

MusicPicks

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MUSIC FOR A CAUSE 2020

Expect intimate performances and live chats with the all-local line-up at the livestream of music festival Music For A Cause.

The artists include Jack & Rai (left) and Dru Chen, who will perform on Thursday, and 53A (above) and Charlie Lim, who will play next Friday.

The festival is looking to raise funds for various groups affected by Covid-19, including local musicians (#FundAGig; give.asia/fundagig); hawkers (#FundAHawker; give.asia/fundahawker); and healthcare and food delivery workers (#HawkersXFrontliners, where food and drinks purchased via #FundAHawker are distributed to these workers).

WHERE: www.facebook.com/MFAC.sg

WHEN: May 28 & 29, with two sessions each day at 4 to 6.15pm and 7 to 9.15pm

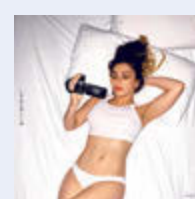
INFO: mfac.sg



CHILL LAH ON SPOTIFY

Home-grown artists like Charlie Lim (left) and Linying share what they have been listening to at home during the circuit breaker. Artists will also talk about their latest inspirations on Spotify's Chill Lah playlist.

Tune in to find out what their favourite home-grown songs are and even get self-care tips.
WHERE: spoti.fi/2AMdhZ9



ELECTRO-POP
HOW I'M FEELING NOW
Charli XCX
★★★★☆

From the anxiety-laced lyrics to the do-it-yourself approach, British singer Charli XCX's (right) latest album is a work appropriate for these strange times.

Born out of quarantine in Los Angeles, the release was written, recorded and mixed in around six weeks. That said, this is no hack job.

The tracks still carry Charli's intriguing trademark sound of late – avant-pop with jarring, industrial beats.

One second, she coos "I like everything about you" on Claws to her quarantine mate and boyfriend Huck Kwong. But the next, the paranoia creeps in on Enemy, where she questions if him being so close now could one day make him her biggest enemy ("Now I've finally let you come a little close to me, oh maybe you're my enemy").

The song Anthems perhaps captures the isolation anxiety the best.

She rattles off a list of daily schedules many might be familiar with in these times – "wake up late, eat some cereal/try my best to be physical/lose myself in a TV



show/staring out to oblivion" – and expresses a longing for "flowers and the trees, dirt all on my knees" and "heat from all the bodies" at parties.

But amid the helplessness and existential dread ("I get existential and so strange"), she still has hope: "Finally, when it's over, we might be even closer."

CLOUD CLUBBING: THE EPIC MARATHON

A selection of DJs from the Asia-Pacific region – including Singapore, Japan, Australia and Taiwan – is coming together for a marathon clubbing experience this weekend.

Organised by streaming platform Bigo Live and gaming brand Razer, the event kicks off tomorrow and stretches into the early hours of the next day. Acts like Rave Republic, DJ Sakura and DJ Eko will spin from their homes.

WHERE: Watch the various streams via the Bigo Live app, which can be downloaded at bigolive.onelink.me/sGBX/bigoliveapp

WHEN: Tomorrow, 5pm, to Sunday, 2.30am

INFO: www.razer.com/cloud-clubbing

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GIGS

The Show Goes On... Line: Crystal Goh

Singer-songwriter and music producer Crystal Goh performed original songs and soundscapes that were inspired by her journey of healing from a rare neurological condition. Filmed live in March, the performance is presented by Foreword, a free-for-all programme where word – spoken, narrated or musically interpreted – takes centre stage. Goh collaborates with at-risk youth and children of incarcerated parents to write, record and perform original songs through the Diamonds on the Street initiative.

WHERE: Watch it at www.esplanade.com/offstage/arts/crystal-goh

#HydeAtHome With Myrne

Multi-genre music festival Hydeout brings the dance party to the living room with this one-hour gig that will be livestreamed via the festival's Instagram page. Myrne is the first Singaporean DJ to be signed by Ultra Records, which also represents international DJ heavyweights like Alan Walker and Steve Aoki.

WHEN: Tomorrow, 8pm
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: www.instagram.com/hydeoutfestival

CHARITY

One Hope – Sota Fundraising Concert

The concert, organised and performed by students from the School of the Arts (Sota), aims to raise funds for The Rice Company Limited's Engage2.0 campaign, which keeps at-risk children and youth safe and well, especially during the Covid-19 period, through online classes in visual arts, dance and vocals. It will be livestreamed on YouTube and features multi-disciplinary performances.

WHEN: Today, 5pm
INFO: bit.ly/OneHopeSOTA

TALKS

Professional Conversion Programme For Registered Nurses (Diploma)

This programme supports mid-career professionals, managers, executives and technicians in acquiring relevant training to be registered nurses. Successful candidates will receive funding to pursue the two-year Diploma in Nursing (Accelerated) at Nanyang Polytechnic. The virtual question-and-answer session will address queries related to the programme.

WHEN: Wed, 3 - 3.45pm
ADMISSION: Free with registration
INFO: bit.ly/2Zm3tiA

Parents Talk: Eat Well, Live Well

Part of the People's Association school holidays series, this talk teaches parents how to manage their children's eating habits and imparts nutritional tips and recipes. Guest speakers are Ms Fiona Chia, founder of nutrition consultancy Health Can Be Fun, and Jacelyn Tay, a Fly Entertainment artist.

WHEN: Tomorrow, 2 - 3pm
ADMISSION: Free with registration
INFO: bit.ly/2TnK6C8

Parents Talk: Building Connections With Your Family

This talk, under the People's Association school holidays series, aims to promote a close-knit family relationship during the circuit breaker. Psychologist Nyein Nyein from Zenith Medical Clinic as well as celebrity parents and actors Andie Chen and Kate Pang will share their tips on staying sane at home.

WHEN: Thu, 4 - 5pm
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: bit.ly/2XhYux3

CLASSES

Next Stage

The Singapore Repertory Theatre is presenting a digital programme targeted at actors aged 13 to 16. Conducted via Zoom, the series aims to help participants learn a specific skill each day, such as directing and set design. Trainers include actress Cheryl Tan (Forbidden City, 2017) and Petrina Tan, winner of Best Set Design at The Straits Times Life Theatre Awards 2020.

WHEN: Tue till May 30, 2.30 - 4pm
ADMISSION: \$200
INFO: bit.ly/3cSmZr2