

MusicPicks

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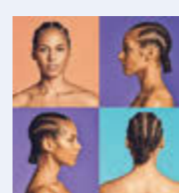


**THE PEATIX ONLINE EVENT FESTIVAL**

Online ticketing platform Peatix is marking the launch of its live-streaming feature Peatix Live – which allows event organisers to create paid online live experiences – with a 12-hour-long music and lifestyle festival tomorrow. Singaporean and Malaysian acts, such as home-grown psych-rock band Beakers in Space and reggae artist Masia One (above), are in the

line-up. Masia One will perform tracks from her forthcoming EP *Freedom Fades* (7 to 8pm) in a segment that includes chats with producers and songwriters from around the world. The programme also includes a capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art) workout and a beat-box workshop. **WHERE:** peatixonlinefest.peatix.com **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am to 11pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 for an all-access festival pass

PHOTOS: MASIA ONE/FACEBOOK, ALICIA KEYS/FACEBOOK, 3AM MUSIC COLLECTIVE



R&B  
**ALICIA**  
Alicia Keys  
RCA  
★★★★☆

Like many of her fellow musicians, American singer-songwriter Alicia Keys has also dropped a record reflective of the times.

Whether she is raising a rallying cry for young teachers, student doctors and "single mothers waiting on a cheque to come" on *Underdog*, or denouncing police brutality on *Perfect Way To Die* – a piano ballad written from the perspective of a grieving mother whose son has been gunned down by the police – Keys' work on her seventh album is timely.

But nothing ever feels too heavy or world weary. Instead, she does what she does best – warm, hopeful and uplifting music.

"Cause the world needs love, don't we all know," she sings on *Jill Scott*, a fan-girl tribute to the American neo-soul singer, in which Keys channels Scott's style and even gets her to cameo on it.

Two decades on from her R&B/pop beginnings, Keys' sound is injected with a freshness, mostly by way of her collaborators.

British singer Sampha's striking tone offsets Keys' pretty vocals on



the slow burning *3 Hour Drive*, while the pulsing *Me x 7* plays off American rapper Tierra Whack's original, staccato-laced flow.

Ultimately, this is inoffensive, accessible music for healing and taking a break.

"We're all in this boat forever, and we're sailing towards the future and it's alright," she sings on *Authors Of Forever*, offering a glimmer of hope for the pandemic-weary listener.



**BEYOND THE LABEL FEST**

Catch Singaporean singers Kit Chan, Stefanie Sun and Taufik Batisah performing as part of *Beyond The Label Fest*, a virtual festival which supports mental wellness.

Hosted by singers Benjamin Kheng and Inch Chua on Facebook Live, the concert will also feature the debut of songs that trace the

emotional journey of a person with mental illness and that advocate mental health awareness.

The tunes are by 3am Music Collective – a group of musicians that includes Beverly Morata, Jack and Rai (both above), MICapella's Eugene Yip, the T'ang Quartet's Leslie Tan and Yu-Ying Ng. **WHERE:** bit.ly/3kLk0oB **WHEN:** Sunday, 8pm

GIGS

**One OK Rock Field Of Wonder At Stadium Live Streaming**

Japanese rock band One OK Rock will hold their first live online concert next month, which will be streamed from Zozo Marine Stadium in Chiba, Japan. They are known for songs such as *Smiling Down* (2013), *Living Dolls* (2008) and *Kasabuta* (2013).

**WHEN:** Oct 11, 5pm  
**ADMISSION:** 5,000 yen (\$65)  
**INFO:** str.sg/JB3W

**Havana Social Club**

The group comprises musicians from Cuba, Colombia, Singapore, Australia, Venezuela and the United States and they specialise in Cuban and Latin music. The concert will be live-streamed from the Esplanade.

Part of the Esplanade's *Crossing Borders: Latin American Fiesta*. **WHERE:** Esplanade OffStage **WHEN:** Wed, 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** str.sg/JB3m

**Scarypoolparty Live From The Wiltern**

Runner-up on the 17th season of *American Idol*, Alejandro Aranda, who is known by his stage name Scarypoolparty, will perform live from The Wiltern theatre in Los Angeles. He will play tracks from his albums *Exit Form* (2019) and *Doom Hologram* (2020). Viewers can also experience backstage exclusives, interact with other fans via chat and host virtual watch parties. The VIP package includes a special acoustic live performance an hour before the show starts. **WHEN:** Mon, 9am **ADMISSION:** \$10 & \$25 (includes VIP acoustic performance) **INFO:** str.sg/JB3s

CHARITY

**Virtual Gala Dinner By St John's Home For Elderly Persons**

The home is raising funds to complete its new premises – its current land lease is due to expire. Donors can enjoy a gourmet meal and entertainment by Sebastian Tan, also known as Broadway Beng. They can choose from menus from Grand Shanghai Restaurant, Imperial Treasure or Prego and have the meals delivered. RSVP by Monday. Outright donations of any amount are also welcome. **WHEN:** Oct 18, 5.30 - 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** Menu set at \$200, \$300 & \$500 **INFO:** str.sg/JB3e

TALKS

**Staying Same During Covid-19 Economic Downturn**

The pandemic has severely impacted the Singapore economy and in the

coming months, business closures, retrenchments and unemployment are expected to go up. Mindfulness expert Angie Chew joins Straits Times senior health correspondent Joyce Teo in this session to offer insights on how you can reframe your thinking to prepare yourself for the changes and challenges ahead and emerge more resilient and positive. Ms Chew was named ST's Singaporean of The Year last year for advocating mental wellness. Part of the AskST@NLB monthly video sessions. **WHEN:** Today, 7pm **INFO:** www.facebook.com/TheStraitsTimes

**After The Pandemic: Reimagining Education**

With the new education landscape incorporating physical and digital spaces, this virtual talk explores the implications on digital inequality in society. Supported by the Singapore Global Network, which connects and supports overseas Singaporeans. **WHEN:** Today, 5.15 - 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** str.sg/JB3n

CLASSES

**Adobe Premiere Pro CC**

In this three-day workshop, learn to combine and edit video, audio, effects, animation, titles and other elements to build a complete video project using Adobe Premiere Pro CC. **WHERE:** Objectifs – Centre for Photography & Film, 155 Middle Road **MRT:** Bencoolen/Bugis **WHEN:** Wed - Oct 2, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$680 **INFO:** str.sg/JB37

**Basic Chinese Percussion Theory Course**

This one-hour session is organised by the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre and Drum Feng, an award-winning home-grown

percussion ensemble. Participants will learn basic percussion notation, which is commonly used by Drum Feng and many other percussion practitioners around the world. There are three levels of classes – beginner, intermediate and advanced – which are suitable for those aged 13 and older.

**WHERE:** Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre, 1 Straits Boulevard **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Every Sunday, 2.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free with registration **INFO:** str.sg/JB36

**ArchiCraft: Gouache Workshop**

Learn basic techniques such as colour-mixing and brush-handling methods that help to paint landscapes in gouache. Participants will be guided to paint a simple landscape after the instructor's demonstration. They will be given a 20 per cent discount code to buy the materials required at Overjoyed, an art and craft and stationery shop at The Cathay. The virtual workshop is curated by SUTDIO, Singapore University of Technology and Design's architecture student society.

**WHEN:** Sunday, 10am  
**ADMISSION:** \$30  
**INFO:** str.sg/JB3L

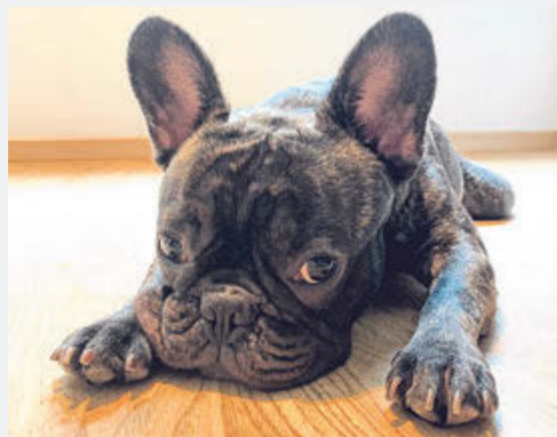
SPORTS

**Zoom Fitness With Matthew Ang**

In this virtual dance fitness class, participants can choose from Zumba Fitness, an interval-style dance fitness workout; Party Jamz, which features top 40 hits; Zumba Gold, best suited to active older adults; or Megadanz, a rhythm programme that ensures a cardiovascular training workout. Open to people of all fitness levels.

**WHEN:** Till Wed  
**ADMISSION:** \$10 a class  
**INFO:** str.sg/JB3a

Got a question about your pet? Ask the vet



Have a query about your pet? Get it answered by vets from the National Parks Board in a fortnightly column on Saturdays in the Life section of The Straits Times.

E-mail your question with clear, high-resolution pictures of at least 1MB, if any, and your full name to stlife@sph.com.sg, with Ask The Vet in the subject line.

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