

ARTS

BOOKS

Ethos Books Festive Sale

This year's festive sale includes the launch of Ethos Books' new pocket-friendly book series, Orbit. Over three days, there will also be literary programmes and Kaki Kopi Geng will sell coffee. Books, from new and best-selling titles to beloved classics of local literature, are going for \$2 to \$30.

WHERE: Centre 42 Meeting Room, 42 Waterloo Street **MRT:** Bencoolen/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Today, 7.30 - 9pm; tomorrow, 12.30 - 9pm; Sun, 12.30 - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6659-1749 **INFO:** E-mail foopieying@pagesetters.com.sg

Meet Celebrity Chef

Audra Morrice Of Cook & Feast

MasterChef Singapore judge Audra Morrice discusses her new cookbook *Cook & Feast*, which features recipes from Asian to Western and those inspired by each other. She will also share simple and practical principles of organising the preparation of ingredients as well as cooking of dishes so processes in the kitchen are stress-free and enjoyable.

WHERE: Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20/21 Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Sun, 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6737-5021 **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

An Evening With Paige Parker: Don't Call Me Mrs Rogers

Don't Call Me Mrs Rogers: Love, Loathing & Our Epic Drive Around The World is a memoir of Paige Parker and her husband, Jim Rogers, who set the Guinness World Record when they drove around the world - 116 countries in 1,101 days - in their sunburst yellow coupe and trailer.

WHERE: The Great Room, Level 22 Ngee Ann City Tower B, 391B Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Wed, 6 - 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$60 (includes a copy of the book), go to crippaigeparker.peatix.com

Singapore Literature Book Club: 'Others' Is Not A Race By Melissa De Silva

Using creative non-fiction, literary food writing and family memoirs, the author offers insights into the micro-minority Eurasian community through her experience as a Eurasian in Singapore.

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Room, Central Public Library, Basement 1 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Thu, 7 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required at nlb.gov.sg/golibrary **INFO:** E-mail enquiry@nlb.gov.sg

CONCERTS

The Joys Of Christmas: Advent Concert

For the second year running, St Andrew's Cathedral is hosting an Advent concert with Sir Peter Low and the Cathedral Choir of the Risen Christ, featuring traditional sacred songs and carols from around the world. All donations will be in support of the Sulawesi Relief and Development Fund.

WHERE: St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Sun, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** Tickets by donation, \$10 & \$50 available at The Cathedral Welcome Centre **INFO:** E-mail nicole.lee@cathedral.org.sg or go to cathedral.org.sg

O Holy Night: Choir Of Merton College Oxford University

The Choir of Merton College, Oxford, led by conductor Benjamin Nicholas, will present *O Holy Night* - Music For Christmas, with songs such as *Sing Joyfully*, *Missa Sancti Nicolai* and *Laudate Dominum*.

WHERE: Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Tue, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$78 (20 per cent discount for students, full-time national servicemen, seniors & children aged six - 12) **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

A Mass For Peace By Vocal Associates

Under the baton of artistic director Khor Ai Ming, the Vocal Associates Festival Chorus and ensemble will perform *The Armed Man: A Mass For Peace*, composed by Sir Karl Jenkins. The second half of the concert will feature *What Sweeter Music*:

A Festival Of Carols by Mark Hayes, based on the beloved poem *A Christmas Carol*, written in the 17th century by Robert Herrick.

WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Dec 7, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$98, tickets from www.sistic.com.sg **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.vocalassociates.org

DANCE

Sleeping Beauty

Singapore Dance Theatre's production of the classic fairy tale will be a visual and aural spectacle, with a rich score by Tchaikovsky, costumes by Tracy Grant Lord, staging by Janek Schergen and choreography by Marius Petipa.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Thu & Dec 7, 8pm; Dec 8, 1 & 8pm; Dec 9, 1 & 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 - \$75 **INFO:** esplanade.com

Voyage - A Dance Production

Through a blend of Oriental and contemporary dance, this production by Le'Mirage Performing Arts explores the human relationship with the self and shifting dreams and values while navigating a space between heaven and earth.

WHERE: Goodman Arts Centre Black Box, 01-53 Block M, 90 Goodman Road **MRT:** Mountbatten **WHEN:** Dec 8, 2 & 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$49.50 **INFO:** goo.gl/tTcwu2

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Beyond Red Dot: Clementi Group Of Artists

The group of artists has been gathering at a Clementi coffee shop every Sunday morning for more than 10 years. There, they share their artworks, exchange views and engage in discourses related to art making and happenings of interest. *Beyond Red Dot* is the theme of this exhibition, which showcases their artistic mediums and styles.

WHERE: The Art Space by Natalie Wong, 01-02 Leisure Park Kallang, 5 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Tomorrow - Dec 10, 10am - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** goo.gl/12jmdp

Art In Miniature: Solo Exhibition By Lim Gek Kheng

The Singaporean living in Wales is holding her maiden solo exhibition - the first time 100 miniature paintings by a single artist are being exhibited in Singapore, says organiser Arts To U Services. Among the works on display will be Lim's collection on Singapore and Sir Stamford Raffles, as well as works featuring the landscapes of the other three countries she has lived in - Mongolia, Malaysia and Wales.

WHERE: 01-02 Dhoby Ghaut Green, 10 Penang Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Dec 14 - 18, 11am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 9781-7590 **INFO:** www.artstou.com

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

Baby Baby

This exhibition by Sphere Exhibits is for new and expectant parents and showcases a wide variety of products and services under one roof. *Baby Baby*'s mission is to help mothers remain confident, trendy and cheerful as they cope with motherhood.

WHERE: Hall 6B Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive **MRT:** Expo **WHEN:** Today - Sun, 11am - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.babybabysg.com

THEATRE

The Night Before Christmas

On *The Night Before Christmas*, a little mouse called Eddie could not understand why only humans are allowed to celebrate Christmas and open presents. So he sets off in search of Father Christmas, makes new friends and gets advice from a fairy along the way. Suitable for kids aged three and older.

WHERE: Sota Drama Theatre, 1 Zubir Said Drive **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Dec 7, 5pm; Dec 8 & 9, 11am, 2 & 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** From \$42 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

Jogging: Theatre In Progress

Hanana, a Lebanese actress in her 50s, exercises daily to avoid osteoporosis, obesity and depression. As she takes walks through both secluded and open spaces in Beirut, she revisits dreams, desires, hopes, disillusionment, characters and roles - most of which reveal themselves to be contemporary Medeas with whom she shares commonalities.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Jan 16 & 17, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$27 **INFO:** esplanade.com

ArtsPicks



Farez Najid in *Hitung (Counting)* for *Projek Suitcase 2018*. PHOTOS: NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE REPERTORY THEATRE, TEATER EKAMATRA

Olivia Ho recommends

PROJEK SUITCASE

Teater Ekamatra's site-specific theatre experience, in which the world of each play is contained within a single suitcase, takes place this year at Wisma Geylang Serai. The show will feature four such pieces, from an office worker losing his shoes at the

mosque to a near-death experience, performed by Singaporean and Malaysian actors including Adib Kosnan, Dalifah Shahril and Roshafiq Roslee.

WHERE: Wisma Geylang Serai, 1 Engku Aman Turn **MRT:** Paya Lebar

WHEN: Wednesday to Friday and Dec 12 to 15, 8pm. Audiences should arrive by 7.30pm to collect wristbands **ADMISSION:** \$35 from ekamatra.org.sg/tix **INFO:** Performed in Malay and English, with English surtitles



IN AN INSTANT: POLAROID AT THE INTERSECTION OF ART AND TECHNOLOGY

This exhibition on the history of polaroids at the National Museum of Singapore collects more than 220 photos (above) and artefacts related to the iconic instant camera.

These include the SX-70 (right) - the world's first instant single lens reflex camera - and the "Big Shot", which was popular in the early 1970s among photographers such as American artist Andy Warhol.



The exhibition also endeavours to explore the effect instant photography has on the way people memorialise their lives today.

WHERE: Exhibition Gallery 2, Basement Level, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road

MRT: Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Until March 31, 10am to 7pm daily **ADMISSION:** \$12.50 for Singaporeans and permanent residents (also includes entry to permanent galleries), \$18 for foreigners (exhibition only). Concessions available for seniors and students. Free for children aged six and younger **INFO:** www.nationalmuseum.sg

OTHER TONGUES

This literary festival by Youth Poet Ambassador and soon-to-be Singapore Writers Festival director Pooja Nansi (right) aims to promote diversity by putting the focus on voices from minority communities in Singapore.

The line-up includes an evening of spoken word, discussions on race and vanishing languages, workshops by local writers Alfian Sa'at and Balli Kaur Jaswal and a literary cabaret.

WHERE: Various locations, including The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road, Haque Centre of Acting and Creativity, 89A Desker Road, Sing Lit Station, 22 Dickson Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway (The Projector); Jalan Besar/Rochor (Haque, Sing Lit Station) **WHEN:** Dec 7 and 8, various timings **ADMISSION:** Mostly free, \$12 for workshops from www.othertonguesfestival.com **INFO:** Suitable for participants aged 16 and older. Sing Lit Station has a cat in residence



GUARDS AT THE TAJ

Rajiv Joseph's dark comedy features two guards in 17th-century India who stand sentinel outside the Taj Mahal hours before it is to be unveiled to the public. They have been forbidden to look at the monument before the emperor, who built it for his dead wife, sets eyes on it. Starring Ghafir Akbar (above left) and Jay Saighal (right), the play delves into the violent myths surrounding the construction of this monument.

WHERE: KC Arts Centre - Home of SRT, Robertson Walk, 20 Merbau Road **MRT:** Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Today, 8pm; tomorrow, 3 and 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 to \$60 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg) **INFO:** bit.ly/2AZD1ir