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7 JUNE — 7 JULY  
**GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL**  
 Penang, Malaysia  
**2013**

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# FOREWORD

Penang Chief Minister  
**Yang Amat Berhormat  
Tuan Lim Guan Eng**

The annual George Town Festival celebrations, now in its fourth year, has given weight to Penang's reputation as a regional arts and cultural hub. It has become a significant event in our annual calendar, and certainly one that complements other annual tourism and cultural activities from my office.

I commend the George Town Festival team, its volunteers, contributors, partners and sponsors from creative and commercial industries that have raised the bar each year. I hope this year's programming, which ranges from contemporary artistic forms, public art exhibitions, design and exchanges of intellectual discourse, will engage and inspire different levels of society.

There is no doubt that commercial and creative enterprises have benefited from this extremely vibrant environment, which are very impressive gains and development from what started as a commemorative event to celebrate George Town's listing as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The State Government of Penang is encouraged by individuals, communities, businesses and creative arts producers who have rallied to make Penang such a dynamic and enriching place to live, work, and play. It is my office's honour to have witnessed and played a part in this development.

The George Town Festival has now achieved a remarkable status of being the premier cultural heritage, music and arts festival in Malaysia and, in a short span of 4 years, amongst the best in the region. This is clearly a reflection of the amazing array of talents available in Penang that can be showcased worldwide.

We hope to leverage on these contributions to make George Town and Penang an exciting place to be in, and to expand on other supporting and related industries in parallel, such as tourism, human development, capacity-building, and the larger creative and cultural industries.

Congratulations, team George Town Festival! Let us make not only Penang love you but also the whole world!

Thank you.

Festival Director  
**Joe Sidek**

This foreword cannot contain my enthusiasm about this year's programming, but I should share something about the spirit of this city, George Town, and the spirit of its people.

The city, its culture, and its people have inspired some really fascinating and exciting projects: a week-long urban residency in George Town, a photographic exhibition about a kongsi's celebrations of the Nine Emperor Gods, a scent and film pairing with Penang-specific films, a dance performance inspired by five-foot ways, a Design DNA George Town workshop, and a range of site-specific installations and art projects continuing last year's amazingly popular Ernest Zacharevic's Mirrors of George Town.

It's been an incredible journey. By all measures, we're still a really young festival, but we've been positioned as a regional destination and event, and have received over 200 proposals from 45 countries this year. Our festival's main highlights are in the pages that follow this. It is humbling to know that we will be mentioned in the same breath as some of the most prestigious performing venues in the world. It is also encouraging to see local communities rallying to be part of our programming: music, food, literature, performing arts, photography, cross-cultural exchanges, academic symposiums, and even a magazine-reading exhibition!

I am truly grateful for the support from YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng, the people of Penang, my dedicated team, volunteers, friends, partners, sponsors and other private individuals who have supported us through the years.

Enjoy the festival, and do drop a note or say hi to me and my team. We'd love to hear your feedback!



# JUNE

## LEGEND

- Art
- Dance
- Film
- Music
- Theatre
- Workshop
- More



Victoria Street Project

### I Musici

8.30 pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

### Secret Gardens of Earthly Delights

7 June - 7 July • Various Locations

### Art @ Whiteaways

7 June - 7 July • Whiteaways Arcade, Beach Street

### Memories of Gold

7 June - 16 June • 10am - 6pm • Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel

### A Town Called George

7 June - 7 July • 10am - 6pm • Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel

### Singapore House

7 June - 7 July • Thursday - Sunday, 2pm - 9pm • 179, Victoria Street

### Domestic Evolution

7 June - 30 June • 10am - 6pm • Sekeping Victoria

### Strange Paradise

7 June - 7 July • 9am - midnight • China House, Art Space

### 101 Lost Kittens

7 June - 29 June • Along Victoria Street

### Legend Of Contemporary Liuli Art

7 June - 16 June • hotel hours • Heritage Wing, E&O Hotel

### Taking Off

3pm - 7pm • Esplanade

### Eight Movies: Par Fumare

8 June - 12 June • 10am - 6pm • Farquhar Suite, Heritage Wing, E&O Hotel

### Magazine Exhibition (MEX)

8 June - 12 June • Green Room, 162 Victoria Street

### Stenciling Workshop

2pm - 4pm • Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel

### Urban Residency

10 June - 17 June • Sekeping Victoria



### Master Class in Chinese Art

17 June - 21 June • Alyssa Galleri, 346 Penang Road



### A Night of Comedy With Kumar

8.30pm • Grand Ballroom, E&O Hotel

### Colours of Our Generation

20 June - 23 June • 11am - 8pm • Sekeping Victoria

### The Peranakans

20 June - 23 June • 9.30am - 5pm • Pinang Peranakan Mansion

### Peranakan Silence

20 June - 23 June • 9.30am - 5pm • Pinang Peranakan Mansion

### Poems On Autumn Leaves

21 June & 22 June • 8pm • Yap Keng Si Hall, Armenian Street

### Best Of

21 June - 23 June • Stage 1, penangpac

### Rajak - Live Stand Up Comedy

21 June & 22 June • 8pm • The Convent China House

### CEX After Dark With FFF

10pm • SOHO Gastro Pub, Precinct 10

### Darkness Shared

21 June & 22 June • 10pm • Sekeping Victoria

### Sensational Bollywood Melodies Night

8pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

### My Dragon Papa

8pm • Stage 2, penangpac

### Obscura

21 June - 30 June • various locations

### Roughcut

8.30am - 6pm • Stage 1, penangpac

### Worshipping The Sky Gods

15 June - 7 July • Along Jalan Cheong Fatt Tze

### Ink Rhythm - Heluo Style

15 June - 22 June • 10am - 6pm • Alyssa Galleri, 346 Penang Road

### Eurasian Fiesta

5pm - midnight • St Xavier's Branch School, Jalan Brother James, Pulau Tikus

### Design DNA George Town

15 June & 16 June • Green Room, 162 Victoria Street

### Arus Melayu

15 June - 16 June • 9am - 6pm • MPPP Town Hall

### Malam Melayu

8.30pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

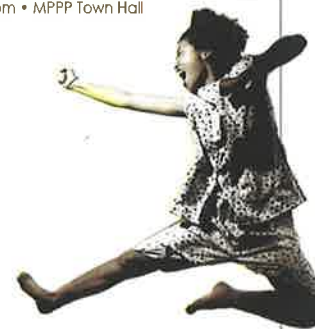


### My Dragon Papa

3pm • Stage 2, penangpac

### Beyond Our Backyard

2pm - 6pm • MPPP Town Hall



### CEX After Dark With FFF

10pm • QE II Penang, Tanjung City Marina

### My Dragon Papa

3pm & 8pm • Stage 2, penangpac

### Tales From Singapore & Malaysia

22 June & 23 June • 1pm • Sekeping Victoria

### Satori Blues

3pm • Sekeping Victoria

### Malam Melayu Gemilang Lagu

8pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

### Beyond Our Backyard

9am - 5pm • MPPP Town Hall

### Music by The Messengers

7.30pm • St. George's Church, Lebuh Farquhar

### Victoria Street Project

Along Victoria Street

### Bridges & Kaki Lima

6pm & 9pm • Begins at Penang Youth Centre, Achek Street

### Sutra

29 June & 30 June • 8.30pm • Dewan Sri Pinang



# JULY

### Pro Musica Mini Concert

8.30pm • MPPP Town Hall

### Pro Musica Gala Concert

8.30pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

### Heritage Celebrations

6 July & 7 July • Streets of George Town

### Inter-School Choir Competition

10am - 4pm • Dewan Sri Pinang

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JUNE  
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# TAKING OFF

GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY

3pm to 7pm  
Esplanade

Join us at this opening ceremony at Esplanade as we take to the skies with master kite makers and kite flyers from around the region, percussion music, kite-making and still walking workshops, and events and activities from our NGO and community friends. It will be a colourful and chilled out day of fun... with lots of free kites! The event's highlight happens in the evening, so hang around!

Participating members of the ASEAN Kite Council are represented by Orlando Ongkingco (PHL), Yolanda Esguerra (PHL), Sim Sarak (KHM), Cheang Yarin (KHM), Supriyanto (IDN), Sari Sabda Bhakti (IDN), Gadis Widiyati (SGP), Samjcha Niyomsilpa (THA), Sanya Phutsaroenlamp (THA), Hong Ha Pham (VNM) and Van Lahn Pham (VNM).

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7 June  
to 7 July

## SECRET GARDENS of earthly delights

George Town, Penang; various venues

Working closely with gardeners, landscape and installation artists, and with the support of the city council and Think City's cultural mapping grant, this site-specific project is GTF's second venture into public installations that capture the spirit and living heritage known to Penang and George Town. Stay tuned for more information!

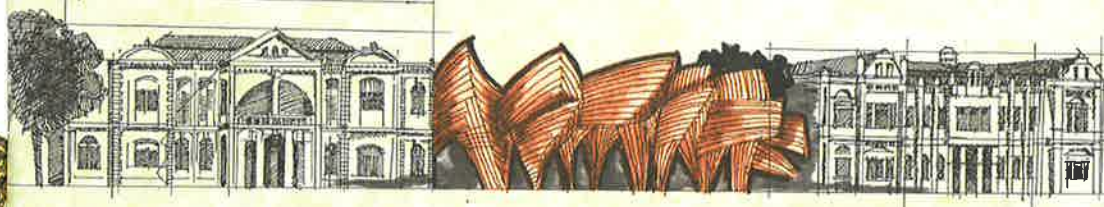
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7 June  
to 7 July

## THE THEATRE OF SHIPS

A GTF2013 Special Commission

MPPP Town Hall



An astounding installation is arriving at the MPPP Town Hall area. This will no doubt be one of the most-photographed installations in the region. We're unveiling this Joko Avianto installation on 7 June.

FREE

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JUNE  
15 & 16

# ARUS MELAYU

Talks: 9am to 6pm; Screening: 9pm

Forum: 9.30am

MPPP Town Hall

Arus Melayu explores complexity and diversity of the word and notion of 'Melayu' in the presentation of maps, ideas, perspectives and theories on language and literature, logic, and in film. Invited speakers for the talk on 15 June are ethno-mathematic specialist Shaharir Mohamad Zain, national laureate and poet Muhammad Haji Salleh, filmmaker and director Dain Said and the founder of the cultural organisation Pusaka. We are also proud to present the Malaysian premiere of *Tukang Perahu Pulau Duyong* (2013) by Azharrudin, a documentary about the lives of boatbuilders in Mermaid Island, Terengganu. This begins at 9pm.

It will be an enlightening weekend. A forum with the four speakers will be held on the next day, on 16 June, followed by a music gala night Malam Melayu (page 19). Arus Melayu is organised in partnership with Penang Institute and Persatuan Sejarah & Warisan Pulau Pinang.

Register: [enquiry@penanginstitute.org](mailto:enquiry@penanginstitute.org), +604 228 3306

BY REGISTRATION ONLY

JUNE  
21 - 30

# OBSCURA



**PORTFOLIO REVIEWS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS AND MORE**

Venue: Various

OBSCURA Festival celebrates the Asian identity in the increasingly globalising world. It is the biggest photography festival in Malaysia to date, with 11 photography exhibitions, seven curated slideshows and talks by some of the world's most prominent photographers and curators. All events are public, except for portfolio reviews and workshops by very distinguished experts: Che Ahmad Azhar (MAS), Maggie Steber (USA), Ian Teh (GBR), Justin Mott (USA).

More information: [www.obscurafestival.com](http://www.obscurafestival.com)

Contact: [contact@obscurafestival.com](mailto:contact@obscurafestival.com)

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JUNE  
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# I MUSICI di ROMA



**"In every style they bring the essential impulse of life — The result is playing of verve, stylistic purity and impeccable artistry"**

— Robert Sherman in New York Times

**ITALIAN CHAMBER MUSIC ORCHESTRA**

8.30pm

Dewan Sri Pinang

The renowned Italian chamber music group I Musici presents classical excerpts from some of Italy's famous composers as well as a contemplative interpretation of Antonio Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*. I Musici is the oldest chamber group in Italy. This live performance will be truly memorable as even the ensemble's recorded CDs have been awarded prizes by specialised juries; their production of *Four Seasons* by Vivaldi sold more than 25 million copies!

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Tickets: [redtix.airasia.com](http://redtix.airasia.com)



**RM60, RM80, RM100, RM20 (student)**  
50% discounts for senior citizens



JUNE  
29 & 30

Sadler's Wells

# SUTRA

8.30pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

Celebrated Flemish/Moroccan choreographer Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui presents a brand new dance work inspired by the skill, strength and spirituality of Buddhist Shaolin monks. He has collaborated closely with Turner Prize-winning artist Antony Gormley, who has created a design consisting of 21 wooden boxes which are repositioned to create a striking, ever changing on-stage environment. Featuring 17 monks directly from the original Shaolin Temple in China, the piece also includes a beautiful brand new score for piano, percussion and strings by Polish composer Szymon Brzóska which is played live.

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"This unique, profoundly imagined work takes  
the concept of cultural exchange to a new level."

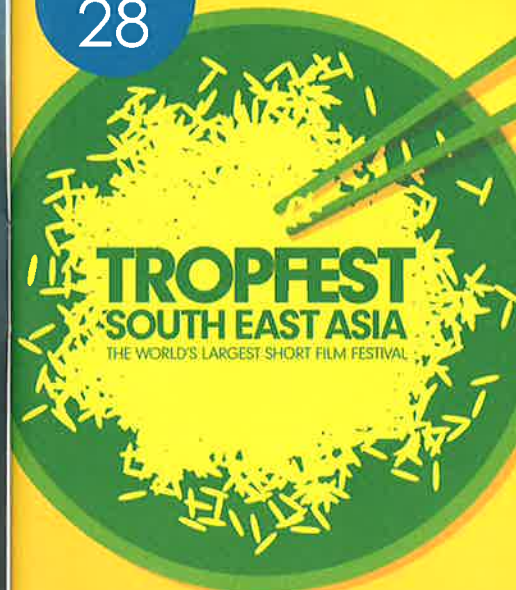
— The Guardian

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JUNE  
28



roughcut  
8.30am to 6pm  
Stage 1, penangpac

The best brains and talents in filmmaking will converge at Tropfest South East Asia's first public activity in Penang, Roughcut. Tropfest SEA, which is part of the world's largest short film festival, will present this film symposium together with industry partners and professionals in a series of film conversations, focused specifically on the craft and production of storytelling. This full-day event aims to cultivate outstanding storytelling on-screen and to foster a culture of dynamic and creative filmmakers. Tickets are RM30, but can be waived if participants have a prior film credit.

More information: [www.tropfest.com/sea](http://www.tropfest.com/sea)  
Contact: [mail@tropfestsea.com](mailto:mail@tropfestsea.com), +604 261 3061

Tickets: [www.ilassotickets.com](http://www.ilassotickets.com)

\$

RM33

7 June  
to 7 July

**ART @ WHITEAWAYS**

Whiteaways Arcade, Beach Street

Top contemporary art collector, gallerist and curator Valentine Willie presents works by Ahmad, Zakii Anwar, Jalaini Abu Hassan, Chong Siew Ying, Kow Leong Kiang, Rebecca Wilkinson and Chan Kok Hooi from Malaysia, and Agus Baqul Purnomo from Indonesia.

More information: [vwfa.net](http://vwfa.net)  
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# BRIDGES & KAKI LIMA

JUNE  
29

JULY  
6



## PRO MUSICA GALA CONCERT

8.30pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

Pro Musica Gala Concert is the culmination of the Pro Musica programme comprising auditions, master class, and a mini concert for a selection of the best vocal talents in the region, guided by the eminent vocal instructor Madam Loh Siew Tuan, and support from Flanders Operastudio instructors Hein Boterberg and Benoit de Leersnyder. They are joined by guest artists Inês Madeira (mezzo-soprano, PRT), Enrico Casari (tenor, ITA), Julie Mossay (soprano, BEL) and Laurent Kubla (bass-baritone, BEL).

Tickets: [redtix.airasia.com](http://redtix.airasia.com)

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**RM40, RM60, RM80, RM20 (student)**  
**50% discounts for senior citizens**

JULY  
6 & 7

FREE

## Heritage Celebrations

UNDER THE STARS

Noon onwards  
Streets of George Town

This two-day celebration showcases traditional arts, food, crafts by Penang's local communities: *boria*, Teochew rod puppets, the *menora* dance, *Bharatanatyam*, *wayang kulit*, Penang Hokkien rhymes and even a storytelling programme for children! This will be held along the streets of George Town and is an inclusive and participatory event for intimate access to the living traditions of George Town. Come lah and *lepak* together... and be mesmerised under the stars!

More information: [georgetowncelebrations.wordpress.com](http://georgetowncelebrations.wordpress.com)



6pm and 9pm

Dance route begins at Penang Youth Centre, Acheh Street

This contemporary dance journey revitalises the tradition of street performances in the city, mapping the energy, behaviour and playfulness of George Town. This choreography is devised to celebrate cultural commonalities and to draw bridges across differences between our neighbouring countries, Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore.

Streets and five-foot ways ('kaki lima') will be used as performance stages in this delightful journey of dance, play and memory. Kaki Lima is presented by Ombak-Ombak ARTStudio and PEARL (Penang Arts Link), choreographed by Aida Redza (MAS) and Jefri Andi Usman (IDN) and features luminary dancers from NAFA Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts Singapore and Ombak Dancers Penang.

Be there early to grab the limited passes to the finale of Bridges & Kaki Lima, which will be held in Sekeping Victoria!

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Paris-based artist, Marie Dargent, gives George Town a new tinge, hue and perspective through a complex series of processes that includes the ancient method of hand-printing on a stone lithographic press. The colours, composition and use of collage and photography recaptures Dargent's transient emotions of George Town, in the same esprit as her series covering the cities of Istanbul, Venice, Paris and Kuala Lumpur. Dargent and her husband, photographer John Brunton were in Malaysia last year for an architectural heritage exhibition using the same technique.

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**A TOWN CALLED GEORGE**  
by Marie Dargent  
7 June to 7 July, 10am to 6pm  
Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel



**LEGEND OF CONTEMPORARY LIULI ART**  
Glass art by Liuligongfang

7 June to 16 June, hotel hours  
Heritage Wing, E&O Hotel

Strange Paradise presents ten of Anu's new works and revisits his three major works: *Portrait of My Mother as the Queen*, *An Alphabet for the Middle-aged*, *Middle Classes*, and *This Is Where We Live*. Anu, one of Malaysia's foremost contemporary artists, will also be launching *ABC for the Middle Aged Middle Class*, a book produced collaboratively with writer Rahel Joseph. Layered with autobiography, popular culture and historical contexts, the book is infused with an almost irreverent delight in the satirical and ludicrous through the narration of a multifarious existence made up of fairy tales, Enid Blyton, the Beatles, P Ramlee, One Malaysia, letters from home and studying abroad, the American president and *nasi lemak*!

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**STRANGE PARADISE**  
by Anurendra Jegadeva  
7 June to 7 July, 9am to midnight  
China House, Art Space

Assembled from everyday objects such as plastic furniture and kitchenware, these suspended mobile sculptures are reminiscent of the festive decorations of Chinese New Year lanterns, ribbon-woven ketupats and Christmas baubles. This project is a development from Tim Craker's work in 2011 called *Beyond the Pail* which was installed at Penaga Hotel. If you're taking photos, share them with us on Instagram & Twitter with #victoriastreet

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**DOMESTIC EVOLUTION**  
Suspended mobile sculpture series by Tim Craker  
7 June to 30 June, 10am to 6pm  
Sekeping Victoria



**SINGAPORE HOUSE**  
Keepers Goes to George Town

7 June to 7 July  
Thursday to Sunday, 2pm to 9pm  
179, Victoria Street

Singapore House is a pop-up retail space that will host Books Actually, The Gentleman's Press, Monster Gallery, Sarah and Schooling, the film installation *With-In-Sight*, and a showcase by 14 artists from LASALLE College of the Arts. It will also host an exciting multi-brand artisan retail showcase, Keepers Goes to George Town, with bags from Ling Wu Bags, gorgeous dresses by atelier Priscilla Ong Shumugan, jewellery by Carrie K, timepieces from the independent watchmaker Edypoi and ceramic wares from the multidisciplinary creative collective IEX.

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This treasure hunt and animal awareness campaign will launch on 7 June along Victoria Street and is a fun-filled activity for all ages. If you spy images of kittens and cats around the area, look closer, or scan the surface for a QR code that will give you more clues about the entire series. The competition runs for three weeks and ends on 29 June at the Victoria Street Project. The first batch of winners who present a complete collage are entitled to special prizes!

More information: [facebook.com/101LostKittens](https://facebook.com/101LostKittens)  
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Call: +6016 333 0503, +6012 292 7410



**101 LOST KITTENS**  
An interactive treasure-hunt  
7 June to 29 June, all hours  
Along Victoria Street



This collection of uniquely Laotian heritage of gold-thread embroidery is presented by Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith, a direct descendent of the Royal House of Luang Prabang, Laos. Tiao Nith will exhibit traditional embroidery from his personal collection of aristocratic and royal court outfits, dance costumes, and a series of contemporary works created specifically for GTF 2013. This extraordinarily talented artist-embroider will be organising a demonstrative workshop on 9 June. (see page 17)

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**MEMORIES OF GOLD**  
Embroidery exhibition by Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith

7 June to 16 June, 10am to 6pm  
Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel

# MEX 2013

**MAGAZINE EXHIBITION (MEX)**  
100 Design titles & forum

Exhibition 8 June to 7 July;  
Forum 7 June and 8 June  
Green Room, 162 Victoria Street

**FREE**

It might be unconventional to have a reading activity in a festival, but that's exactly what this Magazine Exhibition (MEX) aims to promote! MEX will showcase a collection of 100 design periodicals from around the world and poster versions of Malaysian magazines from the 1960s. To launch the month-long exhibition is a two-day forum with design writers and editors Sali Sasaki (JPN), Natre Wannathepsakul (THA), Yiu Sheung-Yee (HKG), Vivian Toh (MAS), William Harald-Wong (MAS), Stephen Poon (MAS), Nadira Bashir (MAS), Andrew Stiff (GBR), Huang Ya Ling (TPE), Dr Zainul Rahman (MAS).

More information: [www.cutoutmag.com](http://www.cutoutmag.com)  
Register: [mex.cutout@gmail.com](mailto:mex.cutout@gmail.com)  
Call: +6016 655 1757

Here's an unconventional exhibition: a sensory experience combining visual and the olfactory, an adventure and exploration of scent, visceral emotions, and memory. Eight specially created fragrances are paired with eight scenes from movies filmed in George Town and Penang. This experience is produced specifically for GTF2013 by Curious Consultants Ptd Ltd, a boutique branding and advertising agency founded by Christina Ngiam.

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**FREE**

**EIGHT MOVIES: PAR FUMARE**  
Movies explored through the sense of smell

8 June to 12 June, 10am to 6pm  
Farquhar Suite, Heritage Wing, E&O Hotel

By registration only

To complement the exhibition *Memories of Gold* is a workshop conducted by Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith, a direct descendent of the Royal House of Luang Prabang, Laos. He is extraordinarily talented and passionate about traditional Cambodian crafts and art, such as motifs, patterns and stenciling as seen on temples and buildings. A workshop with limited places only, so do sign up early!

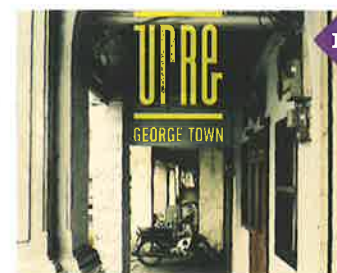
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**FREE**

**STENCILING WORKSHOP**  
by Tiao Nithakhong Somsanith

9 June, 2pm to 4 pm  
Victory Annexe Lobby, E&O Hotel



**FREE**

**URBAN RESIDENCY**  
by #BetterCities

10 June to 17 June  
Sekeping Victoria

**FREE**

By registration only

Urban Residency is a week-long urban action workshop where selected participants design and build projects to improve public spaces in George Town, Penang. It is organised by #BetterCities, an initiative to improve urban living through critical discourse, creative intervention and grassroots participation in Southeast Asian cities. Organised in partnership with George Town World Heritage Inc, George Town Festival and supported by the Embassy of Finland, Malaysia.

More information: [bettercity.es/urbanresidency](http://bettercity.es/urbanresidency)  
Register: [sze@popdigital.my](mailto:sze@popdigital.my)

By invitation only

Some of the most popular Tamil golden hits and songs from the silver screen will be presented at this debut musical event by the Indian Association Penang. This is the first of GTF 2013's concerts celebrating (by one of the local Indian and Muslim community groups, the Indian Association Penang). Taking the stage is Krishnamoorthy, the winner Airtel Super Singer Junior talent search in Tamil Nadu, India, a highly competitive and popular reality TV show with a very coveted title for all young singers. Joining him in tune are Jayasri and Sholan, also from South India, with song narration and interpretation by Pandi Dorai.

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**FREE**

**MAGNIFICENT JOURNEY OF TAMIL SONGS**  
by Indian Association Penang

14 June, 8pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang



For nine days each year, Jalan Cheong Fatt Tze becomes a place of celebration and veneration when the Nine Emperor Gods are invited from the heavens into the inner sanctum of Tow Boh Keong temple. In this outdoor exhibition, photographs of ceremony and exuberance are juxtaposed with the quieter setting of the norm, revealing the transformation of everyday place into devotional arena.

The photographs are installed along Jalan Cheong Fatt Tze between Lebuhraya and Jalan Pintal Tali.

Cheryl J. Hoffmann is a photographer and author of a blog dedicated to the Nine Emperor Gods Festival.

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### WORSHIPPING THE SKY GODS

Photographs by Cheryl J Hoffmann

15 June to 7 July  
Along Jalan Cheong Fatt Tze



FREE

This group art exhibition features outstanding paintings and calligraphic art from distinguished Henan artists: Li Lihai, Li Jianshe, Guo Yucai, Ma Jincan and Guo Xiaohui. Their work is of the Heluo style, a distinct regional culture that occupies a unique position in Chinese history, emerging from a civilizational site dating 5,000 years old. All five artists will be in town throughout the exhibition duration, so stop by and say hello! They will be conducting very personalized Chinese Art master classes at the same venue (see next page).

More information: [www.alyssagaleri.com](http://www.alyssagaleri.com)

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### INK RHYTHM - HELUO STYLE

Henan artists in George Town, Penang

15 June to 22 June, 10.30am to 6pm,  
Alyssa Galeri, 346, Penang Road

The annual Eurasian Fiesta returns with a stupendous display of food, art, heritage, and music from our Penang's Eurasian community. The festival's main highlights are the 50 home-cooked Eurasian delicacies from some of the best cooks in town, performances by the children of legendary music figures Jimmy Boyle, Larry Rodrigues, Joe Rozells and Rudy Baum, art and photography exhibitions, and the sales of *The Eurasians - A Founding Community of Penang* by Eustace Nonis. All this will happen in Pulau Tikus, fittingly, too, as it was formerly named Kampung Serani by locals.

More information: [eurasianfiesta.blogspot.com](http://eurasianfiesta.blogspot.com)

Email: [jamesrozells@gmail.com](mailto:jamesrozells@gmail.com)

Call: +6017 486 1885

FREE



### EURASIAN FIESTA

Three generations of music talent and heritage

15 June, 5pm to midnight  
St Xavier's Branch School, Jalan Brother James,  
Pulau Tikus

By registration only

FREE

This intensive two-day design workshop by Sali Sasaki, a communication designer and researcher who specialises in cities and cultural development, will help designers to better understand the essence, or the 'DNA' of George Town, and interpret it through design thinking and in design work for the development of souvenir products. Successful designs resulting from this workshop may be realised as real souvenirs, produced by GTWHI and George Town Festival. The workshop is open to designers, design educators and final year design students. Participation is limited to 15 spaces; registration deadline is 1 June 2013. For updates, check [www.gtwhi.com.my](http://www.gtwhi.com.my)

Register: [edu@gtwhi.com.my](mailto:edu@gtwhi.com.my)

Call: +604 261 6606

## DESIGN DNA GEORGE TOWN

DESIGN DNA GEORGE TOWN  
A workshop by Sali Sasaki

15 June and 16 June  
Green Room, 162 Victoria Street



FREE

By registration only

### MALAM MELAYU

Arus Melayu Gala Night

16 June, 8.30pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

The finale to Arus Melayu, a GTF 2013 highlight, culminates in an evening of music from the Malay diaspora, featuring sufi music from Yusuf Ganief from South Africa, Ramnah Ramli from Malaysia, and other musicians and singers presenting traditional Malay music such as *zapin*, *Melayu asli*, and *keronchong* from around the region.

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Call: +604 261 6308 (GTF)

Admission: RM35

Visiting Henan artists Li Lihai, Li Jianshe, Guo Yucai, Ma Jincan and Guo Xiaohui will be conducting master classes in Chinese Art over five days of two daily sessions. The master classes include lessons in floral, animals, birds and landscapes in both fine and freehand painting styles. The RM35 fee per session includes ink, Chinese pigments, brushes, and rice paper. Limited to 20 participants per session, so do sign up early!

More information: [www.alyssagaleri.com](http://www.alyssagaleri.com)

Register: [alyssa@alyssagaleri.com](mailto:alyssa@alyssagaleri.com)

Call: +6016 485 8352



Guo Yucai

### MASTERCLASS IN CHINESE ART

by visiting Henan artists

17 June to 21 June, two sessions daily  
10.30am to 12.30pm and 5pm to 7pm  
Alyssa Galeri, 346, Penang Road



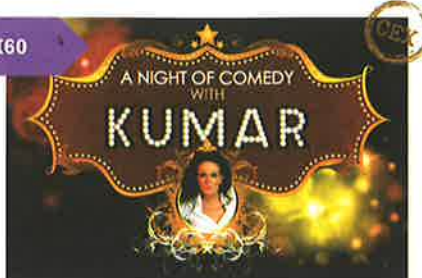
Admission: RM60

Now in Penang: George Town Festival and CausewayEXchange are proud to present stand-up comedian, actor, host and drag queen Kumar. A household name in Singapore, Kumar came to fame from comedy shows in nightclubs, to the stage, on television, and in plays. Expect a full hour of irreverent, incisive, hilarious, and no-holds-barred jokes. Kumar is supported by Malaysians Kevin Jay and Dr Jason Leong!

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

Tickets: [redtix.airasia.com](http://redtix.airasia.com)

Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)



### A NIGHT OF COMEDY WITH KUMAR

Singapore's most famous standup comedian comes to town

20 June, 8.30pm  
Grand Ballroom, E&O Hotel



Admission: RM10

### SUARA DARI MUARA

A poetry concert

20 June to 22 June, 8pm  
Sekeping Victoria

This band of poets will present an unconventional poetry performance combining choral singing, electronic music, percussion, body movements, combined with traditional theatrical elements such as *randai*, *mak yong*, *didong* and *dikir barat*. The six poets, led by Rafaat Haji Hamzah, will be supported by the contemporary dance group Kaizen and guest poet Umar Uzair from Malaysia. The performance will be in both English and Malay.

Register: <http://bit.ly/SDMCEX>

Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)

Admission: RM10

The photography community WilzWorkz gears up and travel in and around Singapore, Malacca and Penang over two months to capture the architecture, places, food and culture of the Peranakans in Singapore and Malaysia.

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

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### THE PERANAKANS

A photographic journey through Singapore, Malacca & Penang

20 June to 23 June, 9.30am to 5pm  
Pinang Peranakan Mansion

Admission: RM10

The colours, culture and lifestyle of the Peranakan are retold by deaf artists in this art exhibition, the result of a collaboration between The Singapore Association of the Deaf (SADeaf) and The Intan, a premier heritage museum-gallery in Joo Chiat. The artists are graphic artist Tan See Mui, civil engineering structural designer Nicholas Eaw, students Angeline Chen and Isaac Liang, and Mimi Ng, a freelance artist, crafter, cartoonist.

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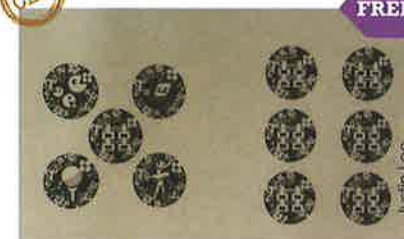
### PERANAKAN SILENCE

An exhibition by deaf artists

20 June to 23 June, 9.30am to 5pm  
Pinang Peranakan Mansion



FREE



### COLOURS OF OUR GENERATION

by Justin Lee

20 June to 23 June, 11am to 8pm  
Sekeping Victoria

One of the best contemporary artists in Singapore today, Justin is known for his witty, thoughtful pop art works, combining Chinese motif with Western visual language. But beyond the bubbly exuberance of his pop art, Justin subtly creates an underlying awareness of our current societal condition as he tackles themes like consumerism, Asian identity, Chinese tradition and Western influence on the East. Justin Lee studied at the LASALLE College of the Arts and the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in Singapore. He has held numerous exhibitions and represented Singapore at the Venice Biennale. Also at the exhibition are works by Khairullah Rahim, Luke Heng, and Ade Putra Safar, three young undergrads from LASALLE.

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)

By registration only

FREE

This captivating Hainanese opera is based on a retelling of the classical Chinese novel *Poem on Autumn Leaves*. It is produced by the Qiong Ju Society of Singapore with a contemporised twist incorporating multimedia projections of art and calligraphy in each act. Performed in Chinese, Hainanese and English.

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

Register: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)



### POEM ON AUTUMN LEAVES

Contemporary Hainanese Opera

21 June and 22 June, 8pm  
Yap Kongsai Hall, Armenian Street



Admission: RM33, RM43, RM23 (students)

*Best Of* by The Necessary Stage is a one-woman show written and staged specifically for the imitable Siti Khalijah Zainal. It is a very frank, funny and sometimes sad journey into a day in the life of a young modern Malay girl living in Singapore. This production was staged at the M1 Singapore Fringe Festival earlier this year... with four of the five shows sold out!

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

Tickets: [www.ilassotickets.com](http://www.ilassotickets.com)

Call: +604 899 1722 / 2722



### BEST OF A day in the life of a young modern Malay girl in Singapore

21 June and 22 June, 8pm

22 June and 23 June, 3pm

Stage 1, penangpac

Admission: RM30 with one free drink

CEX presents up-and-coming stars of the Singapore comedy scene... ROJAK! Representing each major ethnic group in Singapore, these new faces are the next generation of stand-up comedians... to prove that Singaporeans and Singapore have a sense of humour. Sharul Channa, Jinx Yeo and Fakkah Fuzz will have you roaring with laughter at the experiences of living in modern day Singapore!

More information: [www.causewayexchange.com](http://www.causewayexchange.com)

Contact: +604 263 7299

### ROJAK - LIVE STAND UP COMEDY

Fakkah Fuzz, Jinx Yeo, & the  
lovely Sharul Channa

21 June and 22 June, 8pm

The Canteen, China House

Cover charge applies

Singapore's female DJs come together to showcase an eclectic selection of quality beats and rhythms after dark. Bop, groove, heck, even scream and shout to the music outside of your typical genres and boundaries presented by the fine ears and quick fingers of our cat-loving FFF girls. Since 2008, the FFF Girl DJ Bootcamp has been educating and nurturing aspiring female DJs and beatmakers in Singapore's vibrant music community. It is founded by Cherry Chan, Debbie Chia, Natalie Tan and Pamm Hong.

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Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)



### CEX AFTER DARK WITH FFF Party with Singaporean DJs!

21 June, 10pm, SOHO Gastro Pub, Precinct 10

22 June, 10pm, QE II Penang, Tanjung City Marina

By registration only

FREE

On both sides of the Causeway, we share an unspoken wariness of the supernatural realm based on our common heritage. As each tropical night descends upon us, how conscious are we of the dense darkness that lies beyond the safety of our lighted homes where the irrational and unspeakable lurk? Join writer and storyteller Verena Tay as she recounts tales of ghosts and *pontianaks* that she created with surprising twists to bring age-old motifs into the present. Not suitable for audiences below 12 years of age.

Register: <http://bit.ly/VerCEX>

Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)



### DARKNESS SHARED Storytelling by Verena Tay

21 June and 22 June, 10pm

Sekeping Victoria

FREE

By invitation only



### SENSATIONAL BOLLYWOOD MELODIES NIGHT

by Penang Sikh Association

21 June, 8pm

Dewan Sri Pinang

Lose yourself in the beautiful serenades of golden hits and top film hits by Abhas Joshi, the winner and current host of the popular TV talent search programme Star Voice of India. Abhas will be joined by Rumana and Erfannulla, also known as the Golden Voice of Singapore. This promises to be a rollicking musical night, as it also features a 15-piece live orchestra featuring India's top violin virtuoso Mani Bharathi and some of the best talents from India and Malaysia on the *tabla*, *dolak* and bongo. The orchestra will be coordinated by the country's top flautist Sulthan Syed.

Call: +6012 489 9204

Admission: RM33, RM28 (students &amp; senior citizens)

This lyrical and poetic play embodies the spirit of perseverance of the martial arts icon Bruce Lee, as witnessed in the hardships of a working class family and the relationship between a young and ambitious girl and her father, a diligent and industrious family man who struggles to provide for his family. Cast and crew of the performance group O-Puppet Theatre comprise of alumni and educators at the New Era College, including the institution's drama and visuals director SP Ho.

Tickets: [www.ilassotickets.com](http://www.ilassotickets.com)

Call: +604 8991 722 / 2722



### MY DRAGON PAPA by ZXC Theatre Troupe

21 June, 8pm; 22 June, 3pm and 8pm; 23 June, 3pm  
Stage 2, penangpac



By registration only

Come children, Mums and Dads! Come listen to stories from Singapore and Malaysia, tales of cats and tigers, mousedeer and crocodiles, heroes big and small... Join storyteller Verena Tay as she brings you on an exciting journey of stories that will thrill your ears and delight your imagination! Suitable for audiences between ages 6 to 12 years of age.

Register: <http://bit.ly/VerCEX2>

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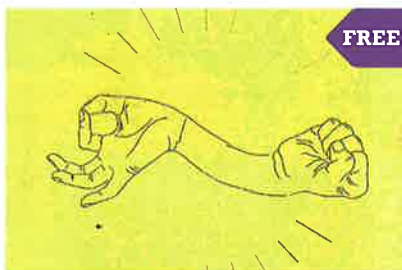
### TALES FROM SINGAPORE & MALAYSIA

Stories by Verena Tay

22 June and 23 June, 1pm  
Sekeping Victoria

FREE

By registration only



### SATORI BLUES

by Cyril Wong

22 June, 3pm  
Sekeping Victoria

*Satori Blues* is Cyril Wong's longest and only Zen-inspired poem to date. The poem is a response to writings by teachers of Buddhism and post-Buddhist philosophies. Composed as a stream of thought - at times epigrammatic, philosophical, fragmented, even exclamatory - words become a movement within a space of mediation, as well as a yearning towards truth and clarity. The poetry reading is followed by a moderated dialogue session for poets and aspiring poets.

Register: <http://bit.ly/Satoriblues>

Email: [ruiyi@causewayexchange.com](mailto:ruiyi@causewayexchange.com)

By invitation only

The best of Islamic Tamil and Qawali Hindi songs will be presented by the lead singer of Tamil music, Erfanulla, also known as the Golden Voice of Singapore. He was discovered at the age of 11 and has performed on Singaporean television since the age of 19. He has sung and produced albums with Indian music directors Yuan Shanker Raja and Karthik Raja. The other lead singer and the renown film playback singer from India are Rumana and Abhas Joshi. They will be backed by a 15-piece live orchestra featuring India's top violin virtuoso Dr Mani Bharathi and some of the best talents from India and Malaysia on the *tabla*, *dolak* and *bongo*. The orchestra will be coordinated by the country's top flautist Sulthan Syed.

Call: +6019 4157369, +6016 412 2858

FREE



### MALAM GEMILANG LAGU ISLAM TAMIL DAN QAWALI HINDI

by Penang Muslim League

22 June, 8pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

By registration only

FREE

This symposium and showcase of Southeast Asian performing arts aims to explore creative and cultural comfort zones through exchanges of perspectives and experiences. The keynote speeches are by Dr Grant Shen from National University of Singapore and Dr Wong Oi Min from Akademi Budaya dan Warisan Kebangsaan (ASWARA); performing art showcases from Southern Thailand and *butoh* dancers from Malaysia's Nyobakan. This two-day event is organised by School of Communication & Creative Arts of KDU University College.

Register: [scca.kdu.edu.my](http://scca.kdu.edu.my)

Email: [hilmyzam@kdu.edu.my](mailto:hilmyzam@kdu.edu.my), [yt.kwang@kdu.edu.my](mailto:yt.kwang@kdu.edu.my)

Call: +603 7953 6818, +603 7953 6823



### BEYOND OUR BACKYARD Southeast Asian performing arts symposium & showcase

22 June, 9am to 5pm  
23 June, 2pm to 6pm  
MPPP Town Hall

FREE

By registration only



### MUSIC BY THE MESSENGERS

A night of sacred music

22 June, 7.30pm  
St George's Church, Lebuh Farquhar

GTF 2013 presents a reprise of *The Messengers* at the beautiful St George's Church, the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia. The 25-strong choir was founded in 2010 by a group of music lovers to promote sacred music, cultivate young talents and to raise funds for charitable organisations. Their group and solo repertoire includes works by Fauré, Mozart, Handel, Bach, Nystedt, and other contemporary and popular pieces.

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Email: [info@georgetownfestival.com](mailto:info@georgetownfestival.com)

Call: +604 261 6308 (GTF)

By audition only

The operatic masterclass returns with an intensive training programme for voice and music students from the region. Auditioned participants will receive lessons on singing technique, language coaching lessons as well as advice on repertoires for their solo recitals in Pro Musica Mini Concert. Leading the workshop are Benoit De Leersnyder (BEL), Hein Boferberg (BEL) and Loh Siew Tuan (UK).

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### PRO MUSICA INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP & MASTERCLASS

27 June to 3 July, 9am to 6pm  
Equatorial Hotel





## VICTORIA STREET PROJECT



In the tradition of celebrating the streets of George Town, as we did last year, GTF 2013 presents the Victoria Street Project (VSP), a seven-hour programme sited around Victoria Street in George Town. All events begin at 5pm on Victoria Street and will spread out towards Armenian Street and Cannon Street.

The art installation by Tim Craker, *Domestic Evolution* (page 16), is part of the Victoria Street Project (VSP), as well as our the contemporary dance performance *Bridges & Kaki Lima* (a must-watch, and free, too!), and the interactive treasure hunt *101 Lost Kittens* (page 15).

We have food stalls lining the roads, stiltwalkers, mime performances, a special showcase of Intriguing Instruments from Southeast Asia (page 27), an array of craft work at the Handmade Market (below) and a multi-brand retail showcase from Keepers Goes to George Town (page 15).

The beautiful Cheah Kongsi will come alive with lights and a special short film screening in its grounds in the evening, so hang around! Four other venues with events at VSP are: Sekeping Victoria, the Green Room, Singapore House, and China House.

Contact: [info@georgetownfestival.com](mailto:info@georgetownfestival.com); +604 261 6308 (GTF)

Handmade Market promotes and showcases handmade and creative products by skilled Malaysians! More than 20 crafters will be displaying their works, including a George Town themed perfume collection, origami crafts and jewelry, dolls, bags, and some really cute items for newborns.

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FREE



### HANDMADE MARKET

29 June, 5pm to 10pm  
Hock Teik Cheng Sin Temple  
57 Armenian Street



### INTRIGUING INSTRUMENTS

Traditional music instruments of Southeast Asia

29 June, 6.30pm to 10.30pm  
Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling

The earliest music instruments in Southeast Asia were the telephones of its times and often used for courting, calling people to prayer, scaring away insects, healing the sick and entertainment in the past. This showcase features six musical groups with their fascinating forms of bamboo and wooden jaw harps, flutes, shawms, mouth organs, tube zithers, xylophones, clappers, strings and percussion instruments from Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

This programme is curated by Tan Sooi Beng, Professor of Ethnomusicology at Universiti Sains Malaysia.

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Call: +604 261 6308 (GTF)

Admission: RM30, RM10 (students), RM15 (senior citizens)

Pro Musica Mini Concert features a series of solo recitals from an intensive and auditioned voice and music masterclass for students around the region. Participants will take the stage for solo repertoires and to accompany four opera stars: Julie Mossay (soprano), Ines Madeira (mezzo soprano), Enrico Casari (tenor) and Laurent Kubla (bass/baritone). Selected students will also participate in the Pro Musica Gala on 6 July.

Tickets: [redfix.airasia.com](http://redfix.airasia.com)  
Email: [info@georgetownfestival.com](mailto:info@georgetownfestival.com)  
Call: +604 261 6308 (GTF)



### PRO MUSICA MINI CONCERT

By opera students from the masterclass

4 July, 8.30pm  
MPPP Town Hall

Admission: by RM10 donation



### INTER-SCHOOL CHOIR COMPETITION

by Penang Philharmonic Society

7 July, 10am to 4pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

The annual inter-school choir competition returns in this year's festival programming! This Penang Primary and Secondary School Choir Competition is organised by the Penang Philharmonic Society, a non-governmental organisation that has collaborated with numerous composers, conductors, musicians from both Western and Chinese orchestra, choristers, choreographers and dancers as an integral component of our community outreach work. Admission is by a very small donation of RM10 to support the activities by Penang Philharmonic Society.

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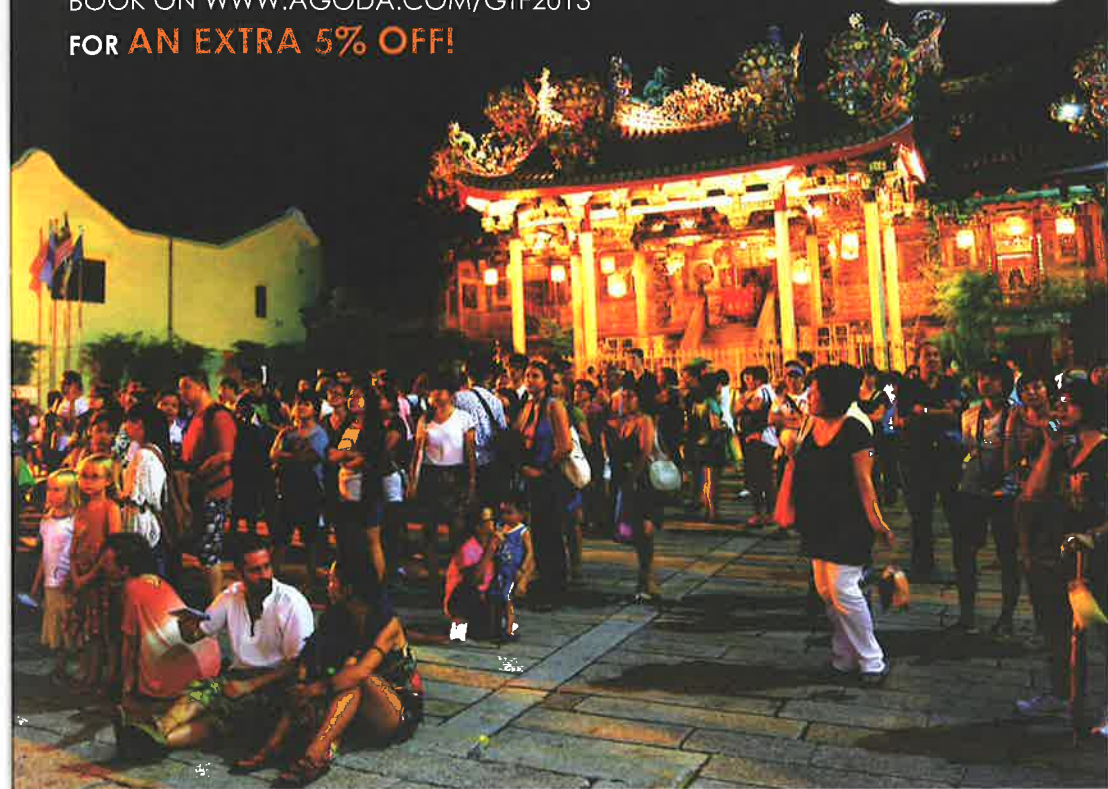
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## ALSO IN PENANG

JUNE 1 to JUNE 3

A pilgrimage to Balik Pulau should be in your itinerary during June and July, the best fruiting season for local durians. The Penang Durian Festival features the best produce of the region, the legendary "Ang He" and "Hor Lor" variants and a thorny selection of the best of Balik Pulau's durian plantations.

More information: [www.visitpenang.gov.my](http://www.visitpenang.gov.my)  
Email: [info@visitpenang.gov.my](mailto:info@visitpenang.gov.my)  
Call: +604 650 5136 / 261 9012



### PENANG DURIAN FESTIVAL

1 June to 15 June, 11am to 6pm  
Anjung Indah, Balik Pulau



**Admission: RM150 / RM110 / RM80 for Adults / RM40 for Students Disabled, TAS / Senior Privilege Card Holders**

This is a multi-award winning musical that has toured from KLPac and penangpac and is proudly restaged this year for GTF 2013. Broken Bridges is set in 1950s Ipoh and revolves around two childhood friends, Ming & Leong, and how they reconcile traditionalism and modernism.

Tickets: [www.lassotickets.com](http://www.lassotickets.com)  
Call: +604 899 1722 / 2722

### BROKEN BRIDGES

by The Actors Studio Teater Seni Rakyat

1 June, 4 June to 8 June at 8:30pm;  
2 June at 3pm  
Stage 1, penangpac

Paul Loosley's William Shakespeare on Film arrives in Penang with seven of the most successful, most electrifying and most inspired movie interpretations of the Bard's great works. Seven films for seven days; from comedies to histories to tragedies; famous Oscar winners to rarely-seen masterpieces. Paul will preface each showing with fascinating insights into the plays themselves, the performances and performers, and examine how cleverly the director has translated Will's timeless stories and matchless prose onto the big screen.

More information: [www.penangpac.org](http://www.penangpac.org)  
Call: +604 899 1722 / 2722



### PAUL LOOSLEY'S WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE ON FILM

Stage meets screen

3 June to 8 June at 8:30pm; 9 June at 3pm  
Stage 2, penangpac

## ALSO IN PENANG

June 6 to June 7

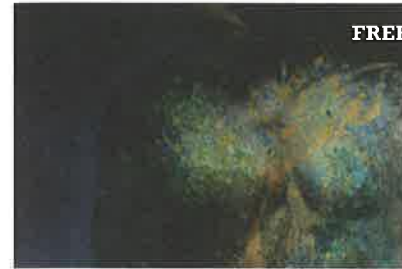
The Performing Arts Centre of Penang (penangpac) presents a complimentary fringe festival in and around Straits Quay and at its premises, featuring local singer-songwriters, bands, musicians, storytellers, dancers, street statues, drum circles, and buskers! Look out for announcements on their Facebook page!

More information: [www.penangpac.org](http://www.penangpac.org)  
Call: +604 899 1722 / 2722



### PENANGPAC FRINGE FESTIVAL

6 June to 8 June, 2pm to 7pm  
Straits Quay and penangpac



### OPEN EYES

Solo exhibition by Alfred Yeoh

7 June to 20 June, 11am to 7pm  
A2 Gallery, 27 Bangkok Lane

Penang artist and gallerist Alfred Yeoh presents the second of his series on male and female nudes in *Open Eyes*. With a background in graphic design, Alfred combines graphics and fine art to create a tasteful composition that emphasizes the beauty and strength of the human form. *Open Eyes* challenges the viewer to appreciate the artist's works in all its bareness. This series of work is created on canvas and paper and showcases a combination of techniques with oil, acrylic and watercolor.

More information: [www.a2artgallery.com](http://www.a2artgallery.com)  
Email: [admin@a2artgallery.com](mailto:admin@a2artgallery.com)  
Call: +604 227 4985

The Canteen at China House has built a reputation for some of the best live music showcases in George Town. The weekend's music programming features the lovely vocals of chanteuse Dasha Logan and renowned jazz pianist Michael Veerapan leading his band into a weekend of soulful jazz and spectacular virtuosity. There's no cover charge, but do hang around after their set and buy them a drink!

More information: [facebook.com/TheCanteenAtChinaHouse](https://www.facebook.com/TheCanteenAtChinaHouse)  
Email: [kienlim@gmail.com](mailto:kienlim@gmail.com)  
Call: +604 263 7299



### MICHAEL VEERAPAN TRIO FEAT DASHA LOGAN

On Friday and Saturday

7 June and 8 June, 9.30pm  
The Canteen, China House



## ALSO IN PENANG

June 8 to June 9

Boria combines the elements of dance, music and comic sketches. Head down to Fort Cornwallis to enjoy some good old boria fun, and support the final 4 teams in the local schools Boria Competition. Expect to be treated to a visual bonanza of traditional culture that brings out the true root of the Penang Malay culture, colourful costumes and larger-than-life performers.

Call: +6012 454 4410



### PENANG SCHOOL BORIA COMPETITION

8 June, 7.30pm  
Fort Cornwallis



### PENANG INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

8 June and 9 June, 9am to 5pm  
Teluk Bahang Dam

Feasts of Penang celebrates the rich and gastronomic heritage of Penang Malays: Jawi Peranakan, Indian-Muslim, Middle Eastern, Arabian, European Muslim, Indonesian and Chinese Muslims represented by local associations and small-scale women enterprises in Penang. This seven-hour feast will be a nomlicious experience: nasi pengantin, a whole range of ketupats, rotis, puluts, kuihs, gulais, nasi melayu and nasi ulam, and exotic Malay drinks, tea and coffee. It's a plastic-free event, so bring your own recycable bags... and save some room for dessert!

Call: +604 222 8600



### FEASTS OF PENANG: MUSLIM CULINARY HERITAGE by Think City

9 June, 10am to 3pm  
Along Lebuah Acheh and Lebuah Armenian

## ALSO IN PENANG

June 11 to June 21

**Admission: RM105 / RM135 / RM165 / RM195 and special rates for group bookings**

Les Ballets Grandiva's delightful combination of superb dance techniques, tongue-in-cheek humour as well as intentional hissy fits by men playing both male and female roles will certainly bring the house down again. Whether you're a ballet buff or neophyte, these hairy men will have you laughing, cheering, stomping your feet and falling off your seat... this is definitely not a ballet to be falling asleep at!

Tickets: [www.ilassotickets.com](http://www.ilassotickets.com)

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### MEN IN TUTUS by Les Ballets Grandiva

11 June to 15 June, 8:30pm;  
15 June, 3pm;  
16 June, 2pm and 7pm  
Stage 1, penangpac

Start your Friday with folk rock neo soul crooner & songsmith Charlie Lim; on Saturday watch him team up with Liyana Fizi and the Daniel C Trio; on Sunday watch the deviant indie bands Damn Dirty Apes, Think! Tadpole! Think! and Coma! shake up the night with their own unique takes on the audio sensory (and visual) art form!

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### AN INDIE WEEKEND! Three nights of music!

14 June to 16 June, 9.30pm  
The Canteen, China House



### MIA PALENCIA, MIKE DAWES & AZ SAMAD

21 June to 23 June  
The Canteen, China House

Award-winning crooner Mia Palencia will grace the shores of Penang with her Australian cohorts with original music and improvised jazz. Her brother Christian Palencia opens for her on both her Friday and Saturday performance. Sunday's line up are two astounding acoustic solo performances, (Mike Dawes from England and Az Samad from Malaysia), who will display unconventional ways of extending the sonic capabilities of an acoustic guitar!

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## ALSO IN PENANG

June 21 to June 28

This group exhibition features artists from Malaysia, Taiwan, Australia and Shanghai and is part of ArtHer Magazine's feature story for their June 2013 Issue. This biannual online magazine is published by the International Women Artist Council, based at the Conservatory of Fine Art, Penang. The exhibition launches on 22 June at 5pm.

More information: [www.art-her.com](http://www.art-her.com)  
Email: [art\\_her@yahoo.com](mailto:art_her@yahoo.com)  
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### HER STUDIO Art & Life of Women Artists

21 June to 4 July, 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday; 10am to 2pm Saturday  
Galeri Art Point, Batu Uban



Admission: RM20

This concert from Heng Ee High School showcases a potpourri of students' talents in singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and demonstrating Wushu performance routine. It features members from the school's choir, Chinese orchestra, the wind orchestra, the harmonic band, cultural dance troupe, drama, and wushu-taichi clubs.

Call: +6012 560 3833, +6012 488 1283

### A MUSICAL POTPOURRI

23 June, 1pm to 7pm, 7pm to 11pm  
Dewan Sri Pinang

R&b/soul/funk songstress Irma Seleman and her band kick up the night to keep your body moving and your spirit soaring to their infectious grooves and soulful vocals on Friday! Penang's 'nightingale' Bihzhu celebrates love, beauty and life's most treasured moments with you via her sultry smoky voice and jazzy soulful self penned songs, on Saturday.

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### IRMA SELEMAN & BIHZHU Friday & Saturday

28 June & 29 June, 9.30pm  
The Canteen, China House

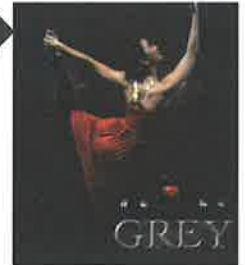
## ALSO IN PENANG

June 28 to June 29

Admission: RM33 adults, RM23 concession

Maya Dance Theatre explores the convergence of the traditional Bharatha Natyam dance and modern contemporary dance. Intrigued by the structure of the two forms, the choreographers explore, disassemble and reassemble both dance forms to present a 'melting point' of convergence and crossroads.

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### GREY

28 June and 29 June, 8.30pm  
Stage 1, penangpac



FREE

The Leong San Tong Khoo Kongs, founded in 1835, serves the Khoo clan from Hai Teng Area, Chiang Chew prefecture, Hokkien province. The magnificent temple building is surrounded by clan dwellings, was completed in 1906. It was recently restored in 2001. The building is lit up every last weekend of the month and is open to the public with a representation of Chinese cultural performances and famous Penang food. Organised by Penang Global Tourism.

Email: [darren@penangglobaltourism.com](mailto:darren@penangglobaltourism.com)  
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### AN EVENING OF LIGHTS AT KHOO KONGSI

29 June, 7pm to 10pm  
Khoo Kongs

By registration only

The Botanic Gardens was founded by European growers to cultivate seedlings for commercial trade. The 29ha public park is sited on a former quarry site and has been described as an "amphitheatre of hills". It's always pleasant to stroll on its grounds, but better still to join a leisurely and fun guided tour with Joseph Teoh to learn more about the Gardens!

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### GUIDED WALK @ PENANG BOTANIC GARDENS

29 June, 9.30am to 10.30am  
Penang Botanic Gardens



## ALSO IN PENANG

June 30

This monthly event brings together amateur and experienced poets, storytellers and musicians for a night of amazing music and poetry. A must-attend for lovers of art, music and poetry, or for anyone who wants to be a part of the Penang artistic renaissance.

More information: facebook.com/SayItMeanItPenang  
Email: silymi.penang@gmail.com  
Call: +6013 802 1911, +6016 456 5374

FREE



### SAY IT LIKE YOU MEAN IT

30 June, 9pm  
The Canteen, China House

FREE

This monthly event by Penang's school bands is supported by Penang Global Tourism to nurture and encourage young talents in schools.

Email: darren@penangglobaltourism.com  
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### MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

30 June, 5.30pm to 6.30pm  
Penang Botanic Gardens

By registration only

The Protestant Cemetery is the final resting place of Penang's European pioneers, such as Francis Light, James Scott, several early governors, other notable historical figures, and some who are very important footnotes in Penang's history. This tour is highly recommended for an unconventional stroll through Penang's early history.

Register: darren@penangglobaltourism.com  
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### FRANCIS LIGHT CEMETERY TOUR

30 June, 2pm to 2.45pm  
Meeting point: Upper Penang Road

## ALSO IN PENANG

July 4 to July 7

**Admission: RM33 for adults; RM23 for students, disabled, TAS / Senior Privilege Card Holders**

For years, Bibik Rosa and her beloved grandson have been keeping in touch through postcards. Rosa writes to tell Benny about the good old days. Benny writes to let his grandma know what the future holds. But one day, the postcards from Benny stop arriving and Rosa decides to embark on the trip of her life. *Postcards From Rosa* was first staged by Singapore's ACTION Theatre in November 2007 with Neo Swee Lin in the title role.

Tickets: www.ilassotickets.com  
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### POSTCARDS FROM ROSA by penangpac and klpac

4 July to 6 July at 8:30pm; 7 July at 3pm  
Stage 2, penangpac

**Admission: RM15**



### PENANG ESPLANADE LINE DANCE JAMBOREE

6 July, 6pm to 10.30pm  
Esplanade, Jalan Padang Kota Lama

The largest line dancing jamboree in the northern region celebrates its fourth anniversary this year. Put on your dancing shoes and join this groovy event with family and friends!

Email: jeanibiyeoh@yahoo.com  
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Calling music lovers and musicians: bring your instrument/voice and jam, jam, jam to jazz, jazz, jazz.

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### JAZZ JAM SESSION

7 July, 9.30pm  
The Canteen, China House



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