

ArtsPicks

Olivia Ho recommends
SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS



AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE
German director Thomas Ostermeier puts a gritty, meta-theatrical twist on Henrik Ibsen's 19th-century play about a doctor who discovers that the drinking water in his spa town is contaminated by industrial waste and faces persecution from his community when he exposes this. The Schaubuhne Berlin production (above) will feature riffs from rock star David Bowie and bring in the audience during the climax to participate in a rowdy debate. **WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** City Hall/ Esplanade **WHEN:** Today and tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 to \$80 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg) **INFO:** In German with English surtitles. Viewers in the first three rows may get splashed with water. More details at sifa.sg



NICO MUHLY SPEAKS VOLUMES
The New York City-based classical music composer (left) makes his concert debut in Singapore with a repertoire named after his first solo album, much of which draws on everyday tasks and interactions. In this 90-minute show, he collaborates with the likes of Singapore-based pianist Lim Yan and percussionist Ramu Thiruyanam. **WHERE:** Sota Drama Theatre, School of the Arts, 1 Zubir Said Drive **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$40 from Sistic **INFO:** Today, at 5pm, Muhly will give a talk at Level 4 multi-purpose hall, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Campus 3, 151 Bencoolen Street. Go to sifa.sg



LA VOIX HUMAINE
In this one-woman chamber opera directed by Ivan Heng, United States-based Singaporean soprano Jennifer Lien plays Elle, who is trying desperately to keep her former lover on the telephone. She is accompanied by pianist Shane Thio (both above). The opera, which premiered in 1959, was written by French musician Francis Poulenc and based on an earlier play by Jean Cocteau. This weekend's version is part of the VCH Presents series programmed by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra's parent, Singapore Symphony Group. **WHERE:** Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** City Hall/Raffles Place **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7.30pm; Sunday, 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$28 to \$98 from Sistic **INFO:** www.sso.org.sg/chamber-music-season/vch-presents-la-voix-humaine



(RE)COLLECT: THE MAKING OF OUR ART COLLECTION
This exhibition charts the growth of Singapore's national art collection, from some 110 works in 1960 to about 10,000 works today. On display are more than 120 works from the collection, including local pioneer Georgette Chen's Family Portrait (1954), Malaysian painter Latiff Mohidin's Mindscape 17 (1983) and sculptures by Kim Lim and Cheo Chai Hiang. **WHERE:** Singtel Special Exhibition galleries B and C, National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall/Raffles Place **WHEN:** Till Aug 19, 10am to 7pm (Saturdays to Thursdays), 10am to 9pm (Fridays) **ADMISSION:** Free for Singapore citizens and permanent residents, \$20 for others **INFO:** www.nationalgallery.sg

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BOOKS

Meet-the-authors: Kaw Jon Boon & Louise Neo Of Wayside Flowers Of Singapore

Published by Straits Times Press, Wayside Flowers Of Singapore is an easy-to-use guide to help the public appreciate and identify wayside flowers found here. The book is in full colour with close-up photography showing each species in detail. **WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, Level 4 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

Book Launch: Ponti By Sharlene Teo

Sharlene Teo's first novel, Ponti, is set in Singapore and told from the perspectives of three women. It is a story of friendship and memory spanning decades, and is infused with mythology and modernity. In 2016, she won the inaugural Deborah Rogers Writers' Award for the book. **WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, Level 4 Takashimaya Shopping Centre, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

CONCERTS

Jayati Chakraborty In Concert

In celebration of the late Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore's birthday, Indian cultural icon Jayati Chakraborty will perform Rabindra Sangeet, which are songs written and composed by Tagore. **WHERE:** RELC Auditorium, 30 Orange

Grove Road **MRT:** Stevens **WHEN:** May 26, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$30 - \$50, tickets at goo.gl/CCDaPc **TEL:** 9345-6915 (Dolly Sinha Davenport) **INFO:** E-mail dollysinhadavenport@gmail.com

Masterpieces By Gu Guan Ren

China National Class One composer Gu Guan Ren will lead Ding Yi Music Company together with principal guest conductor Quek Ling Kiong to showcase his best works. **WHERE:** SCO Concert Hall, Singapore Conference Hall, 7 Shenton Way **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** June 9, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$28; \$20 for students, seniors & national servicemen; \$18 (four or more tickets); 10 - 16 per cent discount with various cards **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

DANCE

Chinese Dance Fiesta

In this annual outreach programme, the Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre will present classical and ethnic folk forms featuring dancers from schools, tertiary institutions and dance companies here. **WHERE (WHEN):** Esplanade Outdoor Theatre (May 18, 7.30 & 8.45pm); Resorts World Sentosa Forum Stage (May 19, 5pm); Toa Payoh Central Stage (May 20, 5pm); Kampung Admiralty Community Plaza (May 26, 4.30pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6589-9501 **INFO:** E-mail enquiries@scdt.com.sg

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

The Lives Of Women In Singapore

What was life like for women in pre-independence Singapore? What

roles did they play in a society where, until well into the 20th century, there were far more men than women? And who were the women who first broke through the job gender barriers? Find out in this first of a three-part series of exhibitions by the Singapore Women's Hall of Fame. **WHERE:** The Concourse, Level 1 National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Till July 22, 10am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** goo.gl/EDFA7P

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Virgin Apple

Self-taught Korean artist Hannami Kim is holding her first solo exhibition, Virgin Apple. She explores feminism, subtle eroticism and minimalism with her own style in paintings and drawings. **WHERE:** NPE Gallery, 39 Kallang Place **MRT:** Kallang/Bendemeer **WHEN:** Till May 25, 10am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** hannamikim.com

Out Of Print: A Recollection Of Lim Mu Hue's Art

This exhibition to mark the 10th anniversary of artist Lim Mu Hue's death will feature nearly 50 of his works in various mediums from the 1950s to the new millennium. **WHERE:** Artroom@Homes65, Level 3, 65 Mohamed Sultan Road **MRT:** Fort Canning **WHEN:** May 18, 7 - 9pm; May 19 - 29, 11am - 9pm **TEL:** 6662-6500 **INFO:** E-mail artroom@homes65.com.sg

Kalasutra: Indian Artworks

Phi Events will present an array of Indian artworks by prominent pioneers of modern art movements in India such as M.F. Hussain, F.N. Souza and Krishen Khanna.

WHERE: The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Thu - May 20, 11am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.phievents.com

State Of Emergency Group Exhibition

This exhibition features artworks by nine artists including Cultural Medallion recipients Teo Eng Seng and Lee Wen, President's Young Talent Artist Ben Pua and National Arts Council Young Artist Yeo Chee Kiong. **WHERE:** Muse House, 22 Marshall Road **MRT:** Dakota/Eunos **WHEN:** May 24, 6.30pm; May 25 - June 3, 11am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 9772-7852 **INFO:** dlrgallery.com

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

NIE Postgraduate Fair 2018

The fair will feature exciting and informative activities related to NIE's higher degree and professional development programmes, as well as courses that are suitable for teachers and other working professionals. **WHERE:** Level 3 Summit 2, Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard **MRT:** Esplanade/Promenade **WHEN:** Sun, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nie.edu.sg/postgradfair

Graff Bridal Jewellery Exhibition

British jeweller Graff will hold its first pop-up bridal jewellery exhibition in Singapore, featuring a selection of luxury bridal items from London. Items on show include a showstopping diamond tiara, necklaces, bracelets, Alice bands and earrings set with the finest diamonds, as well as engagement rings with the unique Graff touch.

WHERE: Atrium, Level 1 Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Wed - May 20, 10.30am - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6509-8082 **INFO:** graftdiamonds.com

THEATRE

The Village

Audiences will experience the joys and trials of three families over three generations in a moving production that recaptures the spirit of the village communities, preserves the rapidly disappearing culture and heritage of Taiwan's Dependents' Villages and tells a poignant immigrant story. Performed in Mandarin with English and Chinese surtitles. **WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** City Hall/ Esplanade **WHEN:** May 25 & 26, 7.30pm; May 27, 2.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$38 - \$118 (students, national servicemen, seniors: \$27 - \$41), tickets from Esplanade Box Office, esplanade.com or Sistic

Framed, By Adolf

Presented by The Finger Players, this new work by award-winning director-playwright Chong Tze Chien tells the story of a seller peddling a great and undiscovered artwork allegedly painted by Adolf Hitler. The seller's grandfather is a Jewish simpleton who was mistakenly tried as a Nazi war criminal for owning the painting. **WHERE:** Victoria Theatre, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** June 15 & 16, 8pm; June 17, 3pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 - \$55 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg, facebook.com/pg/Fingerplayers