



SINGAPORE
WRITERS FESTIVAL

17 – 26
NOV 2023

PLOT TWIST

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PLOT TWIST

Maybe living in strange times means embracing strange approaches. An unexpected outcome, a sudden change in direction, unlikely connections. This year at Singapore Writers Festival we're embracing the unpredictable. What happens when you put things that seemingly don't have anything in common, together? No spoilers please!

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ASTROLOGY A RECORD PRODUCER TURNED
NEUROSCIENTIST BOOK TINDER CURRY PUFFS COMBAT SPORTS
COMMUNITY HISTORIANS CARTOONS CELEBRITY BOOK CLUBS CAN
THE SUBALTERN SPEAK? DISNEY PRINCESSES DIKIR JAM EMAILS FADO
FOOD IN SCIENCE FICTION GHOST HUNTING GAME WRITING HIP HOP
INCLUSIVE FASHION INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES JOURNALISM K-POP
KEBAYA LOST CINEMAS MARVEL MEMOIRS IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL
MEDIA NDP SONGS OTTERS IN THE CITY POWERPOINT KARAOKE
PUNK ROCK QING DYNASTY REPTILE SPIES SINGAPORE WRITERS
FESTIVAL SUPERMARKETS SING LIT TINY ROOMS UNEXPECTED
PAIRINGS VTUBERS WHO'S AFRAID OF GENDER? WORLDBUILDING
X MARKS THE SPOT YA BOOK COVERS ZINES 17 – 26 NOV 2023

TICKETING

Tickets are available via online booking at singaporewritersfestival.com and phone booking via BookMyShow (BMS)'s hotline at +65 6591 8871.

FESTIVAL PASS AT \$30 | YOUTH PASS AT \$15

Before attending your first in-person SWF event, proceed to the SWF Ticketing Counter located at the porch of The Arts House with your BookMyShow e-ticket to do a one-time redemption of your physical Festival Pass that will entitle you to all Festival Pass programmes throughout the festival.

INDIVIDUALLY TICKETED EVENTS (\$5 – \$60)

For selected lectures, performances, workshops and masterclasses

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY

Festival Passes, SWF Youth Passes and tickets to all Individually Ticketed Events can be purchased at singaporewritersfestival.com.

For all other ticketing details, please refer to the programme write-ups on the SWF website.

FESTIVAL PASS DISCOUNT

20% savings on all Individually Ticketed Events, such as talks, lectures, performances, workshops with your Festival Pass/SWF Youth Pass.

CONCESSIONS

(only applicable from 26 Oct – 26 Nov)

SWF offers 20% off Festival Passes and Individually Ticketed Events to local and international students, NSFs, and seniors aged 55 and above. ID will be required for on-site verification.

Do note that there will be a BMS booking fee of \$1 for tickets valued at \$20 and below, \$3 for tickets valued between \$20.01 – \$40 and \$4 for tickets valued above \$40.



For full festival line-up and ticketing details, please visit singaporewritersfestival.com.

CONVERSATIONS/LECTURES



ASNIDA DAUD



GAYATRI SPIVAK



LEMN SISSAY



JUDITH BUTLER

FESTIVAL OPENING DEBATE: THIS HOUSE BELIEVES AI IS THE BETTER WRITER **FEST PASS** WITH REGISTRATION

FEATURING Various artists

DATE 17 Nov, Fri TIME 7.30pm – 9.30pm

VENUE Victoria Theatre

It's a clash between the machines and the muses, a toss-up between the motherboard and a pen. Eight festival speakers go head-to-head on the battle of heart vs. algorithm as artificial intelligence squares off against real-life authors. Can neural networks truly conquer the human imagination? And because we're human and like to complicate things, true to the spirit of Plot Twist, the proposition's closing speaker is ChatGPT.

The Festival Opening Debate commences with Festival Opening Addresses.

LAYAR KE TEKS BERSAMA JAMAL ISMAIL DAN ASNIDA DAUD

SCREEN TO TEXT WITH JAMAL ISMAIL AND ASNIDA DAUD **FEST PASS**

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 4.30pm – 6pm

VENUE Demonstration Room, ACM

Penulis berbilang anugerah, Jamal Ismail, menemui Asnida Daud untuk berbincang tentang karya terbaharunya Ombak Selatan dan memberi pencerahan terhadap isu-isu pemindahan yang dihadapi penduduk Kepulauan Selatan.

Sesi ini diadakan dalam Bahasa Melayu.

IN CONVERSATION WITH: GAYATRI SPIVAK **\$40**

FEATURING Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak & Chitra Sankaran

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 10am – 11.30am

VENUE Victoria Theatre

Widely recognised as one of the most influential voices to shape the discourse of comparative literature, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak sits with academic Chitra Sankaran and writer and artist Shubigi Rao to discuss speaking up, being out of turn, and striving for a more equitable world.

FESTIVAL GALA: POETS AND BELONGING **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Lemn Sissay, Yomi Sode & ArunDitha

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 12pm – 1pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

This gala brings poets Lemn Sissay, Yomi Sode, and ArunDitha together in poetic response to how we occupy space, the names we go by, the way we belong or don't belong.

FESTIVAL KEYNOTE TALK: JUDITH BUTLER **\$20**

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 9.30pm – 10.30pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

Judith Butler needs no introduction as one the most distinguished philosophers of our time. Their ideas in the groundbreaking text *Gender Trouble* were a crucial contribution to third-wave feminism, and their words increasingly prescient in the current sociopolitical landscape. Join Professor Butler in conversation with feminist geographer Kamalini Ramdas as they reflect on the theme 'plot twist' and their forthcoming book *Who's Afraid of Gender?*.

Professor Judith Butler will be joining this session via livestream.



YOMI SODE



WU MING-YI

திருப்புமுனை: தமிழ்ப் புனைவிலக்கியங்களின் திருப்பங்களும் வளர்ச்சிகளும் TWISTS & TURNS IN THE HISTORY OF TAMIL FICTION **FEST PASS**

FEATURING பெருமாள் முருகன் Perumal Murugan

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 2pm – 3.30pm

VENUE Living Room, The Arts House

உலகத் தமிழ்ப் புனைவெழுத்தின் வரலாறு பல காலகட்டங்களைத் தாண்டி, புகழ்பெற்ற எழுத்தாளர்கள் மற்றும் இயக்கங்களின் தாக்கத்தினால் இன்றைய தமிழ் வாசகர்கள், எழுத்தாளர்களின் கண்ணோட்டங்களில் பல மாற்றங்களைக் கொண்டு வந்துள்ளது.

இந்த நீண்ட வரலாற்றில் திருப்புமுனைகளாய் அமைந்த நிகழ்வுகள் யாவை? அவை இக்கால தமிழ் வாசகர்களுக்கும் எழுத்தாளர்களுக்கும் வழங்கும் வாழ்வியல் அனுபவங்கள் என்னென்ன?

புகழ்பெற்ற எழுத்தாளர் பெருமாள் முருகன் வழங்கும் இவ்விரிவுரையில், உலகத் தமிழ்ப் புனைகதை எழுத்து வரலாற்றில் நடந்த எதிர்பாரா திருப்பங்களைப் பற்றி மேலும் அறியுங்கள்.

வாசகர் வட்டத்துடன் இணைந்து வழங்கப்படும் இந்த நிகழ்ச்சி, தமிழில் நடைபெறும்.

AN ALLERGY TO SOCIETAL CONVENTIONS **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Vivian Shaw, Won Pyung Sohn & Ng Ziqin

DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 4pm – 5.30pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

Three writers discuss how they use fiction to adjust the margins of society to make space for understanding and acceptance in the face of uniqueness.

This programme is made possible with the support of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea.



PERUMAL MURUGAN



BALLI KAUR JASWAL

CELEBRITY BOOK CULTURE: EXPOSED!!! **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Jack Edwards, Balli Kaur Jaswal & Ruby Thiagarajan

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 5pm – 6pm

VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

Celebrities are embracing the literary life more than ever before and the internet is here for it. We've assembled our own panel of personalities to suss this out.

FADO AND FOOD: A MULTISENSORY APPROACH TO PORTUGUESE CULTURAL EXPRESSION **FEST PASS**

FEATURING James Félix & Hilarian Larry Francis

DATE 22 Nov, Wed TIME 7.30pm – 8.30pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

This talk explores the relationship between Portuguese cuisine and fado music and how social and cultural identities evolve and are communicated to natives and tourists.

This programme is made possible with the support of the Embassy of Portugal.

从一块砖到一座《海风酒店》——

吴明益作家见面会

WU MING-YI: FROM A BRICK TO

THE SEA BREEZE HOTEL **FEST PASS**

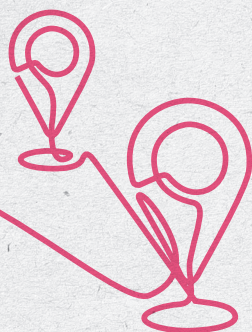
DATE 24 Nov, Fri TIME 7.30pm – 8.30pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

台湾作家吴明益带着他的新书到来!在他独有的“小说感”写作风格下,是优美而发人深省的比喻,激荡的情感,引人深思。和作家一起解开《海风酒店》是如何“一砖一瓦”地“建造”起来的。

本场见面会将以华语进行并由驻马来西亚台北经济文化办事处提供支持。

TOURS



WALKING TOURS THROUGH LOST SINGAPORE: HAUNTED PATHS \$30

FEATURING Neo Hai Bin & All Things Bukit Brown
DATE 18 & 19 Nov, Sat & Sun TIME 10am – 11.15am
VENUE Bukit Brown

WALKING TOURS THROUGH LOST SINGAPORE: RED CARPETS \$30

FEATURING Kaylene Tan, Toh Hun Ping & Ching Shu Yi
DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 5pm – 6.15pm
VENUE 1st floor lobby of Oriental Plaza

Plot twists don't just happen in books; they happen here in the real world too, where plots of land are destroyed and renewed, burying stories under layers of rubble, their secrets hidden just beneath the surface. In this series of walking tours, join writers and experts as they explore the plot twists that are invisible in our city, from the ghosts of Bukit Brown to the lost cinemas of Chinatown.



MULTILINGUAL PROGRAMMES



HAFIZ RASHID



JAYASUTHA SAMUTHIRAN

NUSANTARA, THINAI & NANYANG: LOSS IN OUR LANDSCAPES FEST PASS

FEATURING Chan Cheow Thia, Hafiz Rashid & Jayasutha Samuthiran
DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 10am – 11.30am
VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

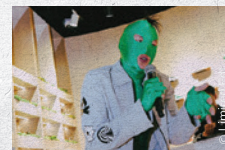
In this Festival Gala, we look at three paradigms: *Nusantara*, *Thinai*, and *Nanyang*—to situate the diasporas of the Chinese, Malay, and Tamil communities in Singapore and around the world. After generations of migration, modernisation and globalisation, do contemporary Chinese, Malays, and Tamils still find themselves united by a common thread?

WHO SAYS WE DON'T CARE: ROLE OF CONTENT CREATORS FEST PASS

FEATURING Xiao Ming's Right Brain, Fadh Fadzil & Kabila Thiagaraj
DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 8pm – 9.30pm
VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

We've seen an increasing trend of content creators promoting their respective languages and cultures on social media. Join in to understand the whys and hows, and pick up tips to create your own social media content by the end of the session.

50 YEARS OF BARS, FLOWS, AND BEATS



SEAN LIM / BGOURD



CHARLIE DARK MBE

FRESH RAPS: CREATE YOUR OWN HIP-HOP ALTER EGO WITH BGOURD FREE WITH \$5 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING Sean Lim / BGourd
DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 10am – 11.30am
VENUE Living Room, The Arts House

Singapore's very own herbaceous hip hop sensation BGourd is here to show you how his alter ego empowers him to deliver gourdly flows and tasty lines on stage. Create your own rap persona alongside BGourd and you'll be spitting juicy raps to crunchy rhythms in no time.

This programme is recommended for ages 8 – 12.

WHAT BEATS DO TO LYRICS FEST PASS

FEATURING Susan Rogers, Ramesh Krishnan & Charlie Dark MBE
DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 2pm – 3pm
VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

We get down and nerdy with musicians and sound engineers as they dissect the way rhythms lay down tracks that take language on a ride, breaking down how backbeats and funky drumclaps call for creative lyricism, making both words and people jump around.



AKEEM JAHAT



MASIA ONE

HIP HOP: RESHAPING THE WORLD AND LANGUAGE FEST PASS

FEATURING Jeff Chang, Akeem Jahat & Masia One
DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 1.30pm – 2.30pm
VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

Hear hip-hop artists and thinkers discuss how it has transcended cultural boundaries, made space for innovation and shaped everyday discourse.

This programme is part of the Spotlight on Asian-American Authors and is made possible with the support of the U.S. Embassy Singapore.

A TALE OF TWO BEATS: HIP HOP AND SPOKEN WORD FEST PASS

FEATURING Masia One, ArunDitha, Andrew Cox & Fariz Jabba
DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 4.30pm – 6pm
VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

Hear poets and hip-hop artists discuss the intersections between poetry and hip hop, sharing influences and impactful lyrics, concluding with an experimental blend of spoken word and music.

This programme is co-presented and supported by Sing Lit Station.

S.E.A. FOCUS



ONIATTA EFFENDI



LEE SU KIM



TONI MASDIONO



CT LIM



SHAMAINE OTHMAN

REVEALING THE KEBAYA:

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE, AND BEYOND **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Oniatta Effendi, Lee Su Kim & Sufiyanto AS

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 4.30pm – 5.30pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

In light of the joint multi-national 2022 UNESCO nomination for the beloved traditional kebaya, we examine its historical and contemporary significance to Southeast Asia, and unravel how narratives of its provenance and heritage exist at the intersection of globalisation, feminism, and postcolonialism.

This programme is co-presented with the Singapore Book Council.

GOING LIVE: LANGUAGE AND FANTASY IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN VTUBER UNIVERSE **FEST PASS**

FEATURING QueenPushyCat & Airi Gwynevere [Project Kavvaii]

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 9pm – 10pm

VENUE Screening Room, The Arts House

Southeast Asian VTubers are the new meta in streaming! Taking the form of adorable anime-inspired avatars, their arsenal of talents is only rivalled by their ability to seamlessly transition across multiple languages on stream. We talk to them about how language has allowed them to find a niche at the intersection of Southeast Asian and East Asian fan culture.

SHOW ME THE FUNNY: A COMEDY WORKSHOP

WITH SHAMAINE OTHMAN **\$15**

DATE 24 Nov, Fri TIME 7pm – 9pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

With acclaimed comedian Shamaine's guidance, unleash your comedic potential and delve into the synergy between the written word and live performance. Prepare to showcase your comedic prowess in an improv session.

This programme is co-presented with the Singapore Book Council. The session is open to all but strongly encouraged for those interested in comedy writing or performing.

STORIES FROM STORYBOARDS: LIVES OF SEA CARTOONISTS & COMIC ARTISTS **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Toni Masdiono, Lat & CT Lim

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 6.30pm – 7.30pm

VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

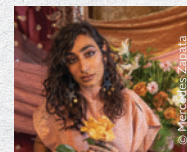
What does it take to be a cartoonist or comic artist in Southeast Asia, through history, and today? Hear about the many twists and turns in the lives of these artists from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, the social taboos they broke through with their art, and the inspiration they spark in contemporary artists and readers within and beyond the region.

This programme is supported by ComXNaut Studios and Sing Lit Station.

A SPOTLIGHT ON ASIAN-AMERICAN AUTHORS



VIET THANH NGUYEN



FATIMAH ASGHAR



EMILY X.R. PAN



KYEONG MO



EVE L. EWING

FESTIVAL KEYNOTE TALK:

VIET THANH NGUYEN **\$30**

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 5pm – 6pm

VENUE Victoria Theatre

Almost a decade since the Pulitzer Prize-Winning novel *The Sympathizer* was published, we revisit developing conversations around the continuing global refugee crisis with acclaimed author Viet Thanh Nguyen.

MAKING SPACE IN THE (MARVEL) UNIVERSE: IN CONVERSATION WITH FATIMAH ASGHAR, EVE L. EWING AND BISHA K. ALI **FEST PASS**

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 3pm – 4pm

VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

Hear BIPOC writers Fatimah Asghar, Eve L. Ewing and Bisha K. Ali discuss making interdimensional connections through their work on *Ms. Marvel* and *Black Panther*, and how their understanding of history, identity, community, and hip-hop shapes the Marvel Universe they want to create.

THE STORY OF PUNK ROCK AND POETRY **FEST PASS**

FEATURING Kyeong Mo & Chris Bernstorf

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 4pm – 5.30pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

American-based touring artists Chris Bernstorf and Kyeong Mo offer a brief history on the colliding worlds of poetry and punk rock alongside stories of how they've carved out their own artistic lanes.

WE NEVER THOUGHT HIP HOP WOULD BRING IT THIS FAR **FREE**

FEATURING Fatimah Asghar, Eve L. Ewing, Will Beale, Huzir Sulaiman, nor & Ramesh Krishnan

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 8pm – 11pm

VENUE Lawn, The Arts House

Turn up the beat and bust the rhymes. We're celebrating five decades of hip hop. We ask five writers to respond to their favourite hip hop song from each decade and step up to drop it like it's hot spitting surefire reads and vibing with a live DJ on decks. Stay on through the evening with hip hop tunes on the festival lawn.



These programmes are part of the Spotlight on Asian-American Authors and is made possible with the support of the U.S. Embassy Singapore.

SWF CLASSROOM SERIES



JERRY 'JUDGE' HINDS



ARKADY MARTINE

DIKIR JAM (PERFORMANCE) **FREE**

FEATURING **Dikir Rumah Seni**

DATE **25 Nov, Sat** TIME **9.30pm – 10.30pm**

VENUE **Lawn, The Arts House**

Sebuah persembahan istimewa oleh para anggota kumpulan-kumpulan dikir barat yang terkenal di Singapura, memperkenalkan penulisan baharu daripada sesi bengkel Dikir Jam sempena SWF 2023. Persembahan petang ini turut menyajikan lagu-lagu klasik yang popular dalam kalangan pendengar iaitu Cenderawasih dan Dewi Menjelma. Datanglah bersama keluarga dan kawan-kawan ke Lawn (Halaman Depan) di The Arts House!

Persembahan dalam Bahasa Melayu.

独乐乐不如众乐乐

THE MORE THE MERRIER **\$15**

FEATURING **Bob Lee, Lee Jun Le & 李俊贤 Lee Chun Hsien**

DATE **19 Nov, Sun** TIME **1pm – 3pm**

VENUE **Discovery Room, ACM**

三行诗和独特的书法体裁之间的意外合作, 促成了一本广受好评的书。在本场节目中, 您可了解这两者合作的缘起, 以及合作背后的花絮小片段! 还能和诗人李俊贤一起写一首您自己的三行诗, 然后让书体自成一格的李俊乐, 现场就把您的诗作书写出来。

小贴士: 把您想写成诗的三个句子交给主持人, 和其他参与者分享, 大家一起琢磨, 完成您的三行诗。

本场节目以华语进行。

THE MAGIC OF WORD BALLOONS **\$10**

FEATURING **Jerry 'Judge' Hinds**

DATE **19 Nov, Sun** TIME **10am – 12pm**

VENUE **Discovery Room, ACM**

This workshop shows you why word balloons can truly make a comic a piece of literature. Find out why the shape, font, and even the size of your lettering makes all the difference in your comic, and when it comes to sounds and onomatopoeia, how lettering can help you invoke the act!

This programme is recommended for ages 13 and above.

WORLDBUILDING MASTERCLASS

WITH ARKADY MARTINE **\$45**

DATE **25 Nov, Sat** TIME **2pm – 4pm**

VENUE **Living Room, The Arts House**

Stretch your worldbuilding writing techniques space-opera style with two-time Hugo Award winner Arkady Martine.

கே. பாலமுருகன் வழிநடத்தும் குறும்படப் பயிலரங்கு SHORT FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

BY K BALAMURUGAN **\$15**

DATE **26 Nov, Sun** TIME **10am – 1pm**

VENUE **NLB Imagination Room**

கைத்தொலைபேசிகளைக் கொண்டு உங்களால் தாக்கமிக்க இரண்டு-நிமிட குறும்படங்களைத் தயாரிக்க முடியுமா? அதுவும் வசனங்களில்லாமல்? மலேசிய எழுத்தாளர் மற்றும் திரைப்பட தயாரிப்பாளர் கே. பாலமுருகன் வழிநடத்தும் இக்குறும்பட பயிலரங்கில், வெறும் கைத்தொலைபேசி பட கருவிகளால், மெனத்ததை உத்தியாக கொண்டு ஈர்க்கத்தக்க குறும்படங்களை உருவாக்க கற்றுக்கொள்ளலாம்.

சிங்கப்பூர்த் தமிழ் எழுத்தாளர் கழகத்துடன் இணைந்து நிகழ்த்தப்படும் இந்த பயிலரங்கு, தமிழில் வழங்கப்படும்.

YOUTH FRINGE



JACK EDWARDS



FELICIA LOW-JIMENEZ



KATHLEEN GLASGOW



ANN LIANG



NISHA MEHRAJ

JACK EDWARDS: THE INTERNET'S

RESIDENT LIBRARIAN **FEST PASS**

DATE **18 Nov, Sat** TIME **11am – 12pm**

VENUE **Victoria Theatre**

Join the author of *The Uni-Verse: The Ultimate University Survival Guide* as he shares his life stories as a student, a Booktuber, and just a diehard reader, proving that in the diverse realm of literature, there is something for everyone.

EMILY X.R. PAN: AN ARROW TO YOUR HEART

FEST PASS

DATE **18 Nov, Sat** TIME **5pm – 6pm**

VENUE **Chamber, The Arts House**

Take flight across lunar landscapes and starry skies with Emily X.R. Pan, the author of *The Astonishing Colour of After* and *An Arrow To The Moon*, as she unravels the mysteries of love, loss, and memory.

This programme is part of the **Spotlight on Asian-American Authors** and is made possible with the support of the **U.S. Embassy Singapore**.

QUEST UNLOCKED: NOT YOUR AVERAGE GAME-WRITING WORKSHOP **\$10**

FEATURING **Zec Chua & Ashraf Azhar**

DATE **18 Nov, Sat** TIME **1pm – 3pm**

VENUE **Discovery Room, ACM**

Turn narratives into playable experiences and discover how to create quests from the stories we read using the *Assassin's Creed Odyssey's* Story Editors.

THE ERAS TOUR OF YA BOOK COVERS **FEST PASS**

FEATURING **Felicia Low-Jimenez &**

Anittha Thanabalan

DATE **19 Nov, Sun** TIME **4pm – 5pm**

VENUE **Blue Room, The Arts House**

These festival speakers consider why YA book covers tend to look similar, predict the next trend, and question if these visuals play a significant role in how we read.

A SLOW-BURNING ROMANCE **FEST PASS**

FEATURING **Kathleen Glasgow, Ann Liang & Nisha Mehraj**

DATE **26 Nov Sun** TIME **3.30pm – 4.30pm**

VENUE **Chamber, The Arts House**

Three romance writers explore the art of building tension and chemistry among characters, and how they craft love stories that simmer, spark, and ignite as the most satisfying happily-ever-afters.

KATHLEEN GLASGOW: PICKING UP THE PIECES

FEST PASS

DATE **25 Nov, Sat** TIME **2.30pm – 3.30pm**

VENUE **Chamber, The Arts House**

Kathleen Glasgow's heartbreakingly raw and visceral novels *Girl in Pieces* and *How to Make Friends with the Dark* have left readers picking up the pieces of acute loss and terrible sacrifices. Join Kathleen as she explores the complexities of searching for the missing parts to put oneself back together.

SWF PLAYGROUND



KOKKARAKKO



HONG SHIN

**காட்டுக்குள்ள போறோம்:
கொக்கரக்கோ வழங்கும் சிறுவர்
நாடகம்**

INTO THE JUNGLE: A CHILDREN'S PLAY

BY KOKKARAKKO

FREE WITH \$5
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 10am – 11am

VENUE Lawn, The Arts House

அங்கு என்ன, உறுமல் சத்தமா? அடர்ந்த காட்டிலிருக்கும் அபாய விலங்குகளிடமிருந்து சத்யாவை யார் காப்பாற்றுவது? கொக்கரக்கோ படைக்கும் இச்சிறுவர் நாடகத்தில், சத்யாவின் சாகச வனப் பயணத்தில் இயற்கை அன்னையின் அன்பை பகிர் காத்திருக்கும் விலங்கு நண்பர்களை நீங்களும் காண வாரீர்! ஆனால் அதற்கு முன் காட்டில் நிறைந்துள்ள ஆபத்துகளை கடக்கவேண்டுமே?

கொக்கரக்கோவுடன் இணைந்து வழங்கப்படும் இந்த நாடகம், தமிழில் நிகழ்த்தப்படும். இது இரண்டு வயதுக்கு மேற்பட்ட சிறார்களுக்கு உகந்தது.

MUTANT MAYHEM —

A POSTER DESIGN WORKSHOP \$10

FEATURING Hong Shin

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 1pm – 2.30pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

Unleash your imagination and superpowers in this workshop with author and illustrator Hong Shin, and design your mutant self's looks and special skills.

This programme is co-presented with Closetful of Books and recommended for ages 6 – 10.



NORLIN SAMAT



JOHN PATRICK GREEN

**ALLY DI TAMAN HAIWAN
BERSAMA NORLIN SAMAT**

FREE WITH \$5
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING Norlin Samat

DATE 18 Nov, Sat TIME 10.30am – 11am

VENUE Gallery II, The Arts House

Pembacaan *Ally Di Taman Haiwan* mengajak penonton untuk meneroka jenis-jenis binatang di Taman Haiwan. Ayuh, ikuti penulis dan pencerita kita, Norlin Samat, dalam sesi yang bertenaga ini yang sesuai untuk pembaca 2 tahun ke atas.

Sesi ini diadakan dalam Bahasa Melayu.

CAN I HAVE A HUMOUROSAURUS REX?:

DRAW-ALONG WITH JOHN PATRICK GREEN \$10

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 10am – 11am

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

A crocodile-shaped cracker called Crackerdile? A tricky escape-artist triceratops called Houdino? John Patrick Green is a pro at turning puns into characters. Grab a sketchbook in this interactive draw-along session with the illustrator himself, and tap into wordplay and the wackiness of language as you create your own hilarious character combinations!

This programme is recommended for ages 7 – 12.



ANDY CHUA



RACHELYN GORDON

DINOSAURS: FACT OR FICTION \$5

FEATURING Andy Chua

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 1pm – 2pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

Join fossil finder and author Andy Chua on a trip back to the prehistoric ages! Separate fact from fiction as Andy debunks some common misconceptions about dinosaurs and other prehistoric predators, and get to see an exciting showcase of the author's very own fossil collection.

This programme is co-presented with Closetful of Books and recommended for ages 6 – 12.

EAT YOUR CURRY PUFFS!

LOVE YOUR CURLY HAIR!

FREE WITH \$5
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING Rachelyn Gordon

DATE 19 Nov, Sun TIME 10am – 11am

VENUE Living Room, The Arts House

Hmm... something doesn't seem right! Rosie's favourite mamak shop uncle is nowhere to be found, and Curly's friends are being a little mean about the way she looks. What does a girl have to do to get some kentang curry puffs and feel good about her curly hair? Sit down for a double-bill storytelling session with picture book author Rachelyn Gordon and find out.

This programme is recommended for ages 3 – 8.



KATHERINE WALLACE



NG MUN POH

JIGGLE LIKE A JELLYFISH! \$5

FEATURING Katherine Wallace

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 10am – 10.45am

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

Join children's author and musician Katherine Wallace in this interactive session of music, movement, and ocean-themed songs and stories.

This programme is co-presented with Closetful of Books and recommended for ages 18 months – 3 years. Each child must be accompanied by a participating adult.

绘读绘演:《三个强盗》

STORYTELLING: 'THE THREE BANDITS' \$10

FEATURING 吴敏宝 Ng Mun Poh

DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 10am – 11.15am

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

善恶的分野在哪里?跟着三个强盗,挑一种意想不到的武器,看它究竟有多厉害!

本节目以华语进行,适合7岁至12岁的孩子参加。

A BOXFUL OF STORIES

FREE WITH \$5
REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING Zip Zap Zoom Collective

DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 10.30am – 11.15am

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

Help the performers to create a brand-new story with the help of the audience using a boxful of props to bring the story to life.

This programme is recommended for ages 5 – 10.

EXPERIENTIAL/PARTICIPATORY



ARIANNA POZZUOLI

BOOK TINDER FREE WITH \$5 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING Arianna Pozzuoli

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 7pm – 8pm

VENUE Gallery II, The Arts House

Spoken word poet Arianna Pozzuoli calls the shots in this “speed dating” session where they match you up with other solo readers based on your literary biases, reading preferences, and pet peeves.

ANTARA AKSARA READ BETWEEN RHYMES FREE

FEATURING Kelana Pantun Temasek

DATE 17 – 26 Nov TIME 10am – 9pm

VENUE The Arts House

A valuable collection of ancient Malay manuscripts has vanished from The Arts House library, leaving the curator, Sang Kancil, distraught. Your mission is to find the missing manuscripts as you traverse The Arts House, decode its secret and keep a lookout for the culprit! Meet fantastical characters from Malay folklore along the way. And if you are clever enough, the clues will even lead you to a hidden treasure!

This programme is in Malay and English and recommended for ages 12 and above.

SECRETS ON CAMPUS:

A MURDER MYSTERY EXPERIENCE \$15

FEATURING Clarissa Goenawan & Mahita Vas

DATE 24 Nov, Fri TIME 7.30pm – 10pm

VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

A murder has happened at the prestigious Marina Bay Institute during a school lockdown, and it's up to you to crack the case. Gather your friends, sharpen your detective skills, and immerse yourself in an evening of twists and turns.

This programme is co-presented with Sing Lit Station.

“读家拍卖会”2.0

THE AUCTION 2.0 FREE WITH \$5 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT

FEATURING 早报字食族+联合学生通讯员

DATE 26 Nov, Sun TIME 3.30pm – 5pm

VENUE Gallery II, The Arts House

读家拍卖会”以2.0之姿回返!国际和本土华人作家捐赠出他们的珍品的背后,有些什么意想不到的故事?由您出价看看能否把一或多件珍品带回家!

本节目以华语进行。

THEY'RE HERE... FEST PASS

FEATURING Noel Boyd

DATE 18 & 19 Nov, Sat & Sun TIME 9pm – 10pm

VENUE Chamber, The Arts House

Join the Singaporean ghost hunter as he recounts his experiences as a paranormal investigator, with actual ghost-hunting footage.

在新加坡的大清

THE QING DYNASTY IN SINGAPORE FEST PASS

FEATURING 新加坡清史研究学会 Qing History Society (Singapore)

DATE 25 Nov, Sat TIME 4.30pm – 6pm

VENUE Blue Room, The Arts House

清朝与新加坡有什么关系?跟着新加坡清史研究学会成员的脚步,走一趟奇趣的时光之旅,探索新加坡和清朝之间鲜为人知的趣事。准备好时光倒流,在品味美食小点之际,听学会成员说说中国后宫制度的典故。

本节目以华语进行。

LITERARY PIONEER

GOH POH SENG

SWF honours the late poet, dramatist, novelist and visionary Goh Poh Seng as the 2023 Literary Pioneer.

THERE'S NO CAUSE FOR GRIEF :

READING GOH POH SENG IN 2023 \$15

FEATURING Ang Kia Yee, Cyril Wong, Zeha & Chok Kerong

DATE 17 & 18 Nov, Fri & Sat

TIME 8.30pm – 9.30pm

VENUE Play Den, The Arts House

TAKING FLIGHT - GOH POH SENG TODAY FREE

FEATURING Koh Tai Ann, Marc Nair & Nah Dominic

DATE 19 Nov, Sun

TIME 4pm – 5pm

VENUE Gallery II, The Arts House

TELL BOWIE HE'S ONLY A ROCK STAR.

I, HOWEVER, AM A POET. FREE

Goh Poh Seng Literary Pioneer Exhibition

DATE 26 Sep – 27 Dec

TIME 10am – 9pm

VENUE Various venues



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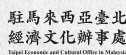
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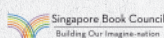
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