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GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL

PENANG • MALAYSIA

1 - 31 AUGUST 2014

FOREWORD

PENANG CHIEF MINISTER

George Town Festival showcases the best of Penang to the world year after year. As in the past, this year's festival programme boasts Asian premieres from some of the leading names in the creative industries, proving that Penang has made its mark as a regional, even global, stage for the arts.

This August, George Town Festival celebrates its fifth anniversary and enters a new phase of its journey. The past four years of music, drama, and creativity have seen the festival build foundations throughout George Town, foundations on which this annual celebration can continue to flourish. You will have the opportunity to witness our soul on fire.

Over the years, the festival has undergone a process of change and maturation. George Town's UNESCO World Heritage Site listing, which served as the catalyst for the festival's inauguration, now has its own festival on July 7. But even as the festival grows, the beating heart of the celebrations remains the city itself and its people. The festival gains its strength from our strong island spirit - the quiet pride and understanding that it is our diverse cultures that make us vibrant, strong, and united, and that our living heritage is woven from many threads.

Each year, the world gets a glimpse of the richness of Penang's creative soul, but it is us Penangites among the crowds this month who are lucky enough to be living on this vibrant canvas. I am honoured to represent a state that produces and nurtures the island's creative groups, individuals, and spaces. Indeed, Penang through George Town Festival embodies and symbolizes the cultural capital of Malaysia.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the team behind George Town Festival for the months of hard work, determination and creative inspiration that go towards putting on this festival. And to all visitors to the festival, to Penang, to Malaysia, please accept my best wishes for what I am sure will be an unforgettable stay.

YANG AMAT BERHORMAT
TUAN LIM GUAN ENG

FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

As you turn the coming pages, a hundred stories from across the globe fall onto your lap. The ancient comedy theatre of Japan sits next to a drama about 1940s Penang; the traditional Malay borra shares a page with an exhibition of New Zealand Maori carving, and a flashmob dance troupe from Sydney takes to the streets of George Town alongside local artists.

The festival is young, but I feel that the strength that comes from the people and space of George Town itself allows the city to undergo the transformation into an enormous stage, a city-wide gallery, and an inspiration for local and international artists each year.

This year has seen some incredible achievements for George Town Festival. One highlight is the festival's selection by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as the only Malaysian case study for a publication on good practices in the creative industries, presented to culture ministers from across the globe.

The numbers tell only part of the story of our growth. With over 270 proposals received, more than 100 programmes on show, and well over 20 venues (not including our pop-up kopitiam art spaces!) hosting an array of shows and exhibitions, we can only hope that GTF is going from strength to strength as the years pass.

But the real story of the festival can be found in the people that surround it. The local and international performers who make George Town their stage; the volunteers who give up their time to lend a helping hand; the venue owners who open their doors to us; the dedicated team that live and breathe the festival for most of the year; and you, the audience who come to support and enjoy the shows.

I would once again like to thank YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng and the State of Penang for their continued support and belief, as well as our partners and sponsors who help to make this festival a reality.

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

George Town Festival is a month-long festival that has turned into an illustrious platform for the arts in Penang. From its start as a series of arts and culture events in celebration of George Town's listing as a UNESCO Heritage Site in 2008, George Town Festival was mooted and celebrated its first inauguration in 2010.

Since then, we have had the privilege of hosting spectacular events spanning the arts – from world-class performances to cross-cultural creative collaborations, experimental art, traditional and contemporary performing arts, as well as exciting local community initiatives and public installations.

Our mission is to become the platform for culture and the arts in South-East Asia, with a focus on George Town's unique perspectives. For the festival month, the city becomes a canvas where performers and audiences transform spaces within it with venues ranging from auditoriums to five-foot ways, colonial shophouses to sidewalk galleries.

The festival continues to offer the best possible experience through our core beliefs of Collaboration, Community, Reinvention and Accessibility, intriguing audiences with our various free and ticketed events.

George Town Festival 2014 will take place during the entire month of August.

EXHIBITIONS AND ONGOING EVENTS

23rd June - UNPACK-REPACK: A
31st Aug TRIBUTE TO ISMAIL HASHIM
11AM - 7PM The Whiteaways Arcade

21st July - PROJEK CAHAYA
31st Aug ALL DAY Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling

27th July - 15th Aug PROJECT 9
10AM - 6PM a2 Gallery

1st - 31st SKETCHING GEORGE TOWN II EXHIBITION @ KOPITIAM GALLERY
ALL DAY Various locations

1st - 31st ALL DAY STRING OF PEARLS
Various locations

1st - 31st ALL DAY THE WALL ON THE WALL
Various locations

1st - 31st ALL DAY THE CHAIRS
Various locations

1st - 31st ALL DAY LOST & FOUND
Various locations

1st - 31st MISSION BLUE: THE INDIGO HOUSE
10AM - 6PM Mission Place

1st - 31st (mon - fri) CREATIVE DESIGN CENTRE
9AM - 5PM Dewan Sri Pinang

1st - 9th 10AM - 6PM KLAS ART EXHIBITION
Sekeping Victoria

1st - 31st 10AM - 6PM CHINESE ZODIAC
Macalister Mansion

8th Aug - 15th Sept 9AM - 6PM TUKU IHO | LIVING LEGACY
Muzium & Galeri Tuanku Fauziah, USM

1st - 21st 12PM - 7PM THE MOVERS
Hin Bus Art Depot

9th - 31st 10AM - 5PM BORIA: PASSAGE THROUGH TIME
MPPP Town Hall

11th - 31st 10AM - 5PM THAILAND & PENANG: CENTURIES OF MUTUAL EXCHANGE
MPPP Town Hall

20th - 31st 10AM - 6PM THE LIVING CITY
MPPP Town Hall

28th - 31st 10AM - 6PM MEMORIES IN COMMON
Sekeping Victoria

11th - 31st WORKING HOURS OBSCURA FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY
Various locations

9th - 31st 11AM - 6PM FALL INTO THE SEA TO BECOME AN ISLAND
Run Amok Gallery

WEEK 1

1 fri

9AM CREATIVE CITIES FORUM
The Royale Bintang Hotel

8.30PM CIRCUS CIRCUS
Dewan Sri Pinang

2 sat

3PM & 8PM NO COVER UP
Sinkeh

6PM KONSERT KOPITIAM
Asia Café

8.30PM "PRIVATE PREMIÈRE SCREENING", NOTA E&O

8.30PM CIRCUS CIRCUS
Dewan Sri Pinang

8.30PM RHYTHMIC SPACE:
A PAUSE FOR BREATH
MPPP Town Hall

3 sun

3PM & 8PM NO COVER UP
Sinkeh

8.30PM CIRCUS CIRCUS
Dewan Sri Pinang

8.30PM RHYTHMIC SPACE:
A PAUSE FOR BREATH
MPPP Town Hall



WEEK 2

4 mon 5 tue 6 wed 7 thu

8 fri

6PM KONSERT KOPITIAM
Hock Leong Yen

7.30PM 9 4 1 3
(NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE)
139 Lebuh Pantai

8.30PM TEXT, BODY & SPACE
Hin Bus Art Depot



9 sat

7.30PM BORIA FEST
MPPP Town Hall

7.30PM 9 4 1 3
(NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE)
139 Lebuh Pantai

8PM SEA FILM SHOWCASE
The Whiteaways Arcade

8.30PM TEXT, BODY & SPACE
Hin Bus Art Depot

10 sun

1PM - 3PM KLAS ART AUCTION
Sekeping Victoria

8.30PM TEXT, BODY & SPACE
Hin Bus Art Depot



WEEK 3

11 mon 12 tue 13 wed

14 thu

7.30PM 9 4 1 3
(NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE)
139 Lebuh Pantai

8:30PM PLAY
Dewan Sri Pinang

15 fri

6PM KONSERT KOPITIAM
Hock Poh Lye

7.30PM 9 4 1 3
(NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE)
139 Lebuh Pantai

8:30PM PLAY
Dewan Sri Pinang

8:30PM RISING
Stage 1, penangpac



16 sat

10AM THE LIVING CITY
(WORKSHOP)
MPPP Town Hall

2.30PM - 6PM TEDWXWELDQUAY
Fullerton Suite E&O

7.30PM 9 4 1 3
(NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE)
139 Lebuh Pantai

8.30PM RISING
Stage 1, penangpac

8.30PM THE THAI CLASSICAL SMALL
PUPPET THEATRE
MPPP Town Hall

17 sun

10AM - 6PM THE LIVING CITY
(WORKSHOP)
MPPP Town Hall

6PM - 11PM EURASIAN FIESTA
Moral Uplifting Society

8PM ONE NIGHT MIC STAND
WITH KUMAR
Dewan Sri Pinang



WEEK 4

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6PM SINGAPORE HOUSE GALLERY
Green Room12PM -
8PM SINGAPORE HOUSE SHOP
179 Victoria Street6PM KONSERT KOPITIAM
Eng Loh Cafe8:30PM THE KITCHEN
Dewan Sri Pinang23
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6PM SINGAPORE HOUSE
GALLERY
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8PM SINGAPORE HOUSE SHOP
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PERFORMANCE
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GALLERY
Green Room12PM -
8PM SINGAPORE HOUSE SHOP
179 Victoria Street8PM SACRED MUSIC CONCERT
St. George's Church8:30PM RAMAYANA
MPPP Town Hall

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6PM BINDING AND WEAVING
PAGES OF HISTORY
Yeng Keng Hotel12PM -
6PM SINGAPORE HOUSE
GALLERY
Green Room12PM -
8PM SINGAPORE HOUSE SHOP
179 Victoria Street6PM KONSERT KOPITIAM
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10:30PM SINGAPORE SUPPER CLUB
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AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCUS SPECTACLE

1 - 3 AUGUST
8.30PM

Dewan Sri Pinang

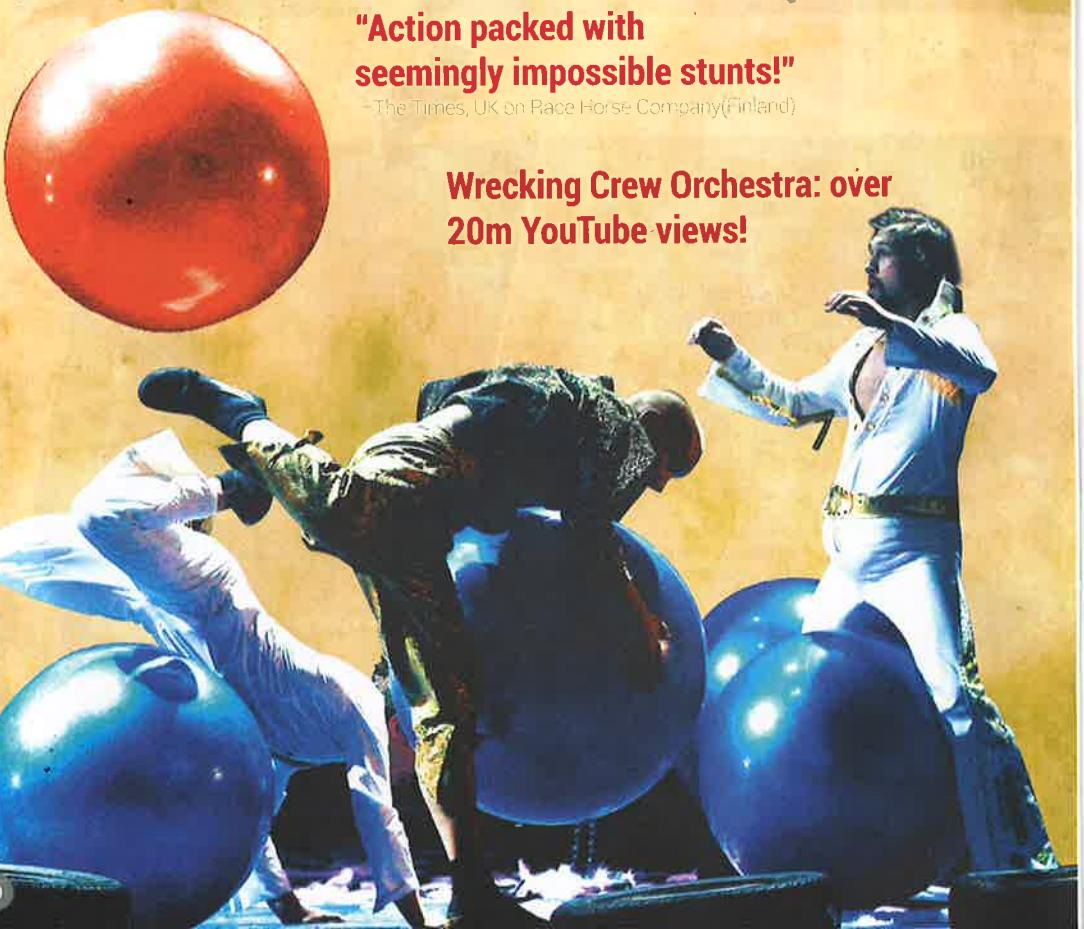
FEATURING

WRECKING CREW ORCHESTRA (JAPAN)
RACE HORSE COMPANY (FINLAND)
SHANGHAI STARLIGHT ACROBATIC TROUPE (CHINA)
BUNDITPATANASILPA INSTITUTE (THAILAND)

RM 20 60 80 120 200

"Action packed with seemingly impossible stunts!"

—The Times, UK on Race Horse Company (Finland)



Wrecking Crew Orchestra: over 20m YouTube views!

PLAY

"The unforced virtuosity of the dancers is never less than fascinating"

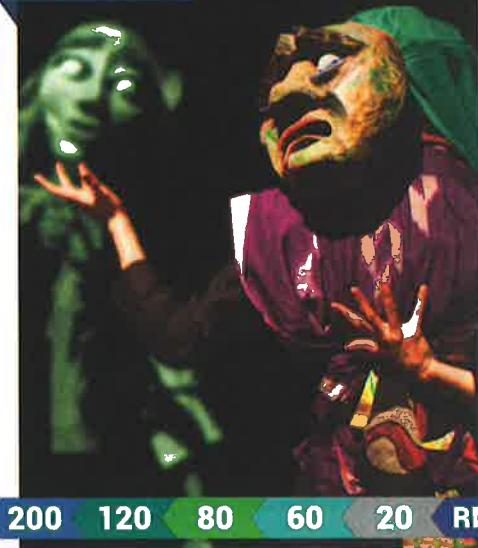
—The Guardian, UK, 2009

The Asian premiere from one of the trailblazers of contemporary dance, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui (Sutra, Anna Karenina), and queen of kuchipudi dance, Shantala Shivalingappa

In Play, role-play, game-play and play-acting interweave, bridging the gap between reality and fantasy.



14 - 15 AUGUST
8.30PM
Dewan Sri Pinang



200 120 80 60 20 RM

RISING

"The dance equivalent of a red-carpet event"

—The Guardian



15 - 16 AUGUST
8.30PM
Stage 1, penangpac



A striking solo dance performance from rising UK dance star, Aakash Odedra. Drawing inspiration from pattern-making and thunderstorms, the explosive repertoire showcases this exceptional performer's emotional and physical dexterity.

With solos choreographed by the greats of contemporary dance - Russell Maliphant, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Akram Khan, and Aakash himself.



2 HOUSES

28 - 30 AUGUST
8.30PM

Soonstead,
42B Jalan Sultan
Ahmad Shah



2 Houses is an epic tale of make believe, spun from the imagination of an avid listener of old Penang family fables, myths, stories and research. Truth or lie? Conjecture or fact? The audience disregards these questions as they move, room to room, through the twists and turns of this sparkling drama about two of Penang's elite families. Set against the backdrop of the Second World War and Emergency years, this site-specific drama follows the loves, lives and losses of those that witnessed the birth of Penang's identity.



HAI KI XIN LOR (YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME)

28, 29 & 31 AUGUST

8.30PM

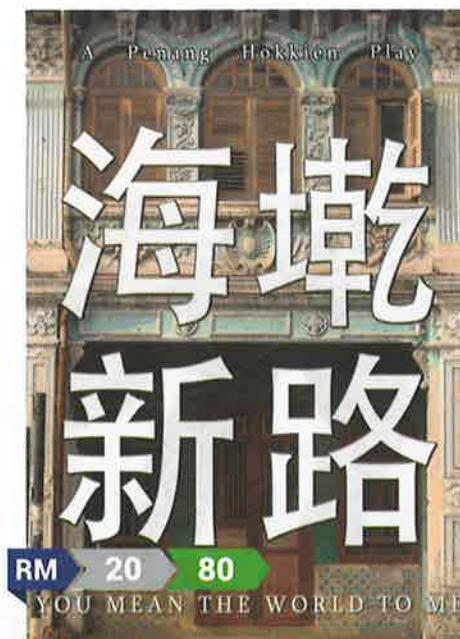
Leong San Tong
Khoo Kongsi

"In Penang and in Hokkien, I must say that *Hai Ki Xin Lor* is my most challenging work to date.

At the end of the day all roads lead home!"

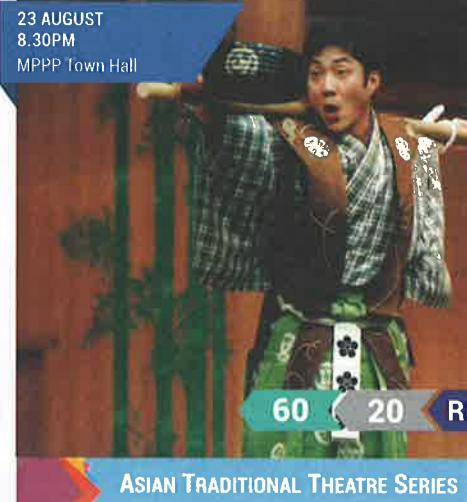
-Saw Teong Hin, Co-Director

Sunny, a filmmaker haunted by a shocking incident from the past, goes back to Penang to shoot a new film about his family without their knowledge. Coming to terms with a shocking incident in his past, Sunny also finds peace with himself.



RM 20 80

YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME



23 AUGUST
8.30PM
MPPP Town Hall

60 20 RM

ASIAN TRADITIONAL THEATRE SERIES

LAUGHTER OF 600 YEARS - MANSAI NOMURA KYOGEN PERFORMANCE

Mansai Nomura, Japan's leading Kyogen artist, provides a dazzling showcase of this theatrical art. A vessel of humour and history, kyogen has touched audiences from all walks of life since the 14th century. In 2001, it was designated as "the oral and intangible heritage of humanity" by UNESCO. Making his stage debut at the tender age of 3, Mansai is now considered Japan's foremost kyogen artist.



JOINT WORKSHOP - ASIAN TRADITIONAL THEATRE SERIES: KYOGEN & CANTONESE OPERA

A joint workshop between Nanning City Theatre Troupe and the Mansaku-No Kai Kyogen Company will take place on 22 August at MPPP Town Hall. Attendance is free with prior registration - please contact George Town Festival for more details.

RAMAYANA

The Ramayana is one of the colossal monuments of Indian classical literature, and has had a profound influence on Southeast Asian theatre. In this dazzling operatic retelling, the story of Prince Rama, Princess Sita and the ten-headed monster Rawana is adapted, revitalised, and retold in the colourful stylised manner of classical Cantonese Opera.



24 AUGUST
8.30PM
MPPP Town Hall



60 20 RM

ASIAN TRADITIONAL THEATRE SERIES

INDIGO90

MISSION BLUE

THE INDIGO HOUSE

1 - 31 AUGUST

Mission Place

Indigo: the colour that changed the world. Nearly every civilisation from the ancient Greeks to the Mayans used the dye for clothing, art, religious devotion and much more. The colour is still considered to be laden with mystical properties, and holds a fascination for artists across the world.

For the month of August, the grounds of the striking Mission Place will become George Town's Other Blue Mansion, housing artwork, workshops and indigo wares from all corners of the globe. Featuring works by local artist Regina Ibrahim, designer David Cheah and artefact jewellery-makers Ming Blue & White.

1-31 AUGUST

10AM-6PM

Indigo: The Blue That Binds

Exhibition open daily except Mondays - Free Admission
Various Talks/Workshops/Tours (Free unless otherwise stated)

3 AUGUST

1PM-2PM

Talk - "Natural Indigo Batik" by Galeri Batik Jawa

2PM-3PM

Tour - "Indigo - Universal Blue"
by Malaysian designer/curator David Cheah

3PM-4PM

Talk - "Blue & White Shipwrecked Ceramics"
by artefact jeweller Ben Rogen

9 AUGUST

ALL DAY

Mini Exhibition - "Indigo: Lao Blue" Special Edition

10 AUGUST

1PM

Guided Tour "Indigo - Around the Blue Planet in 60 minutes"
by curator David Cheah

16 AUGUST

10AM

Talk - "Indigo Naturally" - Patricia Cheesman
Weaving demonstration (backstrap) - Lamorna Cheesman
Demo & Workshop - "Blue to Dye For"
featuring tie-dye techniques by Peeraphong Rattanseenurangkul &
Natural Indigo dye-ing by Studio Naenna from Thailand

11.30AM

Workshop fees including all materials & take home tie-dye piece: RM90;
Early bird registrations & payment before 5 August: RM68

23, 24, 30, 31
AUGUST

3PM

Guided Tour "Indigo - Around the Blue Planet in 60 minutes"
by curator David Cheah

22 - 23 AUGUST
8.30PM
Dewan Sri Pinang



RM 20 60 80 120 200

RHYTHMIC SPACE: A PAUSE FOR BREATH

**"A stylish instrumental duo,
whose performances are
almost like a monastic ritual"**

-Songlines

With their name translating as "a rhythmic space, a pause for breath", it is clear to see that 舍[su:m] possess a profound understanding of timing and poise in music, especially in traditional Korean music. Ji Ha Park and Jungmin Seo perform their compositions on traditional instruments, in an otherworldly performance where lyrical and reflective passages grow into flurrying swirls of sound.



THE KITCHEN

"Roysten Abel is known for his thrilling, grand-scale stage productions. His next work is no exception; it promises to stimulate the audience's four senses – sight, sound, smell and taste – all at once."

-South China Morning Post

Exploring the concept of the body as a vessel "The Kitchen" is a multi-sensory feast revolving around the idea of how we make relationships palatable to each other. Husband and wife sit before the audience, stirring vats of payasam as a gigantic scaffolding of mizhavu drummers from Kerala provide a mesmerising rhythm.



60 20 RM



23 JUNE - 31 AUGUST
11AM - 7PM
The Whiteways Arcade,
Lebuh Pantai

UNPACK-REPACK: A TRIBUTE TO ISMAIL HASHIM

The late Ismail Hashim (1940-2013) is one of the most prominent figures of Malaysian photography in recent years. This retrospective exhibition draws audiences through five rooms of his creative preoccupations drawn from the estate he left behind. Featuring works selected by friends and colleagues, contact prints and test prints as well as personal documents, writings and photographic equipment and materials from Ismail Hashim's studio.

One of the highlights of the exhibition includes Hashim's last known project before he passed away. This work-in-progress shows the artist engaging with a new series of time-lapse digital images of ants, possibly taking his photography practice towards a new direction in his attempt to embrace digital technology.



OBSCURA FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

11 - 31 AUGUST
Various locations

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OBSCURA Festival of Photography is Malaysia's premier photography festival that celebrates photography from Asia and around the globe. This year the festival features exhibitions, slideshows, workshops, talks and more with complete works from Malaysia, India, Bangladesh, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Vietnam, Iran, Myanmar and many more. For a full programme, visit obscurafestival.com.



OBSCURA
FESTIVAL



31 AUGUST
4PM - 11PM

Lebuh Victoria & Lebuh Armenian

FEATURING



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V&A Project (Victoria & Armenian Street Project) is one of the central pillars of George Town Festival, embodying all the elements of the arts that GTF champions: exuberance, accessibility and a celebration of the distinctive spaces found in George Town. Held on the final day of the festival, V&A Project takes over some of the central streets of the Heritage Core Zone, hosting an array of public performances, workshops, and one-of-a-kind retailers. The main celebrations will begin as early as 4pm along Lebuh Armenian, Lebuh Victoria and spreading onto Lebuh Acheh. Various highlights include an array of street entertainment, music, dance, cultural showcase, pop-up exhibition and shops.

With special presentation of Mak Yong sponsored by Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara.

GTF CREATIVE DESIGN CENTRE

1 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
Dewan Sri Pinang



This year, George Town Festival is making a leap into the realm of design, technology and creativity. In conjunction with the Creative Cities Network - including Chiang Mai, Bandung and Cebu - the GTF Creative Design Centre presents a month-long showcase of innovative products and designs within the pop-up exhibition space housed in Dewan Sri Pinang.

In addition to the showcase, Dewan Sri Pinang becomes the showground for a collection of special Chairs from Balai Seni Visual Negara - unique, quirky, creative pieces that simultaneously serve art and function.

CREATIVE
DESIGN
CENTRE

gtf

ThinkCity partners George Town Festival to host the Creative Cities forum - a day of knowledge exchange between Southeast Asian Creative Cities. Involving leaders from all around the region, the Forum will explore the role of Creativity in city making, product development and design, as well as creative urban development.

PROJECT 9

25 JULY - 15 AUGUST
10 AM - 6 PM
a2 Gallery



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A collaborative art project by 'The Brown King' and 'The Wizard', Project 9 comprises an exhibition of nine works of poetry placed alongside nine works of art. The project also includes a spoken word performance between the two artists.

**SKETCHING GEORGE TOWN II
- EXHIBITION @ KOPITIAM
GALLERY**

1 - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Various locations

SKETCHING GEORGE TOWN II

素描乔治市城

EXHIBITION 1-31.08.2014



Follow a trail through the city of George Town with scenes captured by a group of urban sketchers from around the world! Urban Sketchers Penang is a group of artists who draw the cities they live in and travel to. This year, 150 artists took up residency in George Town from 5 - 7 July and captured the iconic scenes and hidden nooks of the city. These artworks will be on display throughout August.

PROJEK CAHAYA

21 JULY - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Jalan Masjid
Kapitan Keling



Projek Cahaya



Project Cahaya is a celebration of Hari Raya Aidil Fitri and the Muslim community spirit. Throughout the month of August, star-shaped lanterns (Bintang Raya) will line the central streets of George Town. The craft behind the Bintang Raya is dying and needs to be reintroduced and brought forth as a part of our unique cultural heritage.

The project is supported by ThinkCity.

STRING OF PEARLS

1 - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Various locations

**LOCATIONS**

28 July - 10 August @ Fort Cornwallis
11 - 17 August @ Japanese Garden, Penang Botanic Gardens
18 - 24 August @ Gurney Plaza
25 - 31 August @ Hin Bus Depot Art Centre

Australian artist Tim Craker takes inspiration for this giant installation from Penang's historic and romantic title, 'The Pearl of the Orient'. Working with the ubiquitous bamboo blind – an integral part of the Penang streetscape – the artist has created contemporary oversized versions of Penang's namesake, a broken string of giant pearls cascading over the grass, set free from a monstrous necklace!

THE WALL ON THE WALL

1 - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Various locations



The outcome of many hours walking and shooting in George Town this photographic project consists of 10 large scale photos, capturing the traces of time on the walls of George Town, exhibited on various walls in the heritage zone. This street exhibition interprets the heritage zone in a new way, presenting the city as an Abstract-Impressionist artwork in itself.

THE CHAIRS

1 - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Various locations

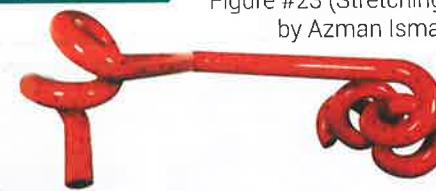


Figure #23 (Stretching)
by Azman Ismail

DID YOU KNOW?

George Town Festival 2013 drew over 200,000 visitors to Penang over the festival month.

LOST & FOUND IN GEORGE TOWN

1 - 31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Various locations

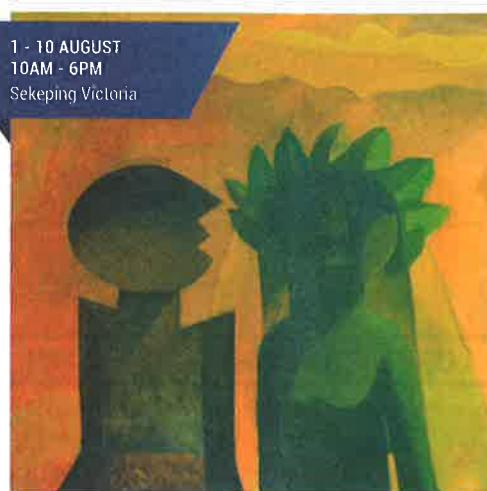


During the course of the festival, artist Tanya Sierra will 'lose' a series of small bronze sculptures in the public spaces around George Town, Penang. Each sculpture will be left until it is 'found' by its new owner.

'Lost' signs will be posted in the direct vicinity, alerting the neighbourhood that the sculpture is somewhere nearby. The piece and its surrounding location will be photographed and permanently documented on the lostandfindinggeorgetown.com.

KLAS ART EXHIBITION & AUCTION - GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL

1 - 10 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
Sekeping Victoria



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SCHEDULE

1 - 9 August 10am - 6pm - Exhibition
10 August 1pm - 3pm - Auction

Happening for the first time since the onset of George Town Festival, taking place this year is an art auction proudly presented by KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS). Marking the entry of KLAS into the programme highlights, this auction features over fifty artworks by local and international artists such as Ahmad Zakii Anwar, Awang Damit Ahmad, Lee Long Looi, Khoo Sui Hoe, Khalil Ibrahim, Yusof Ghani, Kwan Chin, Zhao Shao'ang and more. The auction on August 10 is to be held at Sekeping Victoria, with full preview from August 1 - 9 and will present artworks ranging from an affordable RM800 to RM40,000.

CHINESE ZODIAC



1 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
Macalister Mansion,
Jalan Macalister

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12 animals, 12 unique characters and several thousand years of antiquity.

The Chinese Zodiac was used to aid many of life's important decisions, and was once thought so accurate that an Emperor of China banned its use, feeling that it could be used to plot against him. Artist Thomas Powell explores the relationship between the 12 animals of the zodiac and their characteristics.

THE MOVERS



1 - 21 AUGUST
12PM - 7PM
Hin Bus Depot Art Centre

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The Malihom China Tiger Artists in Residency Programme is a exchange program between Asia Arts Studio-Gwangju, Korea and Malihom-China Tiger Artists in Residency, Penang. Each year, two artists travel to the corresponding country to work, meet new artists, experience new culture and develop their art network. This year's residency features artists Back Jong Hwee and Seehee Sarah Bark.

"PRIVATE PREMIÈRE SCREENING" NOTA

2 AUGUST
8.30PM
Grand Ballroom,
E&O Hotel

Maya KARIS

Hana ISAAC

Rashid HASSAN
Kedua Kita (ZUMI)

Screening of film *Malihom NOTA* produced by Yasu TANAKA
Screening directed by Yasu TANAKA

BY INVITATION ONLY

GTF hosts this private premiere screening of "Nota", a psychological thriller written and directed by Japanese director Yasu Tanaka. A couple whose relationship has deteriorated over the course of their 10 year marriage take a trip to the isolated Bako National Park in an attempt to rekindle their romance. But plans go awry, and everything changes when a local boatman comes into the picture.

GEORGETOWNFESTIVAL HEADLINES

"The festival is representative of Penang's opening up to the world"

-The Phuket News

KONSERT KOPITIAM

2, 8, 15, 22 & 29 AUGUST
6PM - 8PM
Various locations



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SCHEDULE

2 August	6pm - 8pm	Asia Café, Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling
8 August	6pm - 8pm	Hock Leong Yen (Sun Kee) Coffeeshop, Junction of King St./China St.
15 August	6pm - 8pm	Hock Poh Lye, Junction of China St./Penang St.
22 August	6pm - 8pm	Eng Loh Café, Junction of Penang St./Church St.
29 August	6pm - 8pm	Hwa Pin, Church St. (fronting The Phoenix Press)

Five mini-concerts in five notable coffee-shops in the heritage core zone of George Town, Penang. Featuring an eclectic blend of singers, musicians, poets, storytellers, dancers, comedians and magicians including The Rozells, poet Anwar Fazal and the magician, The Great Barrini!

NO COVER UP2- 3 AUGUST
3PM & 8PM
SinhkeiCONTACT:-
+6012 428 2711 (Tan Hock Kheng)

RM > 33

No Cover Up is a theatre performance that asks penetrating questions about the structures of society and ultimately, our very own humanity. Centred on the Batang Kali massacre in December 1948, it tells the story of a shocking incident in Malaya's colonial history and the cover-up that ensued.

9413: NINE DEATHS ONE LIFE8 - 9 & 14 - 16 AUGUST
7.30PM
139 Beach StreetCONTACT:-
+6017 280 0614 (Soonufat Supramaniam)
soonufat@gmail.com

RM > 30

A trilogy on death celebrating the mystery of life, this site-specific dance production explores the transformational qualities of rituals and the desire to survive through the body. How we want to die can represent the most important yet unspoken conversation in our world. Join the solo performer as he plans his perfect funeral and ventures through the tabooed conversation of death.

TUKU IHO | LIVING LEGACY8 AUGUST - 15 SEPTEMBER
9AM - 6PM
Muzium & Galeri Tuanku Fauziah, USMCONTACT:-
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An exhibition of time honoured Māori art works brought to you by the New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute.

The New Zealand Māori Arts and Crafts Institute is a national organisation responsible for the protection, promotion and perpetuation of Maori arts, crafts and culture. Alongside its many interests, the Institute runs the national schools of wood, jade, stone and bone carving, weaving and canoe building.

Tuku Iho is a collaborative project with the New Zealand High Commission of Kuala Lumpur.

TEXT, BODY & SPACE8 - 10 AUGUST
8.30PM
Hin Bus Depot Art CentreCONTACT:-
+6012 428 2711 (Tan Hock Kheng)

RM > 25

This production is a collaboration between artistes from Shanghai and Malaysia. This is a contemporary mixed media physical theatre performance. Directed by Penangite, Lim Chung Wei and Shanghai director, Zang Ning Bei. It will feature several local artists.

BORIA FEST9 AUGUST
7:30PM - 10PM
MPPP Town Hall

RM > 30

CONTACT:-
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The boria is Penang Malay-Jawi Peranakan parody theatre which originates from the ancient Persian ta'ziyah, a Shia musical passion play depicting the tragedy of the Karbala during the 10th day of the month of Muharram or asyurah. Each ticket to the boria performance entitles a person to a plate of heritage Malay food, including a main course, cakes and a drink.

BORIA: A PASSAGE THROUGH TIME9 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 5PM
MPPP Town HallCONTACT:-
+604 261 3680 (Dato' Dr Wazir Jahan Karim)
info@jawihouse.com

The boria is Penang Malay-Jawi Peranakan parody theatre originating from the ancient Persian musical passion play.

Highlighting the morals of the day with messages of social awakening, its 150 year history has seen the boria take on influences such as Bollywood and Latin music. This exhibition is a vivid illustration of the groups that contributed to the unique cultural history of boria in Penang.

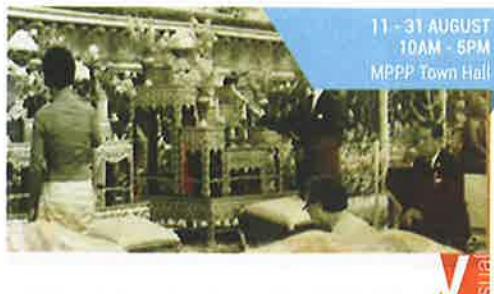
FALL INTO THE SEA TO BECOME AN ISLAND/JATUH KE DALAM LAUT MENJADI PULAU9 - 31 AUGUST
11AM - 6PM
Run Amok Gallery,
Off Lorong HuttonCONTACT:-
info@runamok.my

From the state flag's image of a betel nut tree on an island to the island names painted on Penang Ferries, our affinity and identification to islands is not only visual but a cultural one. Not just a symbol of isolation, the island also signifies resilience, fluidity and buoyancy. Nine artists respond to Penang's island identity, fabricating video, painting, sculpture, photography and installation work.

SEA FILM SHOWCASE9 AUGUST
8PM
Gallery 4, The Whiteaways
ArcadeSOUTHEAST ASIAN
FILM SHOWCASE9 AUG 2014
8:00-10:00PM
GALLERY 4
THE WHITEAWAYS
BEACH STREETLUMA TROPFEST
SOUTHEAST ASIAN
FILM SHOWCASECONTACT:-
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Presented by LUMA, Tropfest South East Asia, The Whiteaways Arcade & Youth Creative, SEA Film Showcase is a bimonthly showcase of short films. August's South East Asia Film Showcase will be curated by Chong Ley-lynn and will feature the works of the late P. Ramlee.

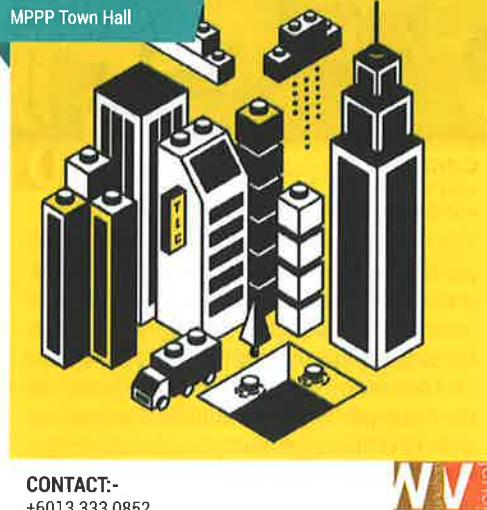
THAILAND & PENANG - CENTURIES OF MUTUAL EXCHANGE



11 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
MPPP Town Hall

THE LIVING CITY MASTERCLASS & EXHIBITION

16 - 17 & 20 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
MPPP Town Hall



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Master Class
16 - 17 August

A two-day master class workshop led by KRADS, an architectural studio based in Denmark and Iceland. The master class is open to 15 selected participants from architecture and design background.

Exhibition
20 - 31 August

An interactive exhibition that explores city-making in a playful and hands-on approach using LEGO as a building medium.

Players construct their own piece of the city and decide where it will be placed by removing existing trees on the LEGO landscape. As the game progresses, players will have to negotiate with existing constructions and depleting green space to decide what gets demolished to make room for their construction.

A project by #BetterCities, a campaign that focuses on improving urban living.

In Penang's early history, the island state has always been looked upon as a place for better living, good education and job opportunities, especially by Thai settlers. Penang would be a less colourful place without the Thai presence and this exhibition is intended to show their footprints in Penang, which form an integral part of Penang's cultural heritage.

TEDWXWELDQUAY

16 AUGUST
2.30PM - 6PM
Fullerton Suite,
Victory Annex,
Level 5 E&O Hotel

TEDx
WeldQuay
x = independently organized TED event

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50 RM

In line with TED's mission of Ideas Worth Spreading, TEDxWeldQuay aspires to be a catalyst to inspire, change and cultivate the minds of the Penang community and the world beyond. TEDxWeldQuay showcases undiscovered treasures and talents from the local and international scene. At the same time, we hope to also showcase Penang, the Pearl of the Orient, to the rest of the world through TEDxWeldQuay.

THE THAI CLASSICAL SMALL PUPPET THEATRE

16 AUGUST
8:30PM
MPPP Town Hall



ASIAN TRADITIONAL THEATRE SERIES

BY REGISTRATION ONLY
info@georgetownfestival.com

The Joe Louis Theatre's Thai Classical Small Puppet Theatre is a truly unique showcase of Thai theatrical puppetry. Working to revitalise this dying art form, originating in early 13th century Thai history, The Joe Louis Theatre is Thailand's first institution dedicated to Thai theatrical puppetry performance. By taking the Ramayana epic as its story, the full-figure puppets are set aglow with the vibrancy of this art form's colour and culture.

EURASIAN FIESTA

17 AUGUST
6PM - 11PM
Moral Uplifting Society



CONTACT:-
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The 3rd annual Eurasian Fiesta is a celebration of food, music, culture and heritage where you can enjoy music from top Malaysian Eurasian bands while delighting in the community's proud, secret and distinctly unique Eurasian cuisine. Books on Eurasian history, Eurasian heritage photos, art and handicraft will also be on display and for sale.

A ONE NIGHT MIC STAND WITH KUMAR

17 AUGUST
8PM
Dewan Sri Pinang



RM 50

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After a sold out show last year, Kumar returns with a show guaranteed to razzle and dazzle the audience in George Town, Penang. So make a date with Kumar, experience a night of outrageous hilarity with Singapore's comedy Queen - or King! Kumar is supported by Malaysians Dr Jason Leong & Rizal Van Geyzel.

MELBOURNE, TOKYO... NEXT STOP GEORGE TOWN!

This July, BK Magazine put *George Town Festival* in their list of top 9 Asian events, alongside the Melbourne International Film Festival and Japan's Summer Sonic!

TRANSI(EN)T PENANG21 - 30 AUGUST
Various locationsCONTACT:-
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Transi(en)t Penang is part of a project that includes artists and curators from The Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia.

Artists work with Penang communities to realize an art project developed through workshops, while the curators present a series of public talks and a forum to discuss regional contemporary art and the changing practice.

**A WINDOW
TO THE WORLD**

"If you haven't seen this place, you haven't seen the world"

-W. Somerset Maugham
(British playwright and author, 1874-1965)

SINGAPORE HOUSE22 - 24 &
29 - 31 AUGUST

Singapore House comprises a group of Singaporean artists showcasing unique and original Singapore design, music and art, in an event where Singaporeans and Malaysians can get to know each other and share ideas in a fun, relaxed, infectious, creative, party atmosphere. Featuring Singaporean chefs and mixologists, indie bands (The Sam Willows, Inch Chua), artist Alan Oei, SKLO and a range of top Singaporean products.

**SIN-PEN
COLONY****SINGAPORE HOUSE GALLERY**22-24 AUGUST
29-31 AUGUST
12PM - 6PM
Green Room

'Notes on Penang', is a visual art installation by Alan Oei (Singapore). The project examines Penang as an Image – one that is constructed via cultural tourism. Like Venice perhaps, we demand that Penang and its old world charm remain forever frozen in time. Here, it is the ubiquitous shophouse transformed into boutique hotels and quaint cafes that marks our imagination.

SINGAPORE HOUSE SHOP22 - 24 & 29 - 31 AUGUST
12PM - 8PM
179 Lebuh VictoriaCONTACT:-
+604 263 7299
info@chinahouse.com

Set in one of Penang's unique shophouses, The Singapore House Shop showcases goods and services proudly selected and brought to you as a slice of an emerging socially-aware, spiritually enhanced, eco-friendly, design-conscious, creatively inclined set of products and services.

Featuring BooksActually, Math Paper Press, Birds & Co., Chalk, LoveSG, Skinlycious, SKLO and many more.

SYIOK WASABI30 - 31 AUGUST
5PM - 10PM
Victoria StreetCONTACT:-
chaidiamma@gmail.com

The first ever Syiok Wasabi mini art fest in conjunction with George Town Festival, featuring young craft makers/ experimental artists from Japan. Striving to be THE organic arty fringe event for the young and hip, introducing unconventional creative medium in public art installation works. Come join us not only for the artsy encounter, there will be pop-up Japanese knick-knack stores and demo for the handmade lovers.

**GEORGETOWN FESTIVAL
HEADLINES**

**"One festival in
Malaysia worth
making a road trip
for"**

- The Edge

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT24 AUGUST
8PM

St. George's Church

TROLLEYS

28 & 31 AUGUST



TICKET PRICE:-
ENTRY BY DONATION OF RM10
(ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS)

A reprise of The Messengers at the beautiful St. George's Church, the oldest Anglican church in Southeast Asia. An evening of sacred music from different centuries by The Messenger 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.

MEMORIES IN COMMON28 - 31 AUGUST
11AM - 6PM

Sekeping Victoria

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Three award-winning children's book authors and artists create an interactive exhibition based on food, memories and the shared culture of Penang and Singapore. Drawing on the 700-year-old Peranakan culture that blends Malay, Chinese and Eurasian influences, the exhibition of art and books celebrates the living heritage that both cultures can proudly claim as their own.

BINDING & WEAVING PAGES OF HISTORY29 - 30 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM

Yeng Keng Hotel



CONTACT:-
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RM > 20

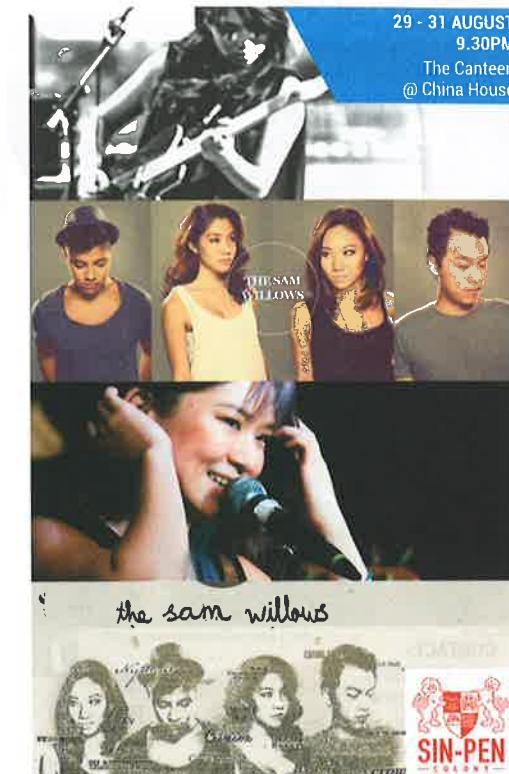
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This workshop encourages participants to draw inspiration for their handbound book from George Town itself. Walk with instructors to discuss the narrative of your book and collect found objects to form part of your book design. The workshop will impart traditional bookbinding techniques, and aims to display how "artefacts" can represent Penang and help express creativity.

MARK YOUR DIARIES

"[GTF is] one of the great highlights of Malaysia's arts calendar"

—Miles Kupa (Former High Commissioner for Australia to Malaysia)

SINGAPORE HOUSE BAR29 - 31 AUGUST
9.30PMThe Canteen
@ China House

CONTACT:-
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info@chinahouse.com

TICKET PRICE: RM38++ PER DRINK

The Singapore House Bar features a creative Singaporean mixologist's experiments with Penang flavours in booze while bringing into town Singapore's hot new Indie sounds and bands. Featuring cocktails by Louis Tan of Mixes from Mars, as well as Singaporean band The Sam Willows and singer-songwriter Inch Chua.

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SINGAPORE HOUSE SUPPER CLUB

29 - 31 AUGUST
Upstairs at Vic
@ China House

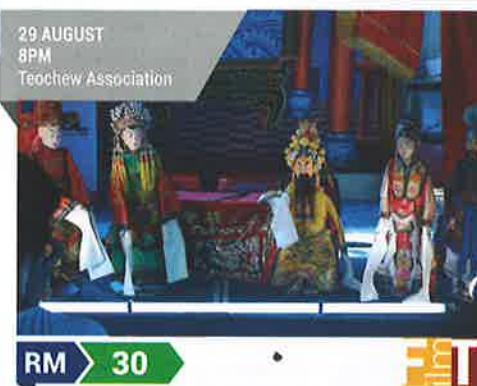
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SINGAPORE HOUSE GASTRONOMY
29 August | 7pm - 10pm
RM180++ per pax (beverages not included)
*limited seats available, limited to 45 pax

SINGAPORE HOUSE SUPPER CLUB BUFFET
30 - 31 August | 10pm - 11.30pm
RM40++ per pax (beverages not included)

Chef Malcolm Lee found his calling in his Nyonya mother's kitchen at a young age. His steadfast dedication to culinary arts since then, has constantly guided him through decisions that pave his path of abundant opportunities to answer this calling. Chef Malcolm brings together refined tastes and techniques in three nights of innovative and intimate Supper Clubs.

**TEOCHEW TALKS,
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
& IN-HOUSE TEOCHEW
MUSEUM TOUR**

29 AUGUST
8PM
Teochew Association



RM 30

CONTACT:-
+604 261 5629
limgspc@gmail.com

An introduction to the architectural significance and symbolism of this beautifully restored temple which received the UNESCO Award for Culture Heritage Conservation in 2006. The talk will be followed by a video and an in-house guided tour.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**George Town has an
Australian sister -
Adelaide!**

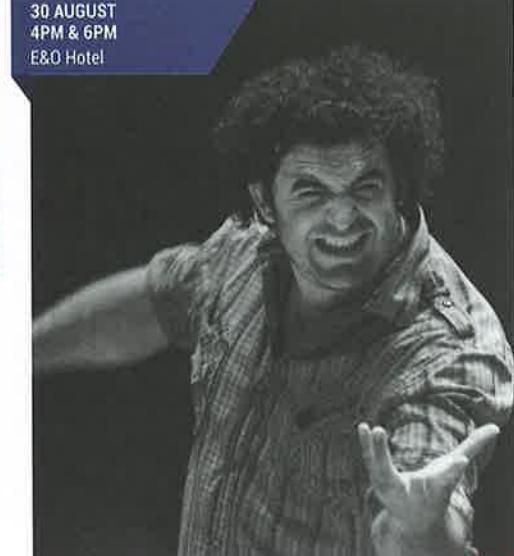
Colonel William Light, son of George Town's founding father Captain Francis Light, planned the urban layout of Adelaide, and even today there is a "Penang Restaurant" in Adelaide.

**A MELODIOUS EVENING
OF HINDI GHAZAL & BHANGRA SONGS**

29 AUGUST
7.30PM
Dewan Sri Pinang

**ARMENIA . OUR HERITAGE**

30 AUGUST
4PM & 6PM
E&O Hotel



BY REGISTRATION ONLY
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**MAGNIFICENT EVENING
OF ISLAMIC TAMIL & QAWWALI
HINDI MELODIES**

30 AUGUST
8PM
Dewan Sri Pinang



ENTRY BY DONATION

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The Penang Muslim League with its affiliates present the *Magnificent Evening of Tamil Islamic and Hindi Qawwali Songs*. It will be an unforgettable night where the public can witness top vocalists performing live Tamil Islamic songs from EM Hanifa's albums and Hindi Qawwali hit songs rendered by Rahat Fateh Ali Khan.

ISLANDS & CITIES30-31 AUGUST
3PM
Sinkeh

This year, GTF turns its attention to youths in a playwriting event that liberates young minds and encourages them to roam free.

A selected group of youths from Penang and Singapore have been mentored by professional playwright Huzir Sulaiman in an immersive workshop. Now watch the result - a set of short dramatised reads performed by professional actors with direction from renowned Singapore-based Malaysian director Claire Wong, on the theme of Singapore and Penang as islands and cities.



"There is not, probably, any part of the world, where in so small a space, so many different people are assembled together, or so many languages spoken."

—Sir George Leith
Lieutenant Governor in early 19th century declared of Penang

PENANG PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOIR COMPETITION

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Primary and secondary school choir competition. Each choir will sing a Malay song and another song in a language of their choice. The judges will award gold, silver and bronze medals to the top three performances of the night.

KUDA KEPANG31 AUGUST
9PM
Pusat Belia
Perbandaran MPPP

Kuda Kepang celebrates the dramatic tradition of Javanese-Malaysian dance, music and legend. Commemorating the legends of the growth of Islam, the dance depicts Wali Songo (Nine Saints) of Java riding through Java, retelling the stories of Islam to the people. The dance is accompanied by the rich traditional music of Malaysia and Java, emulating the galloping of horses.

**HANDMADE MARKET**31 AUGUST
4PM
Pusat Belia
Perbandaran MPPP

Held in conjunction with the V&A Project, the Hand Made Market (HMM) aims to promote and celebrate creative and handmade retail items by showcasing a selection of innovative creators from Malaysia and beyond. Featuring stalls by Elsie With Love, Happy Fish Yoga, Tikii, Ozzy + Lulu and many more!

DID YOU KNOW?

When Penang was colonised by the British on 12 August 1786, they named it Prince of Wales Island in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales, who would later become King George IV - the inspiration for the name "George Town"!

THE WORLD HERITAGE IN JAPAN - HISTORY, NATURE & FOOD

JULY - SEPTEMBER
10AM - 5PM

Penang State Art
Gallery, 157 Jalan Macalister



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haryany@penang.gov.my

With a diverse natural beauty and a long, distinctive cultural history, Japan has 17 sites on the World Heritage List as of 2013. This exhibition showcases 67 images by award-winning photographer Kazuyoshi Miyoshi. In addition, Japanese traditional food, which was included on UNESCO's global list of intangible cultural heritage, will be showcased at this exhibition.

BALIK PULAU ART SOCIETY'S 4th ANNUAL EXHIBITION



22 JULY - 10 AUGUST
10AM - 5PM

Penang State Art
Gallery, Lebuh Light

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A knowledge of our traditional art is the fundamental pillar of our future development. Learn it, understand it, continue to expand from, and go beyond it. Modern art is an imprint of the times, go with it, fuse it with your era and continue to innovate from it.

Balik Pulau Art Society holds its fourth annual exhibition, showcasing the best pieces from its collection.

PRAYER FOR A CITY

1 - 15 AUGUST

10AM - 6PM
a2 Gallery,
Lorong Bangkok



CONTACT:-

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admin@a2artgallery.com

Born in Penang, based in Hong Kong, artist Patrick Lee provides a photographic reflection on a city and its people. The artist examines the way in which we all seek refuge in time and history, and how we share our fate and destiny with the city in which we live. How do we contemplate the truth of who we are, of God and our existence?

MY GEORGE TOWN - A PUBLIC SPACE PROJECT

1 - 29 AUGUST

8.30AM - 5PM
George Town World
Heritage Inc, Lebuh Acheh



CONTACT:-

hello@mygeorgetown.my (Stuart MacDonald)
www.mygeorgetown.my

My George Town documents the daily rhythms of the George Town World Heritage Site, captured in stunning photo and immersive 360° media. This crowdsourced project, launching during this year's festival, provides an online space for you to share your own experiences of the city.

COME CLOSE

1 - 31 AUGUST

12PM - 7PM
Hin Bus Depot Art Centre,
Lebuh Gurdwara



CONTACT:-

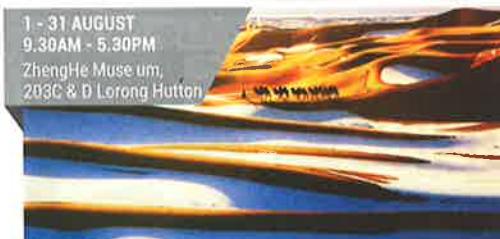
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Come Close is an installation-based art exhibition that resonates a playful energy. Believing that new media is no different to paint as a medium to convey a narrative, the artists communicate with unique visuals by manipulating form and function. Louise Low, Annabelle Ng, Khing and Chuah Ee Yan belong to the new generation of Malaysia artists. Their diverse practice incorporates a wide array of media and they have been exhibiting nationally and internationally since 2008.

SILK ROAD PHOTO EXHIBITION

1 - 31 AUGUST

9.30AM - 5.30PM
ZhengHe Museum,
203C & D Lorong Hutton



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With its long history, rich culture and abundant tradition, Gansu photographers have expressed their deep love for their homeland with anthems made of photo for the glory of the province of Gansu. Here they present their thanks and devotion to highlands, snowy mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, oasis, farmlands and life.

20 RM

entrance fee to the museum

ALSO IN PENANG

While these events are not tied directly to the festival, you can see what else is happening in Penang.

ALL ANIMALS NEED A HOME

1 - 31 AUGUST
12PM - 6PM
Various locations



CONTACT:-
+604 263 7299 (China House)
info@chinahouse.com.my

20 artists will create animal homes for stray cats, dogs and even birds. For the month of August, homes will be installed in empty lots around George Town. The animal houses will be transported on wheels attached to the back of bicycles and be paraded around town. Dates and times of installed exhibitions will be released on the China House Facebook page.

MERGING INKS



2 AUGUST
7PM - 9PM
Chai Diam Ma,
Lebuh Queen

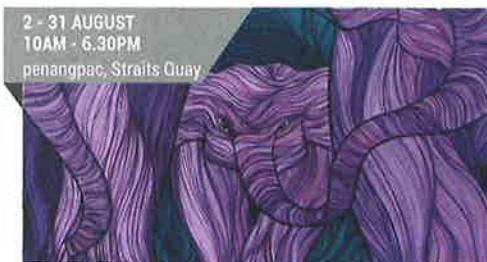
CONTACT:-
info@wearearts.net (Lusy DeCoursey)
fb.com/weareartistnetwork

Merging Inks brings together talented illustrators and artists to merge styles and co-create an art exhibition live in front of an audience. Produced to music from a live band and sets from a variety of talented artists, the ambiance for the night is truly one for creatives.

10 RM

HOMECOMING: A SOLO ART EXHIBITION

2 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6:30PM
penangpac, Straits Quay



CONTACT:-
+604 899 1722 (penangpac)

Christine Das, a Penang born artist, after spreading her wings out of her hometown, returns home to share her artistic journey in her solo art exhibition, *HOMECOMING*. The exhibition will display a body of artworks showing Christine's unique expression of figures, treescape and nature's inhabitants.

WORK IN PROGRESS

2 - 24 AUGUST
11AM - 6PM (WED - SUN)
Gallery 4, The Whiteaways
Arcade, Lebuh Pantai



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A visual and lyrical exploration about how our lives seem to always be undergoing construction. Featured visual and music artists share their journeys through various mediums to reflect not just what is seen and heard externally but also the inner-workings of what is experienced universally in our growth as individuals and communities.

OBJECT HACKING

3 AUGUST
3.30PM & 4.30PM
Playground Cafe,
Jalan Siam



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fb.com/weareartistnetwork

Not all art is about making things look realistic. Some art is about playing with the idea of how to make art. Join our team for a one hour workshop on how everyday household items can be re-appropriated and turned into marvellous drawing machines. Then once we've created them, and drawn with them, we will push them to the limits with a drawing machine battle! Limited to 15 people per workshop.

10 RM

CHEN KUN ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY EXHIBITION

4 - 31 AUGUST
9:30AM - 5:30PM
ZhengHe Muse um,
203C & D Lorong Hutton



CONTACT:-
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18roberty@gmail.com

A stunning exhibition of Arabic calligraphy, executed by Mr. Chen Kun. A lecturer at the Lanzhou Institute of Islamic Studies, Mr. Chen Kun has also assumed the positions of guest lecturer at the Chinese Calligraphy Research Institute and guest lecturer at Malaysia's Johor Bahru Times Art Institute. This exhibition, accompanied by a series of masterclasses, demonstrates Mr. Chen Kun's innovative and immersive approach to Arabic calligraphy.

20 RM

BABIES PROMS

3 AUGUST
4:30PM & 7:30PM
The Star Building,
15 Jalan Masjid
Kapitan Keling



CONTACT:-
+604 262 2462 (Ramesh Kumar)

TICKET PRICE:-
RM30 (1 adult & 1 child) / RM40 (2 adult & 2 children)

Babies Proms offer children aged 2 – 10 the wonderful opportunity to experience live music in an up-close and personal setting. With a full symphony orchestra, learn about the instruments, be invited to conduct the orchestra and join the musicians on stage for the finale!

Presenter: Peter Moore
Conductor: Ng Choong Yen

GEORGE TOWN: A LIAR'S WALK

6 & 8 AUGUST

7PM

Chai Diam Ma,
Lebuh Queen

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fb.com/weareartistnetwork

10 RM

George Town is a heritage site with many interesting stories, from Francis Light to World War 2. Join us for an interactive tour around the city. At each stop we will tell you two stories... It's up to you to guess which one is true and which one is a ridiculous lie. If you guess correctly, you win! If you guess incorrectly, then there may be a forfeit in store.

Either way this is a fun and interactive tour where you will get to see different sides of George Town that you never knew existed.

This is a project based interactive art piece, and visual artwork inspired by the research for the tour will be sold at the end.

HIDUPINI SENGET

7 - 10 AUGUST

Stage 2, penangpac,
Straits Quay

CONTACT:-

+604 899 1722 (penangpac)

SCHEDULE

7 - 9 August 8.30pm
10 August 3pm

*Ticket price not available at time of print.

Percussion, theatre and physical movement combine in this stimulating performance that defies categorisation.

Hidup Ini Senget is a summary of collective oral histories and stories. Observations and actual conversations with older generations on their ways of living - from food intake to daily rituals - were recorded by the choreographer.

JAKARTA HOUSE

6 - 18 AUGUST

10AM - 6PM

179 Lebuh Victoria



CONTACT:-

+604 263 7299 (China House)
info@chinahouse.com.my

The first ever Jakarta House will open this August at 179 The Arts House. The pop-up shop presents fashion, jewellery, accessories, homewares and art from Jakarta, bringing together traditional batik, contemporary design, high fashion and quirky extravagance.

Singapore House will follow Jakarta House in the same space during the final two weekends of August.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

9 AUGUST

12PM - 9PM

Chai Diam Ma,
Lebuh Queen

CONTACT:-

info@wearearts.net (Lusy DeCoursey)
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Food: a subject that unites us all. Rich or poor, we must all eat. The same can be said for storytelling, the universal tradition that nurtures ideas.

At this interactive event, we will be getting you to tell us your food stories, to be translated into a wide range of languages so that we can all enjoy them, and work towards promoting conversation between communities.

CHEN KUN ARABIC CALLIGRAPHY MASTERCLASS

10 - 15 & 17 - 22 AUGUST

9:30AM - 11:30AM OR 3PM - 5PM
(SUN-FRI)ZhengHe Muse um,
203C & D Lorong Hutton

CONTACT:-

+6016 451 6120 (Robert Yeap)
18roberty@gmail.com

100 RM

A masterclass of Arabic calligraphy, conducted by calligraphy master Mr. Chen Kun. After many years of hands-on, creative learning of Arabic calligraphy, concentrated research and unceasing innovation, he has opened up his own path to success and progressively formed his own personally unique artistic style of Arabic calligraphy.

NEGARAKU 2014 - PENANG ART SOCIETY 61ST ANNUAL EXHIBITION

14 - 30 AUGUST

10AM - 5PM

Penang State Art Gallery,
Lebuh Light

CONTACT:-

+604 261 3144 or +604 226 1461 (Pn Haryany Mohamad)
haryany@penang.gov.my

A reflection of post-independence Malaysia, seen through the eyes of artists. An annual exhibition curated by Persatuan Kesenian Pulau Pinang.

OH! MY PENANG

16 AUGUST
8PMChai Diam Ma,
Lebuh QueenOH! MY
PENANG
LIVE & PLAY

30 RM

CONTACT:-
+6016 464 8303 (Engbok)

Oh! My Penang (OMP) focuses on gathering ten bands and musicians to showcase their original take on the lifestyle and heritage of Penang Island. Accompanied by a display of visual arts from local Penang artists.

BILD IM BILD

17 - 31 AUGUST
10AM - 6PM
a2 Gallery,
Lorong Bangkok



CONTACT:-
+604 227 4985
admin@a2artgallery.com

After living abroad for many years, artist Azzudin returns to Malaysia to live and paint. Inspired by the paintings of the Old European and Eastern Masters, and following the form of a *Bild im Bild* (picture in a picture), Azzudin's art seeks to familiarise foreign forms and to solve the beautiful secrets of period paintings as well as suggesting a dialogue with present day concerns.

RETURN OF PENANG-BORN CHEFS

23 - 24 AUGUST
7PM
108 Lebuh Burmah



CONTACT:-
108burmah@gmail.com

A celebrated chef in Singapore, Anderson Ho, returns to his birth town to cook up a menu inspired by his roots. He'll be collaborating with Jesse Tan, owner of George Town's Rainforest Bakery for this two-night culinary event.

180 RM

HERITAGE PHOTOWALK & CAFE CRAWL

23 - 24 AUGUST
7AM - 2PM
China House

CONTACT:-
+6016 331 1527 (Sasya Ahmad)
info.caffa@gmail.com

Take a walk through the heritage lanes of Penang for a weekend of street photography, amazing urban sketches and aromatic coffee!

Sharpen your street photography skills with experienced photographers as they take you on a journey through Penang's heritage, street art and famous coffee houses from Lebuh Armenian to Lebuh Pantai. We will visit over ten cafes and kopitiams as well as have access to the wonderous Khoo Kongsi throughout the day.

Ideal for all levels of photographers. Join us on a journey through Penang's most sought after cafes and kopitiams through the lens with two experienced street photographers, Chan Maxby and Yusof Hashim for an indulgent sensorial experience!

90 RM

20th "GOLDEN FRONTIER AWARD" SONG COMPOSING COMPETITION

23 AUGUST
7.30PM
Stage 1, penangpac,
Straits Quay



CONTACT:-
+604 899 1722 (penangpac)

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The Golden Frontier Award Song Composing Competition is one of the largest song composing competitions in Malaysia. This nationwide competition consists of Open Category and Secondary School Category, to encourage team spirit as well as push local compositions to a higher standard.

CHAMBER MUSIC WITH ENSEMBLE KOSCHKA

CONTACT:-
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Since its conception, Ensemble Koschka has performed numerous concerts in Penang with the goal of promoting the local classical music scene. The ensemble has also been on tour to perform in Japan, performing a combination of classical music and arrangements of Malaysian folk songs. The ensemble consists of Kester Hong (violin), Emily Neah (violin), Khoo Wei Min (viola), Jeremy Tan (clarinet) and Alyssa Khong (piano).

THE PENANG DEPRESSED CAKE SHOP

24 AUGUST
10.30AM - 6PM
China House,
Lebuh Pantai

CONTACT:-
fb.com/ThePenangDepressedCakeShop2014

A quirky pop-up cake shop selling grey and sad (but delicious!) cakes and sweet treats to raise awareness surrounding mental health issues in Malaysia. *The Penang Depressed Cake Shop* aims to put an end to discrimination against those who suffer from depression, and to encourage better understanding of mental illness. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to selected charitable organisation(s) that provide assistance to those affected by mental health issues.

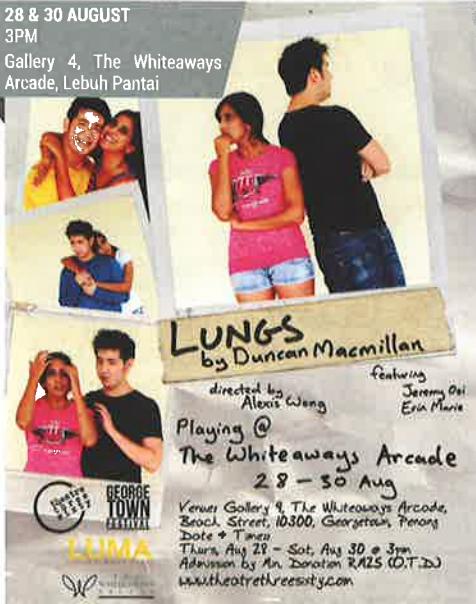
SPECIAL TEOCHEW OPERA PUPPET SHOW & MUSEUM TOUR

CONTACT:-
+604 262 0377 or +6012 485 3377
teochewoperahouse@gmail.com

TICKET PRICE:-

RM50 /pax, max 150 pax on first come first serve basis
(all proceeds go to Teochew Puppet & Opera House)

Presented by the first Teochew Opera and Puppet Museum in Malaysia (and developed from the works of "The Last Teochew Puppet Troupe" a recipient of the Living Heritage Treasures of Penang Award), this special show & tour will showcase one of the most interesting and humorous Teochew puppet show entitled The Wood Shed. It is a farcical comedy involving the ghost of a wronged woman and a clueless street vendor. It will last approximately 40 minutes and Chinese & English subtitles will be provided.

LUNGS28 & 30 AUGUST
3PMGallery 4, The Whiteaways
Arcade, Lebuh Pantai**CONTACT:-**
info@theatrethreesixty.com**TICKET PRICE:-**

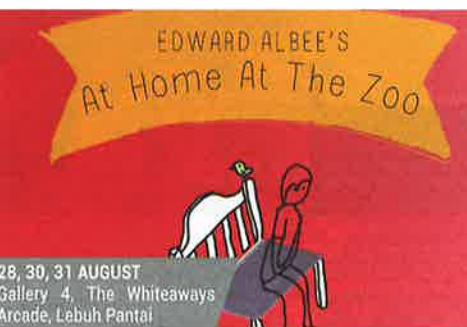
Entry by donation @ RM25

RM40 for purchase of TWO shows (LUNGS + EDWARD ALBEE)

An Electric Minds Project
Directed by Alexis Wong

Featuring Erin Marie & Jeremy Ooi

When a man asks his girlfriend whether she wants to have a child, she's thrown. Would they be good parents? They've got ideas about their adult lives, but so far they're just ideas. What begins as a couple's intimate conversation soon takes on epic overtones, as this chamber drama follows them through the surprising lifecycle of their relationship.

**EDWARD ALBEE'S AT HOME
AT THE ZOO**28, 30, 31 AUGUST
Gallery 4, The Whiteaways
Arcade, Lebuh Pantai**CONTACT:-**
info@theatrethreesixty.com**TICKET PRICE:-**

Entry by donation @ RM25

RM40 for purchase of TWO shows (LUNGS + EDWARD)

SCHEDULE

28 & 30 August 8.30pm

31 August 3pm

Directed and designed by Christopher Ling

The lives of three people are changed forever as revelations and confrontations of one sunny afternoon send them down surprising new paths. With shocking secrets to reveal, sharp truths to confront and hearts bursting with all the complexities of humanity, experience the intensity that is true Edward Albee.

AH YONG & GUAT LI

29 - 31 AUGUST

3PM

Stage 1, penangpac,
Straits Quay**CONTACT:-**
[+604 899 1722](tel:+6048991722) (penangpac)**SCHEDULE**

29 & 30 August 8.30pm

30 & 31 August 3pm

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Presented by Neighborhood Performance Group (Malaysia) and Hsuan Chuang University (Taiwan), this is a Hokkien musical of Ah Yong and Guat Li, in a faraway small village where all the men were captured to be political slaves at war, where only the elderly, women and children were left. A story of dreams and nostalgia.

**GUIDED WALK @ PENANG
BOTANIC GARDENS**

30 AUGUST

9.30AM

Penang Botanic Gardens,
Jalan Kebun Bunga**CONTACT:-**
[+604 263 1166](tel:+6042631166) (Penang Global Tourism)
info@penangglobaltourism.com

Spend your Saturday morning exploring Penang Botanic Gardens with a free guided walk. The nature walk will have you strolling among bright flowers, and in the process you will be able to learn a thing or two about nature. Prior registration is required.

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS31 AUGUST
9.30AMPenang Botanic Gardens,
Jalan Kebun Bunga**CONTACT:-**
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Music in the Gardens brings live music to mingle with lush greenery and fresh air. Come and enjoy the one hour performance highlighting various music performances every month on every last Sunday of the month.

**FRANCIS LIGHT
CEMETERY TOUR**31 AUGUST
2PMLittle Penang Street Market,
Jalan Penang (meeting point)**CONTACT:-**
[+604 263 1166](tel:+6042631166) (Penang Global Tourism)
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Check out the Francis Light Cemetery Tour on the Last Sunday of the month in honour of Captain Francis Light, founder of the British colony in Penang and his contribution that make up the significant part of the island's history.

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TICKETING INFO (PENANGPAC)

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3H-4-1 Straits Quay Marina Mall
Jalan Seri Tanjung
(Tel: +604 899 1722)

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Our team of over 150 volunteers came forward to give us their helping hands and we are extremely grateful for the generosity of time & 'free' labour. To each and everyone of you, thank you! We would not have done it without your help!

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162 Lebuh Victoria

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164A-B Lebuh Victoria

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10 Lebuh Faquhar

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No. 35 Lebuh Farquhar

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Lebuh Light

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Lebuh Light

8 MPPP TOWN HALL

Jalan Padang Kota Lama

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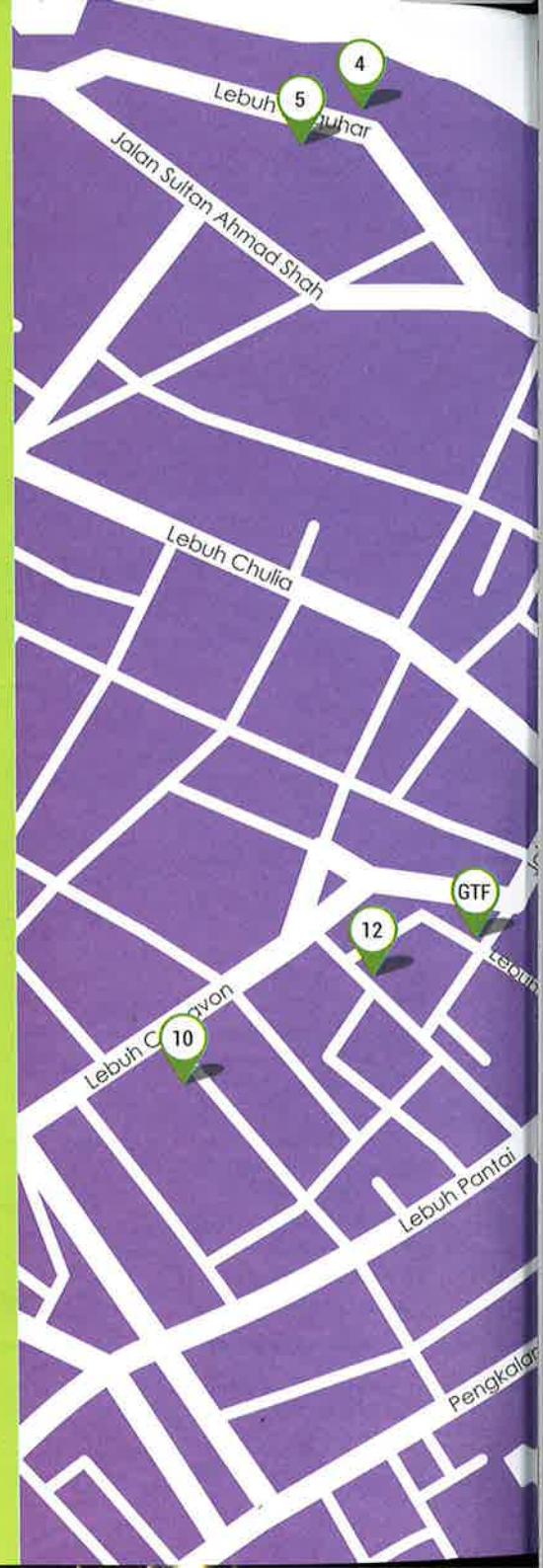
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