Shot in more than 18 cities around the world, it captures the pulse of these vibrant environments and the millions of people who pass through them every day. Life Underground is developed as an interactive Web documentary and immersive installation for public spaces. The installation features mature themes. **WHERE:** Gallery 10, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** City Hall/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Till Nov 25, 10am - 5pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nationalmuseum.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

April Ng Kiow Ngor: Salient Traces

The showcase by local printmaker April Ng features about 20 original intaglio prints - each created and hand-pulled by the artist - and foregrounds her interest in forms inspired by nature and her investigation of the organic presence in everyday environments. **WHERE:** AC43 Gallery, 01-01 Carlton Hotel, 76 Bras Basah Road **MRT:** City Hall/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Today, 7 - 9pm (exhibition opening), till Nov 17, noon - 7 pm daily

ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** www.ac43gallery.com

Favourite Things

Emerging artists Sherli Chong, Patrick Sin and Tan Woon Choor come together for a debut exhibition showcasing their fascination with colours and raw, tactile materials, with a focus on the handmade. The trio, who forged their friendship in the fashion industry, take their collaboration into the realm of art. **WHERE:** Gallery II, The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Nov 14 - 16, 11am - 6pm; Nov 14, 5 - 9pm (private viewing) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.theartshouse.sg

Lim Tze Peng - National Icon. Centenarian

This solo exhibition is by Lim Tze Peng, one of Singapore's most prominent and oldest living master artists, who is also a Meritorious Service Medal and Cultural Medallion recipient. Comprehensive works by Lim will be on display, with a catalogue of more than 100 of his paintings. **WHERE:** ION Art Gallery, Level 4,

Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Till Nov 17, 10am - 10pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Go to www.ionorchard.com/ion-art or e-mail info@capeofgoodhope.com.sg

EXHIBITIONS (OTHERS)

Arts In Your Neighbourhood: Singapore Poetry On The Sidewalks (Spots) By Sing Lit Station

This public art project brings Singapore literature to the heartland. Excerpts of Sing Lit poetry are inscribed along the pavilions of Waterway Point with hydrophobic paint, revealed only when touched by water. Each excerpt sheds light on the origins of Punggol and the history of the land. There will also be live 3D chalk drawing by artist Imran Mohamed Ishak. **WHERE:** Punggol Waterway Park (outside Waterway Point) **MRT:** Punggol **WHEN:** Till Nov 24 (Singapore Poetry On The Sidewalks); tomorrow, Nov 16 & 23, 5 - 6.30pm ("live" 3D chalk drawing) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.artsforall.sg

THEATRE

Rhinoceros In Love

This tells the story of rhinoceros keeper Ma Lu, who falls desperately in love with his beautiful neighbour Ming Ming. His unrequited love drives him to acts of increasing desperation and madness. Performed in Mandarin. **WHERE:** Studio Theatre, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Campus 3, 151 Bencoolen Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Till Sun, various timings **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** nafa-th-ril.peatix.com

Beach Burden Bliss

This double-bill show is set in a cosy, intimate hut on Punggol Beach. It comprises two original plays: Burden, which tells the real-life tale of World War II's Sook Ching massacre survivor Chan Cheng Yean; and Bliss, a comedy about a family's scandals and secrets. **WHERE:** Punggol Beach (meeting point near Punggol Jetty) **MRT:** Punggol **WHEN:** Nov 16, 6, 7, 8 & 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 (free seating) **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

Chinese Children Drama - Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs

This large-scale children's fantasy puppet show is an adaptation of the Brothers Grimm's fairy tale, produced by Guangzhou Performance Film. **WHERE:** Drama Centre Theatre, Level 3, National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bras Basah/Bugis **WHEN:** Nov 16, 7.30pm; Nov 17, 3.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 (adult), \$30 (child) **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

COMEDY

Jinx Yeo

An award-winning Singaporean comedian nominated for Best Comedy at the Fringe World Awards last year, Jinx Yeo is back at The Merry Lion for a weekend of live comedy. He was first runner-up at the 2011 Hong Kong International Comedy Competition and a finalist in the America Meet World Global Comedy Competition 2014. **WHERE:** The Merry Lion, Level 3, 8B Circular Road **MRT:** Raffles Place/Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Nov 15 & 16, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$20 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg