

MusicPicks

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DANCE/ELECTRONIC QUARANTINE CASANOVA
Chromeo
Atlantic Records
★★★★☆

It is another week and yet another quarantine record has dropped. But instead of dealing with abject loneliness or existential crises, the funk-driven Quarantine Casanova EP by Canadian electro-funk duo Chromeo has overt coronavirus themes – with references to the United States government's top infectious disease expert Anthony Fauci (Roni Got Me Stressed Out), social distancing (6 Feet Away) and the aptly titled Cabin Fever. With what they call "Corona jams" centred on romantic frustrations, Dave 1 (above, left) and P-Thugg (above, right) have come a long way from their first freestyle track posted on Instagram – the 1980s-style, vocoder – and talk-box-laced Clorox Wipe that opens the EP. The pop-funk number 6 Feet Away is an unexpectedly poignant love song, with lyrics like "They're gonna scream at us if we're talking too close/But I'm alone in my house and it's you I need the most/When it's all over I won't miss this/Right now I'ma go the distance/I'm just gonna love you from six feet away". But the duo's trademark sense of humour is never too far off, as they also sing about toilet-paper shortages and Zoom meetings. They keep it light-hearted and relatable but, most importantly, joyful.



HEARTS ON FIRE: ELECTROCLASH AND NU RAVE
DJ Weelikeme (above, right, with DJ KidG) turns back the clock to the heyday of electroclash for a virtual rave, with tunes from the likes of Justice, M.I.A and CSS. Turn up the party at home with bottled cocktails and booze bundles you can order via bit.ly/heartsonfire-ishopchangi-fb. **WHEN:** Today, 10pm to midnight **WHERE:** twitch.tv/eamtpeoptart



BAYBEATS ONLINE
This is the online precursor to the annual Baybeats alternative music festival, which will take place at the Esplanade from Nov 6 to 8. Split into five segments (Baybeats Unplugged, In Bed with Baybeats, Chapalang Sessions, Observation

Deck and #BaybeatsThrowback), the online event will feature pre-recorded and live-stream sessions that can be accessed from the festival website. The performance line-up includes melodic punk trio Iman's League (above), indie-pop act Dreebsby, home-grown music scene stalwart

Charlie Lim and progressive rock outfit Anechois. There will also be panel discussions and informal chats with those in the home-grown music scene. **WHEN:** Aug 21 to 23, from 8pm **WHERE:** www.esplanade.com/baybeats



THE BASEMENT STUDIO: SUSPENDED IN THIS DISASTER VOLUME 1
Beach Road recording studio The Basement Studio is holding its first live-stream show, to keep alive a scene fraught by the lack of live gigs.

Fans of metalcore and hard-core, take note, as home-grown bands Terrestrea (above), Seavision and Allegiance will be performing. **WHEN:** Today, from 8.30pm **WHERE:** www.facebook.com/thebasementstudio.sg

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GIGS

An Intimate Performance With Amni Musfirah

The Singapore-born producer and singer-songwriter will be performing the songs she has written about

female empowerment and sharing the stories behind them. Amni has released six singles and is working on her debut album, which is slated for release next year. Part of Red Dot August, a celebration of things uniquely Singapore by the Esplanade. **WHEN:** Sun, 8pm – Sept 7, noon

INFO: Watch it at str.sg/JhNR

Music For The Soul – Beyond Second Chances

Intune Music, founded by pianist Peng Chi Seng and vocalist Aaron Matthew Lim, has conducted music and performance lessons for Changi Prison inmates since 2014. They founded the Yellow Ribbon PAC Alumni in the hope that through these regular music jamming sessions and performance opportunities, the former inmates can stay grounded and find self-belief after their release. The video consists of performances by Intune Music and the Yellow Ribbon PAC Alumni. Part of Red Dot August, a celebration of things uniquely Singapore by the Esplanade. **WHEN:** Wed, 8pm – Sept 7, noon **INFO:** Watch it at str.sg/JhNa

Jass@Home: Swinging In Singapore – A Celebration Of Singapore's 55th Birthday

Presented by the Jazz Association (Singapore) (JASS), this performance features jazz renditions of Singapore and Asean songs and original local compositions, including the world premiere of The Lion Roars Again by Jass associate director Weixiang Tan. Home-grown vocalists Alemay Fernandez, Rudy Djoie and New York-based Melissa Tham will also make appearances. The video will be available on the group's Facebook and YouTube channels. **WHEN:** Aug 23, 8pm

INFO: Watch it at str.sg/JhND

TALKS

Next In Fashion

Hosted by training company General Assembly, this talk features home-grown business owners including Ms Raena Lim, co-founder of Style Theory, a fashion platform promoting a smarter way to consume fashion; Mr Afzal Imram, co-founder of State Property, a contemporary fine jewellery label; and Ms Megha Singh, mentorship and match programme director of Crib, a non-profit social enterprise that helps women set up successful businesses. They will speak about how far the local fashion industry has come, what is ahead and how technology is shaping the industry. **WHEN:** Today, 12.30 – 1.30pm **INFO:** Free with registration, watch it at str.sg/JhNr

Scaling Action On Sustainability

The talk, hosted by training company General Assembly, features advocates of eco-friendly lifestyles. They include Mr David Ward, founder of The Nurturing Co and a leader in sustainable product business development; keynote speaker and change maker Veerappan Swaminathan, founder and director of Sustainable Living Lab, which develops innovative solutions for organisations and communities that want to grow sustainably; and Ms Sam

Shu Qin, co-founder of Our Singapore Reefs, which connects like-minded marine enthusiasts through diving and educational outreach programmes.

WHEN: Mon, 6.30 – 7.30pm **INFO:** Free with registration, watch it at str.sg/JhNF

WSG Careers Connect On The Go

Organised by Workforce Singapore, the event allows participants to connect with career coaches who can help them discover their strengths and make informed decisions about their career and goals. **WHERE:** Sengkang Public Library, Compass One, 1 Sengkang Square MRT: Sengkang **WHEN:** Wed – Fri **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** wsg.gov.sg/career-services

SPORTS

Yin Yoga

This practice associated with traditional Chinese medicine teaches participants to calm their mind and body through passive poses that are held for periods of time. Yin yoga is said to improve flexibility and mental focus while relieving stress and anxiety. **WHERE:** 03-39 Bras Basah Complex, Block 231 Bain Street MRT: Bras Basah **WHEN:** Every Tue, 6.30 – 7.45pm **ADMISSION:** \$23 for 10 sessions, \$23 for a single session (walk-in) **INFO:** str.sg/JhNt

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