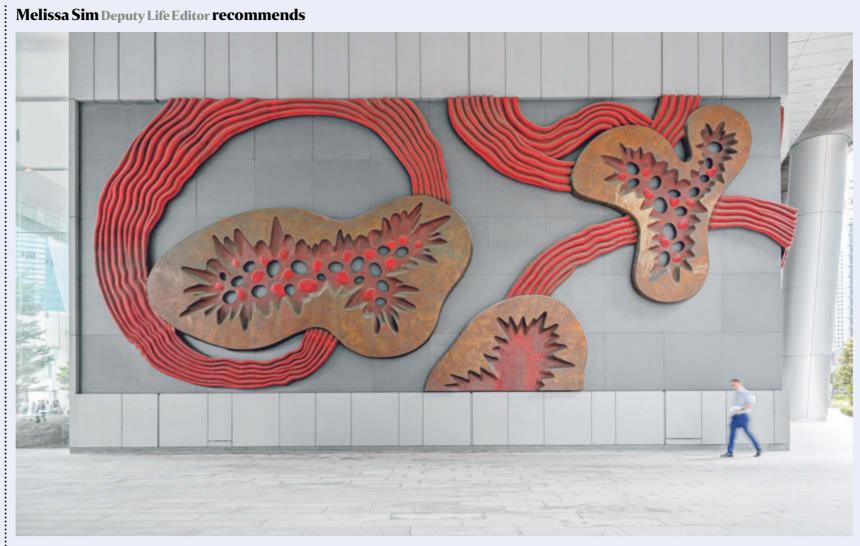
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### **AR.T TRAIL WALKING TOURS**

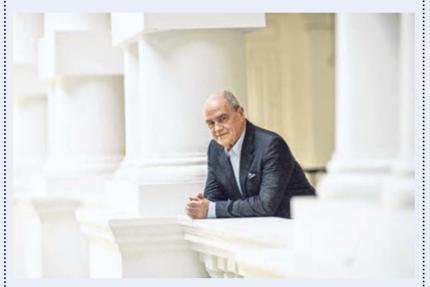
Four public artworks come alive on this tour, which is part of this year's Singapore Art Week.

The works highlighted in this 90-minute trail are Time Tree by Robert Zhao, Pembungaan by Kumari Nahappan (above), Tropical Leaf by Han Sai Por and Currents by Grace Tan.

Through the use of augmented reality, those on the tour will gain a better understanding of the stories behind the works and develop a greater appreciation for the urban environment around them.

AR.T Trail is presented by non-profit organisation The MeshMinds Foundation, and supported by Facebook and the National Arts Council. The guided tours are supported by Artwalk Singapore and Monster Day Tours. WHERE: Raffles Place Park (starting point outside Raffles Place MRT Exit B) MRT: Raffles Place WHEN: Tomorrow to Jan 19; 10.30am and 5pm (weekends); 6pm (weekdays) ADMISSION: Free

INFO: For the weekend walking tours, sign up at: l.ead.me/mmwknd For the weekday walking tours, sign up at: l.ead.me/mmwkday Visit meshminds.com for more details



### **KAVAKOS PLAYS KORNGOLD**

Violinist Leonidas Kavakos comes to Singapore for a concert with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra's (SSO) new chief conductor-designate Hans Graf (above).

This is Graf's first concert with the SSO since his appointment was announced last year.

The concert features Erich Korngold's tuneful, Hollywoodinspired Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky's masterpiece,

### the Pathetique Symphony.

Graftells The Straits Times: "You will hear one of the really great violinists of our time and a symphony which confronts, more than any other symphonic work, the beauty of life and the deepest tragedy." WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive MRT: Esplanade WHEN: Next Friday **ADMISSION:** From \$25 on Sistic

(call 6348-5555 or go to sistic.com.sg)

INFO: sso.org.sg

### **ART IS EVERYWHERE**

Private art studio Brave New Worlds will be holding free workshops for kids and their parents over two weekends.

On Saturdays, participants will create multi-coloured paintings inspired by architecture around Singapore, as well as works by local artists such as Tay Bak Chiang and Lim Tze Peng.

The Sunday classes focus on public artworks in the central business district, including Han Sai Por's Tropical Leaf.

Families will discover that textures are everywhere and can be captured through frottage (crayon rubbings). They will combine their pieces to create their version of a public artwork.

The workshops, which are part of Singapore Art Week, are recommended for children aged four to eight, but older children are also welcome. WHERE: Safra Punggol, 9 Sentul Crescent MRT: Punggol WHEN: Tomorrow and Sunday, 10am and 2pm

WHERE: Safra Toa Payoh, 293 Toa Payoh Lorong 6 MRT: Toa Payoh WHEN: Jan 18 and 19, 10 am and 2 pm

WHERE: Our Tampines Hub, 1Tampines Walk MRT: Tampines **WHEN:** Jan 18 and 19, 10 am and 2 pm

**ALL ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Register at bravenewworlds.sg/ saw2020

## **ARTS**

## **BOOKS**

## Caferati Writers' Group

Caferati is a group for adult English writers to share their original written works in English. It is open to both published authors and newbies. WHERE: Geylang East Public Library, Activity Room, 50 Geylang East Avenue 1 MRT: Aljunied **WHEN:** Jan 18, 3.30 - 5.30pm ADMISSION: Free. Registration required INFO: bit.ly/2sORHQe

### **How To Fall In Love With Classics** (Graphic Novels): Alan Moore

**And Dave Gibbons' Watchmen** This National Library Board lecture series celebrates the classics and aims to ignite readers' passion for literature. This month, poet and graphic artist Gwee Li Sui will help readers understand the importance of graphic novel Watchmen, which won a Hugo award in 1988. WHERE: Central Public Library, Programme Zone, 100 Victoria Street MRT: City Hall/Bugis WHEN: Jan 23,7 - 8.30pm ADMISSION: Free. Registration required INFO: bit.ly/2N70cuS

### **Book Launch: Leading With** Heart In A Vuca World

This book collects the stories of 14 business and community leaders from the Malay/Muslim community, chronicling how they beat the odds to become champions of their industry or field.

WHERE: Royal Palm @ Clarke Quay Central, 04-86 The Central (Clarke Quay), 6 Eu Tong Sen Street MRT: Clarke Quay WHEN: Jan 18, 11.30am - 3pm **ADMISSION:** \$28 - \$75 INFO: bit.ly/2tECvoG

#### The Straits Times Book Club -Stories That Make This World Better

Book editor Shefali Rekhi shares insights on how reporters from more than 20 countries work on their exposes, which are published in this

book. Shefali, who is also The Straits Times' Asia News Network editor, will talk about how Singapore hosted its first World News Day to celebrate world-class journalists. The session will be moderated by ST associate foreign editor Tan Ooi Boon. A book signing will follow. WHERE: Central Public Library Programme Zone, 100 Victoria Street MRT: City Hall/Bugis WHEN: Jan 22, 7 - 8.30pm ADMISSION: Free. Registration required INFO: bit.ly/2Zp8chv .....

## **OPEN CALL**

#### New Award - Open Call For Singapore International **Photography Festival**

The Silvana S. Foundation Commission Award is a new award that will be part of the Singapore International Photography Festival's programme this year. It aims to empower Asia-Pacific photographers who focus on environmental, wildlife preservation and humanitarian concerns. The winning photographer will get \$20,000 and have his or her works shown in an exhibition as part of the festival in October. WHEN: Online submissions are open until March 31 INFO: bit.ly/2FtAs9w

## CONCERTS

## A Farewell For Tasmin Little

After 2,000 performances over 30 years and nearly 50 recordings, English violinist Tasmin Little will be retiring from the stage after this season. She will be performing Bruch's much-loved Violin Concerto No. 1 with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, led by American conductor Gerard Schwarz. WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall,

1Esplanade Drive MRT: City Hall/

Esplanade WHEN: Feb 13.7.30pm

**ADMISSION:** \$15 - \$88

INFO: ticketing.sso.org.sg

### Hong Kong String Orchestra -Obor Journey (Pan-Asia Tour) -Singapore

The Hong Kong String Orchestra.

known for fusing Eastern and Western influences, returns to Singapore with founder and artistic director Yao Jue as part of its Belt and Road Initiative concert tour in South-east Asia.

The concert opens with a Western classical selection, while the second half comprises Chinese pieces. WHERE: Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive MRT: City Hall/Esplanade WHEN: Jan 17,8pm ADMISSION: \$30

### ExxonMobil Campus Concerts: Chec 2020 - Heartstrings

INFO: altenburg-arts.com

Chec, or the Combined Halls Ensemble Concert, features familiar love songs re-imagined through the fusion of Eastern and Western instruments. Expect classics and medleys from movies such as The Avengers in this annual concert held by Raffles Hall, in collaboration with the National University of Singapore's other halls of residence. WHERE: University Cultural Centre Theatre, 50 Kent Ridge Crescent MRT: Kent Ridge/Clementi WHEN: Feb 5, 7.30pm ADMISSION: Free. Registration required INFO: bit.ly/chec2020heartstrings

## Nanyang International Piano

Academy Opening Gala Concert The Nanyang International Piano Academy is an annual gathering of music lovers and allows piano students to learn from professionals.

The academy's concert features performances by members of this year's teaching faculty. WHERE: Lee Foundation Theatre, NAFA Campus 3, 151 Bencoolen Street MRT: Bugis/Bras Basah WHEN: Jan 16, 7.30 - 9.30pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: bit.ly/39PnUau

## DANCE

## **Memoirs Of The Lion City**

Produced by Golden International Holdings in collaboration with Dance Ensemble Singapore, Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts and three local experienced actors, this dancedrama fuses music, dance and poetry.

What unfolds is a Singaporean story of our forefathers arduously building up their lives in Nanyang, and their diligence and unyielding spirit passed down through cultures and practices. WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1Esplanade Drive MRT: Esplanade WHEN: Jan 17, 3.30 & 8pm; Jan 18, 3.30pm ADMISSION: From \$38 INFO: sistic.com.sg

## **SINGAPORE ART WEEK**

# Justice For All

The Asian Art Institutum, together with The Arts House and Stephen Friedman Gallery, London, present Justice For All, an immersive, site-specific installation by acclaimed British-Nigerian artist Yinka Shonibare.

The exhibition has been curated by Dr Zehra Jumabhoy from the Courtauld Institute of Art, London, to coincide with Singapore Art Week and last year's Singapore Biennale. WHERE: The Chamber, The Arts House, 10ld Parliament Lane MRT: City Hall WHEN: Jan 13 - 30, 10am - 10pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: artweek.sg/events/ justice-for-all

## Of Spaces And Phases

Of Spaces And Phases looks at the historical remnants of 66 Spottiswoode Park Road. Located on Blair Plain Conservation land, the shophouse-style building retains many of its early features and relics. WHERE: 66 Spottiswoode Park Road MRT: Outram Park WHEN: Tomorrow - Jan 19; noon - 8pm (daily), noon - 10pm (Fri & Sat) ADMISSION: Free INFO: artweek.sg/events/ of-spaces-and-phases

## **Cutting Edge II**

Opera Gallery Singapore's first exhibition of the year is in tandem with Singapore Art Week and is the second instalment of its Cutting Edge series. The works challenge the traditional boundaries of art, experimenting with textures. materials and technology, alongside traditional mediums. WHERE: 02-16 Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn MRT: Orchard WHEN: Tomorrow - Jan 19; 11am - 8pm (Mon-Fri), 10am - 8pm (Sat & Sun) **ADMISSION:** Free INFO: operagallery.com

## **THEATRE**

### Singapore Repertory Theatre's The Little Company "Fly High" Fly High features the wonders of

aviation and makes learning the basics of aerodynamics fun through music, puppetry and interactivity. It is written by Rachel Barnett and  $directed\,by\,Jemma\,Gross, the$ founders of Fly High Stories, a British theatre company passionate about

creating captivating theatre for children, with emphasis on a growth mindset and confidence-building. WHERE: KC Arts Centre -Home of SRT, 20 Merbau Road MRT: Clarke Quay WHEN: From Feb 19, 10am (weekdays), 11am & 2pm (weekends and public holidays) ADMISSION: From \$29 **INFO:** srt.com.sg/show/flyhigh

#### **ExxonMobil Campus Concerts:** Fat Kids Are Harder To Kidnap Fat Kids Are Harder To Kidnap has

been entertaining audiences with their quirky observations and wacky take on current affairs. Written by journalists Melissa Sim and Jeremy Au Yong, it is a raucous attempt to stage 31 bite-sized plays in an hour – audiences decide the order – and tackle hard issues such as the Trump-Kim summit and the Oxley saga. WHERE: University Cultural Centre Theatre, 50 Kent Ridge Crescent MRT: Kent Ridge/Clementi WHEN: Jan 22, 7.30pm ADMISSION: Free. Registration required

INFO: bit.ly/fatkidsarehardertokidnap