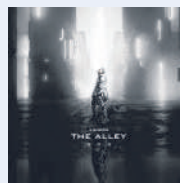


MusicPicks

Boon Chan Assistant Life Editor recommends



**HIP-HOP/  
R&B**  
**THE ALLEY**  
J.Sheon  
Sony Music  
Entertainment  
★★★★☆

J.Sheon (above) was born in Taiwan but lived in New York with his family for almost eight years after high school, which explains why the singer-songwriter has absorbed plenty of R&B and hip-hop influences.  
The resulting brew on his second Mandarin studio album is smooth and intoxicating.  
The humorous wordplay on Ballad might raise some smiles: "Write some ballads (shu qing ge) she might love/Rap is ultimately a lose-in-love song (shu qing ge)."



**POP/DANCE**  
**BONDADA**  
Suming  
Suming Studio  
★★★★☆

What does a face add up to? In the case of Taiwanese aboriginal singer-songwriter Suming, a cohesive concept album.

On his fifth studio album, the Golden Melody Award-winning musician starts with Left Ear, moves to In My Eyes and takes in Beard and Chin Up.

Despite its title, synth-pop number Frown joyously proclaims: "I keep thinking of you until I can't sleep."

Meanwhile, Speak Carefully offers some advice in a time when it is all too easy for one to shoot one's mouth off (especially on social media): "Speak carefully, speak carefully, don't scold/Stop a while, don't complicate things."

This contemporary pop album also effortlessly weaves in aboriginal elements such as the Pangcah language and Amis musical instruments.



**JAY CHOU CARNIVAL WORLD TOUR**

Has it really been two decades since Mandopop superstar Jay Chou released his debut album Jay in 2000? From early tracks Adorable Lady and Starry Mood, he has gone on to rack up an impressive body of hits, including, more recently, Won't Cry and If You Don't Love Me, That's Fine. Expect the Taiwanese singer-songwriter to dig deep into his discography at this concert tour marking his 20th year in music.

**WHERE:** National Stadium, 1 Stadium Drive

**MRT:** Stadium

**WHEN:** Today and tomorrow, 8pm

**ADMISSION:** \$198 to \$368 from Sports Hub Tix (sportshub.com.sg)

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GIGS

**Arts@SBG Presents  
NAC-ExxonMobil  
Concert In The Park**

Watch performances by home-grown a cappella group 1023 and ZingO Festival Drum Group. Free fringe activities including hongbao-lantern making and Chinese fan painting will start at 4.30pm.

**WHERE:** Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road

**MRT:** Botanic Gardens

**WHEN:** Jan 18, 6 - 7.30pm

**ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** nparks.gov.sg

**Kenny G Live In Concert**

The Grammy Award-winning saxophonist's recording career spans almost three decades and 23 albums. Since the early 1980s, he has sold over 75 million records worldwide.

**WHERE:** Sands Theatre at Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue

**MRT:** Bayfront

**WHEN:** Feb 18, 8pm

**ADMISSION:** \$88 - \$1,312

**INFO:** sistic.com.sg

**An Evening With 98 Degrees**

Boyband 98 Degrees scored six Top 20 hits during their peak from 1997 to 2000. The R&B-inspired pop group comprise brothers Nick and Drew Lachey, Jeff Timmons and Justin Jeffre.

**WHERE:** The Star Theatre, 04-01 The Star Performing Arts Centre, 1 Vista Exchange Green

**MRT:** Buona Vista **WHEN:** Feb 20, 8pm

**ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$188

**INFO:** sistic.com.sg

**Singapore RockFest II:  
Scorpions & Whitesnake 2020**

Singapore RockFest returns with a double-bill headliner - veteran rock bands Scorpions and Whitesnake. German band Scorpions were recently voted Best Show at Rock in Rio 2019. English band Whitesnake will play fresh tracks off their latest album Flesh & Blood.

**WHERE:** Fort Canning Park, 51 Canning Rise  
**MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut  
**WHEN:** March 4, 5 - 11pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$158 (early bird), \$168 (standard). This is a free-standing event **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

**Khalid Free Spirit World Tour**

International multi-platinum-selling artist Khalid has announced nine Asia dates as part of his world tour. The tour's name comes from his latest album Free Spirit.

**WHERE:** Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium

**WHEN:** March 26, 8pm

**ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$168

**INFO:** sportshub.com.sg

CHARITY

**Voices For Tomorrow**

The concert will feature local and regional talents performing various instruments as well as a finale performance by young beneficiaries from the Singapore Children's Society. All proceeds will go to the charity, which helps children from needy and low-income families.

**WHERE:** Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore, 3 Conservatory Drive

**MRT:** Clementi/Kent Ridge

**WHEN:** Jan 19, 7pm

**ADMISSION:** \$99 - \$399

**INFO:** sistic.com.sg

TALKS

**Ngee Ann Polytechnic's  
Parents' Forum**

Get insights into what a polytechnic education is about and whether it is suitable for your child.

**WHERE:** Convention Centre, Level 2 Ngee Ann Polytechnic, 535 Clementi Road

**MRT:** Beauty World

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10.30am & 1pm

**ADMISSION:** Free; registration required **INFO:** np.edu.sg/openhouse/pages/parents.aspx

**Talk On Advance Care Planning  
And Advance Medical Directive**

The talk covers Advance Care Planning and the Advance Medical Directive. It is targeted especially at seniors.

**WHERE:** 04-08 Chinatown Point, 133 New Bridge Road

**MRT:** Chinatown

**WHEN:** Mon, Feb 19 & March 30, 10.30am to noon

**ADMISSION:** \$5

**INFO:** shenghong.org.sg/2019/06/11/public-talks-jan-to-mar-2020/

**Eye On Asia - Let's Talk Social  
Impact: The Road Less Travelled  
Around Asean**

Ms Michelle Leong is founder and chief executive officer of The Asean Living Room, a networking programme that brings together "activators" in the social impact and entrepreneurship space in Asean. She will share stories from her team of young professionals who left their jobs to pursue their passion for social impact.

**WHERE:** Possibility Room, Level 5 National Library, 100 Victoria Street

**MRT:** City Hall

**WHEN:** Tue, 7 - 8.30pm

**ADMISSION:** Free; registration required **INFO:** nlb.gov.sg/golibrary2

CLASSES

**Introductory Workshop  
To Chinese Music**

In this 90-minute workshop, participants will be exposed to Chinese instruments such as the erhu, guzheng, dizi, zhongruan and pipa. There will be an introduction to the playing techniques and history of each instrument. After that, participants can try playing the instruments.

**WHERE:** Eight Tones Music School, 02-5039, 465 North Bridge Road

**MRT:** Lavender

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm

**ADMISSION:** \$11.46

**INFO:** eight-tones.com.sg

**Maximising Brain  
And Memory Power**

This interactive workshop covers the latest memory techniques which participants can apply at the workplace and in their lives.

**WHERE:** Hotel Concorde, 100 Orchard Road **MRT:** Somerset/Dhoby Ghaut

**WHEN:** Jan 20, 9am - 5pm

**ADMISSION:** \$588

**INFO:** aventislearning.com

**Certificate In Jade**

This five-day course provides an in-depth learning of jade. For instance, learn how to identify jade using advanced techniques such as infrared spectroscopy.

**WHERE:** 04-02 LTC Building B, 12 Arumugam Road **MRT:** MacPherson

**WHEN:** Feb 10 - 14, 10am - 4pm

**ADMISSION:** \$1,200

**INFO:** eventbrite.sg/e/81903041201

**Worldbuilding Workshop**

In this workshop by author Dave Chua, students will learn to create and develop their own worlds or cultures for fiction. Topics that will be covered include culture, geography, history, power structure and technology.

**WHERE:** Programme Zone, Level 2 Bishan Public Library, 5 Bishan Place

**MRT:** Bishan

**WHEN:** Feb 15, 10am - 5pm

**ADMISSION:** Free; registration required **INFO:** nlb.gov.sg/golibrary2

SPORTS

**Weekends In The Park:  
Family Yoga**

Soak in the morning sun with a family yoga session every second Sunday of the month at the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, amid vast open lawns, lush banks of wildflowers and unique waterways. Children can have fun at the water playground.

**WHERE:** Tecoma Green, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, 1384 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1

**MRT:** Ang Mo Kio/Bishan

**WHEN:** Sun, 8 - 9am **ADMISSION:** Free

**INFO:** CHAN\_Xue\_Lin@nparks.gov.sg

**HSBC Singapore Rugby Sevens**

The event has had three different champions since it returned to Singapore in 2016. This year, Ireland will join the core group of 15 teams, which includes Argentina, Australia, Canada and England.

**WHERE:** Singapore National Stadium

**MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** April 11 & 12

**ADMISSION:** \$19 - \$349

**INFO:** singapore7s.sg/home-old

FESTIVALS

**Taiwan Food Festival Featuring  
Ningxia Night Market**

The first edition of the Asian Night Market: Taiwan Food Festival will feature authentic and traditional Taiwanese cuisine prepared by the original chefs and vendors from Taipei's Ningxia Night Market. Savour popular dishes such as flaming beef cubes, Taiwanese oyster omelette and egg-bombed scallion pancake. Award-winning Taiwanese chef and entrepreneur Cheng Cheng-chung will also whip up beef noodles.

**WHERE:** Siloso Point, Sentosa

**MRT:** HarbourFront

**WHEN:** Thu - Feb 9, 5 - 10.30pm, closed from Jan 20 - 22

**ADMISSION:** Free; entry to Sentosa applies **INFO:** sentosa.com.sg

**Singapore Management  
University (SMU) Patron's Day**

SMU Patron's Day 2020 celebrates the Singapore Management University's 20th birthday. Enjoy carnival games and artisanal food and beverages. Celebrities like Pornsak, Jasmine Sokko, Benjamin Kheng and Jade Seah will perform alongside talents from SMU. Shop at the Makers' Market, featuring handcrafted products by SMU entrepreneurs, and at PD Pasar, which will sell pre-loved items to raise funds for needy SMU students.

**WHERE:** SMU Campus Green, 70 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah/Bencoolen/City Hall

**WHEN:** Jan 17, 4 - 11pm

**ADMISSION:** Free

**INFO:** smu.edu.sg/smpatronsday