

Music Picks

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ROCK WITH US

Taiwanese singer Angela Chang (right) will join home-grown artists and musicians including Joi Chua, Jeremy Monteiro and Jimmy Ye for this online concert that raises funds for Darul Ihsan Orphanage.

Hosted by Taiwanese host Mickey Huang, the multilingual concert will run for about two hours. Other acts performing include Taiwanese singer-songwriter William Wei, also known as WeiBird, home-grown singers Alemay Fernandez, Rudy Djoie and Jordin Tan, as well as veteran local club band Jive Talkin'.

WHERE: Several online platforms including IMC Live Global's Facebook page (facebook.com/IMCLIVEGlobal)

WHEN: Sept 23, 9pm
ADMISSION: Free but viewers are encouraged to donate at bit.ly/2F3cMMY



WORDS & MUSIC WITH NICK HEXUM OF 311

American singer-songwriter Nick Hexum (above) will appear in this upcoming episode of local podcast Words & Music, hosted by concert organiser and former radio and television host Lauretta Alabons.

Hexum is the frontman of American alternative rock band 311, known for hits such as Amber (2001) and their 2004 cover of English rockers The Cure's Lovesong. He will discuss 311's 30th anniversary celebrations as well as how the Covid-19 pandemic has affected the band's live performances.

WHERE: Several platforms including apple.co/32c8jQE and spoti.fi/336fV6 **WHEN:** Thursday, 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free



JAZZ ANTHOLOGY BY AYA SEKINE TRIO + SPECIAL GUESTS

Three prominent musicians in the Singapore jazz scene – Japanese pianist Aya Sekine (above), American bassist Christy Smith and home-grown drummer Aaron James Lee – will perform in this online concert. They will take on music by American music icons Jerome Kern and Duke Ellington, as well as original songs by Sekine.

The gig, part of Sekine's online music series Aya Music Today, will also feature guest musicians Shawn Letts on tenor saxophone and Tim De Cotta on vocals.

In recognition of the African-American community's role in creating and popularising jazz music globally, all proceeds from the concert will be donated to United States civil rights organisation NAACP, or National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

WHERE: bit.ly/3bHkKq0 **WHEN:** Sunday, 8pm
ADMISSION: Viewers can pay as much as they want but are encouraged to give \$20 a household. Payment is to be made via PayPal! or PayNow (phone number 9660-5471) or at PayPal.me/ayasekine. Indicate "Jazz Anthology" for both modes of payment.



NU-SOUL/JAZZ TAPE ENDS

The Steve McQueens
★★★★☆

Singapore soul/jazz outfit The Steve McQueens are a prolific bunch. They are currently working on The Observer, the follow-up to 2017's sophomore album Terrarium that is scheduled for release next year.

In the meantime, the quartet – comprising singer Eugenia Yip, keyboardist Joshua Wan, bassist Jase Sng and drummer Anson Koh – have released a six-song EP, Tape Ends. But this is not a stopgap until their next full-length album. Tape Ends features finely crafted, previously unreleased songs from

their 2018 Tape tour that saw them play shows in Singapore and Japan.

A free-wheeling spirit permeates the songs, but there is also a distinct intimacy – mostly thanks to Yip's fluid and penetrating vocals. Cosmic Terrain 2.0 is a wild, psychedelic ride, while Go To Sleep is a lush, yet trippy lullaby. Lead single Firefly starts out eerie but takes a left turn with snatches of electronica.

That sums up the EP – you think the song is going one way, but the band surprise with delicious twists.



STRAITS RECORDS POP-UP STORE

Singapore record label and music store Straits Records, a stalwart of the independent and underground music scene here and in the region, has a physical presence again. The 25-year-old company founded by Mr Ridhwan Ghany, also known as Wan Vegan, closed its last retail space in Balestier in 2016 due to rising rental costs.

Its current space at The Substation might be temporary, but like the record store, the arts centre has long championed the non-mainstream scene in Singapore.

Besides an eclectic collection of CDs and vinyls, the space also hosts workshops ranging from live-screen printing to zine-making as well as music-listening parties. It is part of The Substation's Front Of House Project, which features local independent retailers operating a bi-monthly pop-up store at its box office.

WHERE: The Substation, 45 Armenian Street **WHEN:** Until Oct 11; Wednesdays to Fridays, 2.30 to 7.30pm; weekends, 1 to 8pm

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GIGS

Everything Everything

British R&B and indie/art rock band Everything Everything will premiere material from their new album, Re-animator, with a virtual reality concert. The virtual environment will offer fans interactive real-time experiences such as meeting the band and connecting with other fans from around the world.

WHERE: Sansar App
WHEN: Today, 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$13 for general admission, \$20 for VIP access (limited tickets)
INFO: everything-everything.co.uk

Hamilton Leithauser Record Release Party Live Stream

American singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Hamilton Leithauser will perform songs from his live album, Live! At Cafe Carlyle (2020), at Levon Helm Studios in Woodstock, New York.

WHERE: Seated Live Stream
WHEN: Sunday, 8am **ADMISSION:** \$15 plus \$3 fees for Advance Streaming Pass; \$20 plus \$4 fees for Day of Show Streaming Pass
INFO: bit.ly/3k09s3H

Wallows Virtual World Tour Night 3

American alternative rock band

Wallows will perform live at The Roxy Theatre in Los Angeles, with songs such as Are You Bored Yet?, OK and Nobody Gets Me (Like You). Part of their four-gig virtual world tour, which consists of four unique sets.

WHEN: Monday, 2am
ADMISSION: US\$15 (S\$20)
INFO: bit.ly/2G02NM1

TALKS

Everything You Need to Know About Post-Production

In this virtual lecture, Chai Yee Wei, film-maker and founder of award-winning post-production facility Mocha Chai Laboratories, will highlight details that independent film-makers have to be aware of and how they can impact the distribution of their works. Part of Objectifs Short Film Incubator 2020, which develops short film scripts from South-east Asian film-makers.

WHERE: Zoom **WHEN:** Wed, 9 to 10.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free with registration **INFO:** bit.ly/3ii914C

Youth Nature Explorer Opening Webinar

NParks has launched Youth@SGNature, an initiative for the community to engage with nature.

In this webinar, participants will learn more about existing programmes such as Community in Nature and Community in Bloom, and new ones like Youth Nature Explorer under the Biodiversity Friends Forum and Green Friends Forum platform. Youth Nature Explorer participants can take part in ecological restoration works, biodiversity surveys, or hands-on experience in horticulture, landscape design and creating content for digital engagement and outreach. Open to youth aged 16 to 25.

WHERE: Zoom **WHEN:** Sept 19, 10 to 11.30am **ADMISSION:** Free with registration **INFO:** bit.ly/35kTt5

CLASSES

"So You Want To Be An Author" Virtual Masterclass

This class by Candid Creation Publishing, an independent English-Chinese publishing house, consists of six modules tailored to help writers who aspire to become published authors of non-fiction books. Participants will be guided to develop their own blueprint for publishing success using the 6P Publishing Framework.

WHEN: Till Sept 25, 9.30am **ADMISSION:** \$298
INFO: bit.ly/33dZmp7

Jiwang Flow: A Movement Workshop

Jiwang is Malay slang for overly sentimental. Participants will learn how to use their voices and sentimental songs as a release and observe the effect this has on a performance.

WHERE: Rumah P7:1SMA, 03-01 Stamford Arts Centre **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5pm
ADMISSION: Free with registration **INFO:** bit.ly/3ii2t5R

Wood-fired Artisan Bread Workshop

In this farm-to-table experience, participants get hands-on in bread-making. They learn to make rustic bread and cinnamon rolls and have them baked in the speciality Earth Oven. Suitable for all ages. Participants can bring one child (up to age 12) at no additional fee.

WHERE: Kampung Kampus, Ground-Up Initiative, 91 Lorong Chencharu (Yishun) **MRT:** Khatib **WHEN:** Tomorrow & Saturday, 9.30am - 1.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$120
INFO: bit.ly/3mdPLrp

SPORTS

Sports Performance Training

Learn how to enhance your sports performance through strength and

conditioning in this virtual class. Athletes will be coached in a variety of movements (push, pull, squat, hinge and carry) to improve strength and power development. The training plan is progressively overloaded to ensure adequate adaptation to improve physical performance and build up endurance.

WHERE: Google Meet
WHEN: Every Sat till Sept 26, 8.30am
ADMISSION: \$15
INFO: www.sistic.com.sg/events/gmspt2020

Simpang River Trail

Kayakers will take a leisurely paddle into one of the last riverine mangroves on our shores and learn about the Giant Fig, snails, Rubik's cubes, lobsters, and why there are plenty of babies in the mangrove. The trip, organised by eco adventure travel company Kayakasia, is a good introduction for beginners.

WHERE: Sembawang Park **MRT:** Sembawang **WHEN:** Mon, 7.30 - 11.45am **ADMISSION:** \$95 a person, \$50 for kids under 12
INFO: bit.ly/3igC7kz

FESTIVALS

Fukuoka Asian Picks 2020

This Asian music exchange event showcases up-and-coming artists

and speakers in the entertainment industry. This year, Taiwan's music scene and culture will be showcased at a virtual event. There will be performances by Taiwanese acts L8ching and Defeated Sandwich, Daynirn from Thailand and others. Other activities include lectures and talks and meet-up parties.

WHERE: Fuk Asian Picks YouTube Channel **WHEN:** Tomorrow & Sun, 2 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: en.asianpicks.jp

Overpass Music Festival

This live virtual music festival features a line-up of international artists such as Baekhyun from South Korean-Chinese boy band Exo and Mino from South Korean group Winner. Other acts include Malaysian singer-songwriter Yuna, Filipino actor-singer James Reid, Bangkok's indie darling Phum Viphurit, Los Angeles-based DJ and singer SoSuperSam and British neo-soul singer-songwriter Joy Crookes. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to non-profits to raise funds and awareness for the pandemic.

WHEN: Sept 26, 10pm
ADMISSION: US\$8 or US\$90 with merchandise bundle
INFO: www.overpassmusic.com