

Music Picks

Boon Chan Assistant Life Editor recommends



POP
EVERY SIDE OF ME
Tarcy Su
★★★★☆

Thirteen years after *Left Hand/Revolving Door* (2007), Taiwanese singer Tarcy Su (above) has released a new album. To Mandopop fans, she is best known for her monster hits from the 1990s, including *Lemon Tree*, *Ducks and Fool*.

There is an appealingly youthful vibe here on tracks such as *AnHe*: "Bid farewell to the comfortable and

quodidian/Let me be wilful, don't want to head home."

While she smartly avoids trying to recapture her past glories here, there are songs which address the passage of time. She sings on *Dear All*: "Dear all/The warmth left behind by the past/I'll try to recall"; and on *Will You Miss Me*, she asks plaintively: "Will you miss me/After I've turned around/When this world has forgotten me/I'm just saying if."

But the mood remains light throughout, in part thanks to her bright and breezy vocals.



POP
DUST
Joker Xue
★★★★☆

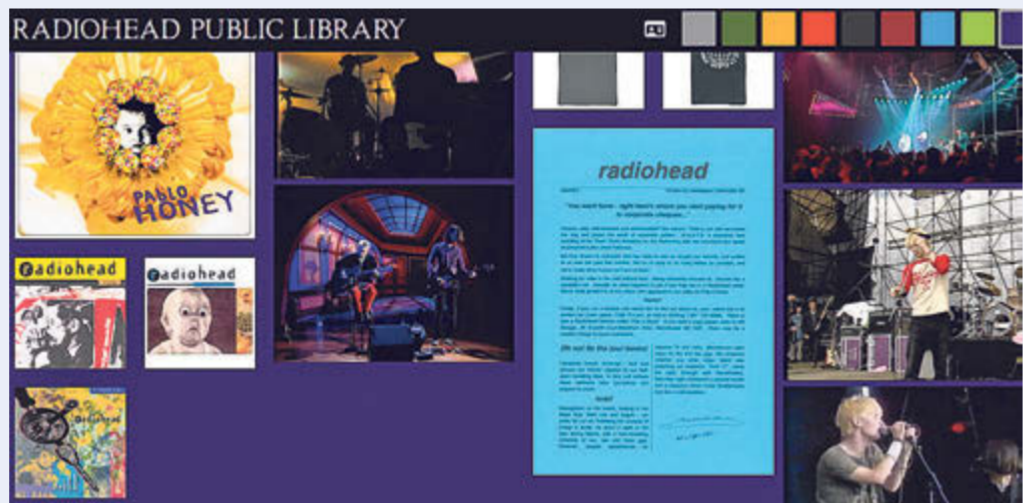
Chinese singer-songwriter Joker Xue (above) sticks to his forte of compelling mid-tempo tracks on his 10th album.

It opens with the instant classic *Puppet*, a piano ballad which showcases both his lyrical and vocal strengths: "Let us turn into puppets/Stitch a few more times of love and it won't hurt any more."

Meanwhile, the title track is a downbeat electronic pop number on which he wonders: "Sorry I'm just a speck of dust/Maybe my company has become a hindrance."

As a whole, though, it is a rather sombre listen and the record peters out towards the end.

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RADIOHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Critically adored English rock band Radiohead unexpectedly launched an online archive of their material in January at www.radiohead.com/library.

As they themselves put it in a statement: "Radiohead.com has always been a) infuriatingly uninformative and b) surprising. The most surprising thing to do next, therefore, is to suddenly become incredibly informative. So that is what we have done."

Fans can easily lose themselves in this rabbit hole, which includes lesser-known material such as their first EP *Drill* in 1992 (the link directs one to either Spotify or Apple Music), music videos and clips of their past performances on MTV and other platforms; scanned newsletters; and also a store to purchase T-shirts, though the *Wardrobe Department* is temporarily closed according to the website.

GIGS

Novo Amor

Welsh multi-instrumentalist Novo Amor, whose real name is Ali John Meredith-Lacey, will perform with frequent collaborator Ed Tullett, backed by a full band. Since 2012, Lacey has been winning over fans with his soulful sound and minimalist lyrics.

WHERE: Esplanade Annexe Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** July 28 & 29, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$65 (concessions available) **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

Mothers' Day Special: Songs For Mothers With Love

Hosted by getai veteran Wang Lei, this concert features Johnny Kiong, Lin Li Ying and Sherraine Law, who will belt out well-loved Chinese evergreen hits from yesteryear. Performed in Mandarin and dialects.

WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** May 10, 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

CHARITY

Show Appreciation For Frontline Healthcare Workers With Coffee Vouchers

Members of the public can buy \$5 vouchers at Foreword Coffee Roasters' branch at Temasek

Shophouse, a social impact hub. Every \$5 voucher purchased will be matched by Temasek Shophouse and Foreword Coffee Roasters. The vouchers will be given to frontline healthcare workers at the Foreword Coffee Roasters outlet at the Centre for Healthcare Innovation at Tan Tock Seng Hospital. Customers can also write a personal note on the vouchers for the healthcare workers.

WHERE: Foreword Coffee Roasters' branch at Temasek Shophouse, 28 Orchard Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Till April 10 **INFO:** www.facebook.com

TALKS

The Arts Space – Jiak! What Food Tells Us About Chinese-Singaporean Culture

Singapore's multicultural society and unique geographical location have not only changed its food, but also its language and customs. Curators Grace Tng and Shaun Choh from the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre will share how Chinese-Singaporean culture has evolved and developed into what we know it to be today.

WHERE: Possibility Room, National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis/City Hall **WHEN:** May 20, 7 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** www.nlb.gov.sg

The Arts Space – Ceramics And Food Culture In Singapore

Scientist Vidya Schalk and artist Shane Ng will explore the often

overlooked significance of tableware. Ceramics have, for centuries, played a huge part in food culture in South-east Asia. Dr Schalk has a background that combines science, art and history, while Ng is a local clay artist.

WHERE: Learning Space, National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis/City Hall **WHEN:** May 9, 3 - 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** www.nlb.gov.sg

A Librarian's World – The Malayan Emergency: Exploring Resources In The National Library

The Malayan Emergency, a guerrilla war, was declared by the British authorities in 1948 to fight the communist insurgency and lasted till 1960. The National Library's senior manager (research) Ronnie Tan will highlight the resources he consulted, as well as some interesting stories he came across, while researching the Malayan Emergency.

WHERE: Possibility Room, National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis/City Hall **WHEN:** May 22, 7 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required **INFO:** www.nlb.gov.sg

CLASSES

What Is Speciality Coffee?

Join this workshop to expand your knowledge of coffee, its origins and

the people and systems involved in bringing seed to cup.

WHERE: Betr Barista Coffee Academy, 04-01, 9 Harrison Road **MRT:** Tai Seng **WHEN:** Various dates in April and May **ADMISSION:** \$120 **INFO:** www.betrbarista.com

Workforce Skills Qualification – Authentic Peranakan Dishes

Learn to whip up authentic Peranakan dishes, how to blend Chinese ingredients with various distinct spices, and the cooking techniques used by the Malay/Indonesian community.

WHERE: LTC Building A, 01-00/04-01, 10 Arumugam Road **MRT:** MacPherson **WHEN:** Various dates this month, 9am - 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** From \$69.60 **INFO:** ssaculinary.institute

Gokul Yoga Workshop

Delve deeper into the concept and precepts of Gokul Yoga, which

harnesses the three faculties of the mind – thinking, feeling and willing.

WHERE: The Yoga School, 39-01, 65 Chulia Street **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** May 9, 10am - noon **ADMISSION:** \$68 **INFO:** yogaschool.asia/sanctuary/

Applied Sport Psychology Course

Learn how to use the mind to achieve peak performance and facilitate the healing of the injured athletic body. This course is eligible for SkillsFuture Credit.

WHERE: Ngee Ann Polytechnic, 535 Clementi Road **MRT:** Clementi **WHEN:** May 28 & 29, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$321 **INFO:** www.np.edu.sg

Basic Exercise Science

This 16-hour course is for those interested in basic health and fitness knowledge and exercise techniques. They will be taught exercise terminologies and the fundamentals of human anatomy, physiology, nutrition, aerobic training, resistance training and flexibility.

WHERE: Republic Polytechnic, 9 Woodlands Avenue 9 **MRT:** Woodlands **WHEN:** Various dates this month **ADMISSION:** Full course fees: \$695.50, Singapore citizens aged 40 & above: \$69.55. Payment may be made using SkillsFuture Credit. **INFO:** www.rp.edu.sg

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