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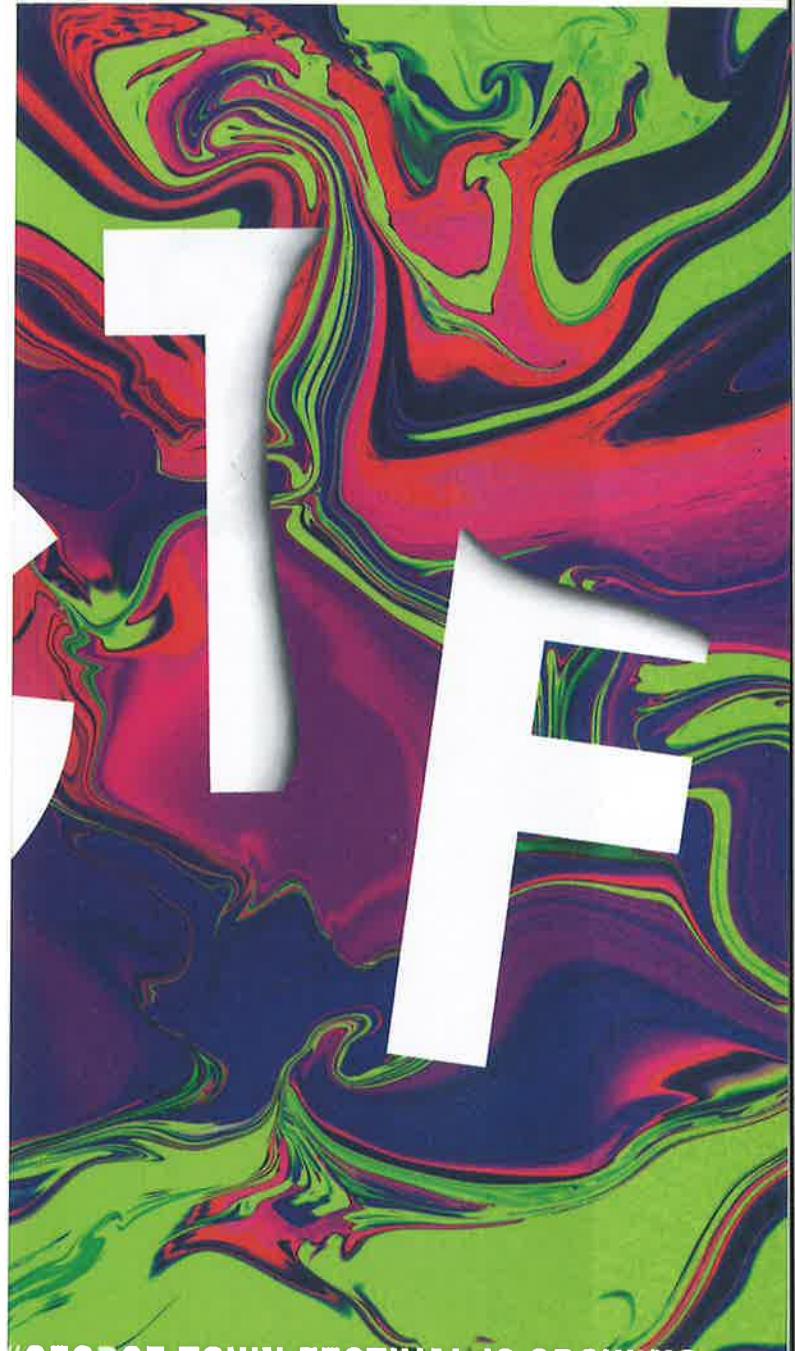
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"GEORGE TOWN FESTIVAL IS GROWING
INTO A MAJOR ASIAN ARTS EVENT."

— INTERNATIONAL NEW YORK TIMES

MESSAGE FROM THE PENANG CHIEF MINISTER



Since its inauguration in 2010, George Town Festival has transformed from a small regional arts event into a globally recognized month-long extravaganza centred around innovation, imagination, and inclusiveness. As the festival has grown and evolved, so has the Penang arts scene along with it. **Walk down any street in the city and you can feel a creative vitality that inspires and stimulates community members young and old to look at the world with a fresh perspective.** This new energy lives in the multitude of street art installations to be found on every corner, in the art galleries in the city's many cafés, and in the camera lenses and sketchpads of the city's artists aiming to capture the unmistakable beauty of a city becoming aware of its incredible potential.

George Town Festival has undoubtedly acted as a catalyst to the growth of this new sensibility, both in Penang and beyond. By encouraging various industries to join them in developing and nurturing the state's creative economy, GTF has helped to create a movement that extends beyond the festivities and into the very fabric of our culture. The Penang State Government has been on this thrilling journey from the very beginning, developing the festival's "software" by providing support, artistic freedom, and encouragement every step of the way. We believe in GTF's mission, and are proud to play a continuing role in its production.

Now it's time to start looking for a way to update the festival's "hardware". Penang deserves a performance space as vital as the city itself: a space that will encourage our younger generations to dream of being on its stage. Every cosmopolitan city has a space that symbolically serves as its cultural and artistic heart, where creativity thrives, inspires, and makes a difference. Such a place in Penang would lend a permanency to the city's growing reputation as an arts and culture hub, and would let the world know that this movement towards the arts is here to stay. The state government has hopes of providing this in the very near future.

I wish to congratulate the GTF team for their hard work in putting together yet another fantastic line-up, and welcome all visitors who have made the journey to Penang this year. Many exciting things lie ahead, this month and beyond.

YANG AMAT BERHORMAT
TUAN LIM GUAN ENG

MESSAGE FROM THE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR



My journey with George Town Festival began in 2010, when I was formally appointed as its inaugural Festival Director. Then, as now, the possibilities of creating a festival that turned a bright spotlight towards my beloved city – the place where I grew up – felt endless. So much of George Town is extraordinary: its explosive culinary flavours, from nasi kandar curries to char koey teow spice pastes; its incredible ambience, found in the many kopitiams and corner cafés; not to mention its fantastically diverse collection of heritage shophouses, mansions, mosques and temples. But the most extraordinary part of my hometown is the people who reside here. Penangites are the ones who make George Town what it is: an ever-changing, eccentric, innovative, and completely unique city, whose sense of place is not easily forgotten and whose energy is palpable. I feel extremely lucky to be a part of this community – and to have the opportunity of sharing all of these remarkable things and more with the world each year.

The festival is inextricably tied to the George Town's people, places and spaces, and we wouldn't have it any other way. It is for this reason that I wanted to bring Rimini Protokoll's 100% series to Penang this year. Bringing 100 of Penang's own residents to the stage to share their stories and their lives with the audience, 100% Penang is the festival's way of paying homage to the people who make George Town so very special. It is also for this reason that this year GTF is featuring two street festivals, including the inaugural Butterworth Fringe Festival, that bring arts and culture directly to Penang's vibrant cityscapes. So many of our shows this year focus on preserving Penang and Malaysia's unique traditions and cultures for future generations. Additionally, nearly every single exhibition, workshop, gallery and performance seeks to inspire festivalgoers to add their own story to George Town's growing tapestry of creativity.

George Town never ceases to inspire me, even after all these years. I am grateful to the community, and to the Penang government, for allowing me to build and cultivate a platform for the arts. As long as people continue to believe in creativity and culture, that platform will almost certainly continue to grow. Thank you for being a part of this journey.

JOE SIDEK

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

George Town Festival is an annual, month-long celebration of arts, culture, heritage and community. Inaugurated in 2010 in honour of George Town's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the festival transforms the city into a global stage, showcasing world-class performances, installations and collaborations from international and local artists alike. With over one hundred intriguing events each year, the festival seeks to create new and vibrant connections between the traditional and the contemporary, the past and the future.

Since its inception, George Town Festival has grown to become a unique platform for culture and the arts in Penang and Southeast Asia. By focusing on the core tenants of Collaboration, Community, Reinvention and Accessibility – combining George Town's distinctive perspectives with an international outlook – the festival annually brings the best possible experience to hundreds of thousands of locals and visitors. Having earned international accolades for its impressive roster of worldwide performers, the festival is quickly becoming one of Asia's must-see events.

George Town Festival 2015 will take place over the entire month of August.

FESTIVAL GUIDE

This year, GTF brings you five jam-packed weekends of world-class performances, one-night-only gatherings, events-packed conferences, and festivals you won't want to miss. We've compiled them for you here in a handy calendar, so you won't miss a thing...

WEEK 1

THURS

31

3PM PENANG COLOURING BOOK LAUNCH PARTY PG27

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WEEK 2



1PM CONTEMPORARY DANCE FOR CAMERA PG20
8.30PM THE METAMORPHOSIS, ANDROID VERSION PG12



12PM EURASIAN HERITAGEFEST 2015 PG19
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WEEK 3



8.30PM SLOW SOUND OF SNOW PG14

WEEK 4



4PM CITIES OF LOVE PG20
8PM NIGHTINGALE: WORKSHOP PG19
8.30PM THE KUMAR SHOW PG12

3PM FABULOUS FOLKTALES PG26
4PM ASEAN DIRECTOR'S SHOWCASE PG20
5PM FABULOUS FOLKTALES PG26
8PM P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL PG37
8.30PM NIGHTINGALE PG15
8.30PM SANG KANCIL & TAPIR PG17

WEEK 5

... but the fun doesn't stop here! Flip to the next page for more info on our month-long and recurring exhibitions, and check out page 37-45 to see what else is happening in Penang during festival month!

SAT

1

9.30AM FIVE ARCHITECTS, FIVE HOUSES PG16

6PM SPICE TRAIL TO THE PEARL OF THE ORIENT PG29

6PM BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE PG16

9PM 100% PENANG PG9

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12PM BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE PG16

3PM SUSTAINABILITY & ECO-TOURISM TALK PG25

3PM CROSSING BRIDGES PG26

6PM BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE PG16

8.30PM 100% PENANG PG9

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10.30AM DANCE YOUR LIFE PG27

6.30PM DOCUMENTING CULINARY TRADITIONS PG29

8.30PM TITANIUM PG10

8.30PM BROKEN NAILS PG14

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11AM IN PLEIN AIR PG29

11AM DRAWING EXERCISE PG27

8.30PM BROKEN NAILS PG14

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9AM EURASIAN HERITAGEFEST 2015 PG19

11AM BUTTERWORTH FRINOE FESTIVAL PG21-22

2PM MYDESIGN BAZAAR PG18

7.30PM THE HAINANESE LEGACY PG29

8.30PM MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE PG15

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11AM PORTRAITURE IN TWO WAYS PG29

11AM BUTTERWORTH FRINOE FESTIVAL PG21-22

2PM MYDESIGN BAZAAR PG18

8.30PM MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE PG15

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8.30PM AM I PG11

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8AM SHOOT-AND-RIDE INSTAMEET PG36

2PM FREE TREES AND TALK PG25

8PM LAMB OF GOD SACRED MUSIC CONCERT PG17

8.30PM AM I PG11

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9AM BORAK ARTS PG13

11AM ARTISTS FOR STRAY ANIMALS PG26

3PM P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL PG37

3PM SANG KANCIL & TAPIR PG17

6PM MUSIC OF THE SOUTH PG26

7PM THE NORTH-SOUTH PERANAKAN COOK-OFF PG29

8PM DOODLE FOR STRENGTH PG18

8PM P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL PG37

8PM MUSIC OF THE SOUTH PG26

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8.30PM SANG KANCIL & TAPIR PG17

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11AM ARTISTS FOR STRAY ANIMALS PG26

3PM P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL PG37

3PM SANG KANCIL & TAPIR PG17

4PM ATM @ BEACH STREET PG23-24

7PM THE NORTH-SOUTH PERANAKAN COOK-OFF PG29

Helpful hint: colours on our calendar indicate GTF Series events, listed below. Flip to pages 21-29 to find out more!

BFF

ATM @ BEACH STREET

TREES

CAUSEWAY EXCHANGE

WE ARE ARTISTS

CULINARY ROOTS

SECRET DIARIES

FESTIVAL GUIDE

Besides an unbeatable list of calendar events (listed on the previous page!) GTF will also feature a number of outstanding month-long and recurring exhibitions, galleries and film viewings.



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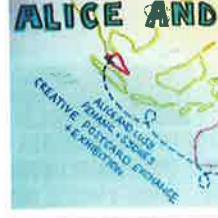
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8–31 AUG
All Day
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14–20 AUG
10AM–6PM
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MY STORY, MY STRENGTH
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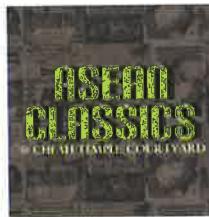
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MONTH-LONG
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A DAN LAIN-LAIN PROJECT
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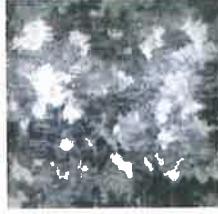
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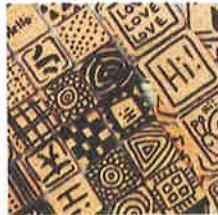
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All Day
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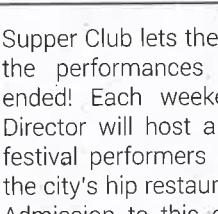
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WHERE THE HEART IS
MONTH-LONG
10AM–10PM
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BLUE MANSION
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CHINA HOUSE
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04-2618290



Supper Club lets the fun continue long after the performances and exhibitions have ended! Each weekend, the GTF Festival Director will host a gathering for selected festival performers and artists at some of the city's hip restaurants, and you're invited! Admission to this event is free, but you'll need to pay for your dinner. Contact the restaurants directly for details, and keep an eye out on our website for more Supper Club announcements!

1ST

PERFORMANCE IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA

100% PENANG

British Theatre Guide

"Rimini Protokoll never disappoints..."

In 100% Penang, Berlin-based theatre troupe Rimini Protokoll will bring Penang's city demographics to life in a uniquely interactive performance featuring 100 local inhabitants, chosen according to their age, gender, household type, geography and ethnicity to represent 1% of the population. By sharing their stories, answering questions and creating collaborative visuals, the participants will transform statistical data into a living, breathing, ever-changing human drama that is uniquely Penang.

Established in 2002 as a theatre collective in Berlin, Rimini Protokoll is widely credited with inventing a new style of research-based documentary theatre. Their 100% City project has received worldwide acclaim for its showcases in London, Melbourne, Tokyo, Paris, Amsterdam, San Diego and other global cities. 100% Penang will be the troupe's first performance in Southeast Asia.

1 AUGUST
9-10.30PM
2 AUGUST
8.30-10PM
Dewan Sri
Pinang



THEATRE

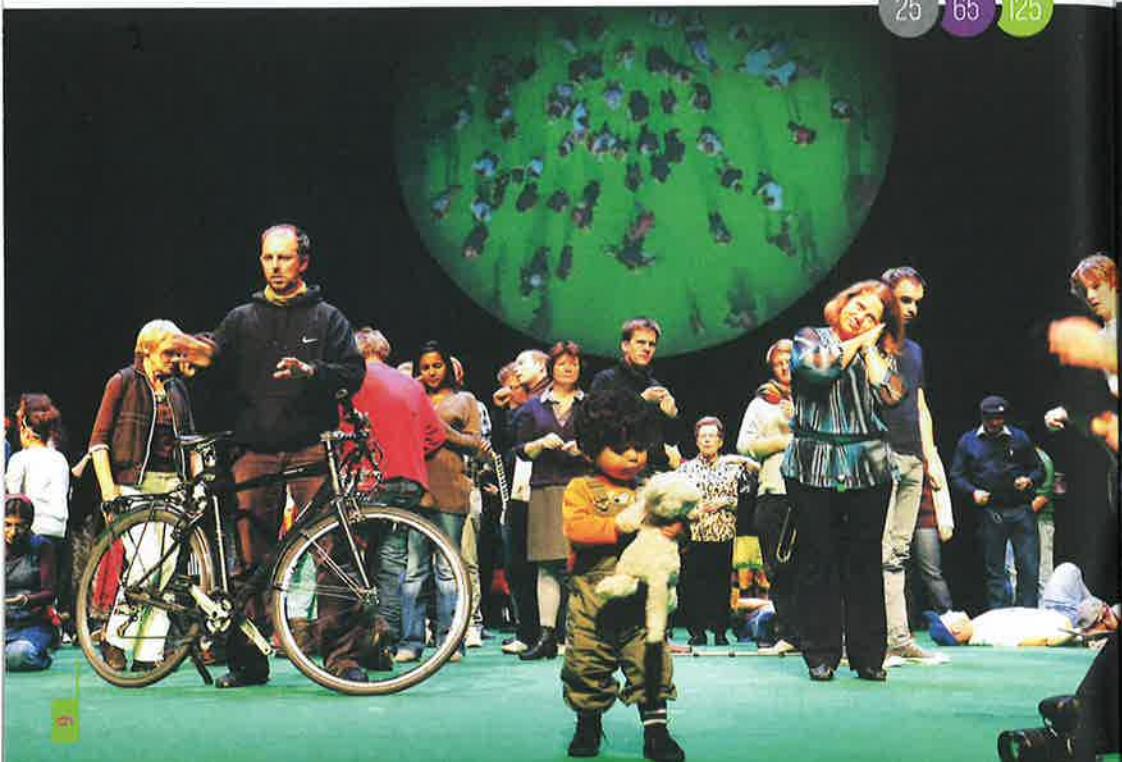
PREMIERE



AWARD

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25 65 125



7-8 AUGUST
8.30-9.45PM
Dewan Sri
Pinang

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PREMIERE



AWARD

12+

TITANIUM

"A true and excellently crafted exercise in fusing the forms and styles of today." *El País*

The all-male dance troupe of Spain's Titanium transcends cultural boundaries by energetically fusing together elements of flamenco, hip hop and break dance, creating a passionate and highly innovative production. Improvisation and joyful exploration of movement defines this explosively original take on street performance. By integrating the intensity and unmistakable personality of hip hop into the ancestral art of flamenco, the show's thirteen dancers and musicians re-create and update their heritage for the modern age of constant interconnection between diverse people and places.

Ángel Rojas and Carlos Rodríguez, the award-winning creators of Titanium and two of the show's nine dancers, have been working together since 1996. Since then, the two men have directed, choreographed and designed fourteen unique shows, each of which combines elements from various cultures around the world to create something new, unexpected and transformative. Titanium, their newest performance, premiered in the UK at Sadler's Wells Theatre in May. The George Town Festival performance of Titanium will mark its Asian debut.

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#GTF HIGHLIGHTS

22-23 AUGUST
8.30-9.45PM

Dewan Sri
Penang

AM I

"I'd have happily turned around and watched this exciting new Australian work all over again." ← *The Guardian Australia*



12th



Award-winning Australian collaboration *AM I* seeks to answer the most important question of human existence: Who am I? Performers explore the concept of 'I' through explosive choreography, beating drums, spoken word and more in a thrillingly unique and inspiring theatrical display. Influenced by elements of anthropology, biology and cosmology, the musicians, dancers and singers of *AM I* bring the Big Bang, evolution, and the formation of consciousness, spirituality and society, to life on stage in a fundamentally human drama.

25 65 125



#GTF HIGHLIGHTS

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8.30-10PM
USM Dewan
Budaya

SHOWCASE
12 AUGUST
7PM
Queensbay Mall



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12th

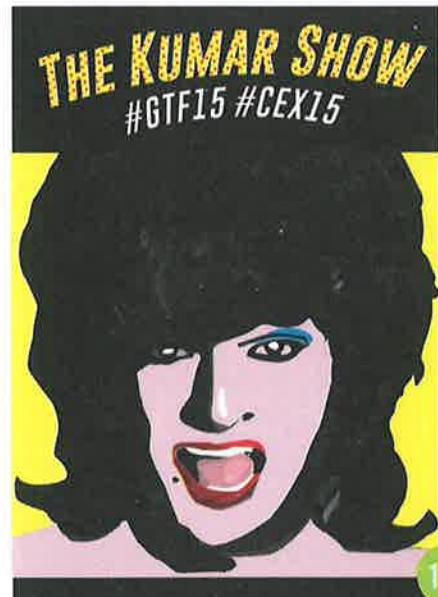
THE METAMORPHOSIS, ANDROID VERSION

"There have been plenty of memorable big-screen robots (such as R2-D2, C3PO, Tik Tok and the Terminator T1000) but now there is... the rise of the theatre robot." ← *The Telegraph*

Japan's Robot Theatre Project presents a creative reimaging of Franz Kafka's *Metamorphosis*, in which the leading character morphs into an android rather than a bug. This thoroughly modern play asks audiences to reconsider what it means to be human in an era of growing technology.



40 50 100



27 AUGUST
8.30PM
Grand Ballroom,
E&O Hotel



18th

THE KUMAR SHOW

"... irreverent, funny, incisive, and uniquely Singapore." ← *CNN Travel*

Singapore's favourite drag queen, Kumar has been entertaining audiences with his unique brand of comedy for the last 20 years. He (or she!) has wow-ed crowds in well-remembered cabaret clubs like The Boom Boom Room and Gold Dust, and has become a household name thanks to appearances in both television and film. Back in Penang for the third year running, this one-night-only show will surely leave you in stitches.

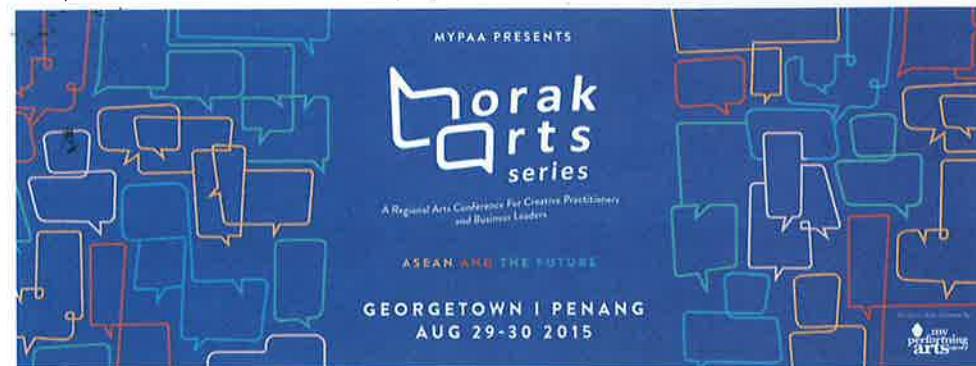
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#GTF HIGHLIGHTS

BORAK ARTS

Contact: azirah@mypaa.com.my
Registration required; see Borak Arts website

Within ASEAN, artists trying to make a sustainable living struggle for recognition and acceptance. They look West for validation, and successful artists tour there more extensively than they do within ASEAN. The region is separated by politics and national boundaries. However, there are many opportunities for connection between and among its different cultures. Borak Arts Series seeks to explore the ways in which ASEAN's creatives can leverage the arts and culture of their countries to capitalize on a market of millions of people.



This year's series finds a new home at the George Town Festival, enabling participants to immerse themselves in the region's hottest arts and culture performances. Building on 2013 and 2014's series, this year's discussions will focus on breaking boundaries and strengthening relationships across ASEAN communities, with the annual theme of ASEAN and the Future. Check out the Borak Arts website for ticketing and registration information!

29-30 AUGUST
8AM-6PM
Stables
Wentbridge

TALKS
WORKSHOPS
WORKSHOPS



6-9 AUGUST
8:30-9:30PM
MEMP Town Hall

THEATRE

PREMIERE

AWARD

12++

40 80

BROKEN NAILS: A MARLENE DIETRICH DIALOGUE

"This is a bare-bones production, yet it is glamorous." International New York Times

Broken Nails: A Marlene Dietrich Dialogue uses puppetry to depict the legendary movie star's last days living as a recluse in her Paris apartment. Acclaimed Polish artist Anna Skubik masterfully performs as both a puppet master of a life-sized doll in Dietrich's image, and as an actress playing Dietrich's faithful nurse, in this one-woman play.



21-22 AUGUST
8:30-9:40PM
MEMP Town Hall

THEATRE

PREMIERE

AWARD

12++

40 80

SLOW SOUND OF SNOW

"Best Directing Award"

Roma Teatro Festival 2014

Slow Sound of Snow, a work of Iranian experimental theatre, transports audience members to a small household in the midst of a midnight snowstorm. Any sound coming from within could cause an avalanche, but one woman is quickly going into labour, and she cannot be kept silent. Hole in the Wall Theatre Group, the show's creators, were named "Best Student Theatre Group" in Iran in 2010. Since then, they've travelled nationally and internationally, garnering awards both locally and abroad.

#GTF HIGHLIGHTS

MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE

Vietnam National Theatre Company's rendition of *Mouse Daughter's Marriage* tells the lighthearted story of a mouse's daughter who must choose between three eligible bachelor mice all wishing for her hand in marriage. Acting on her mother's advice, the daughter rejects the three bachelors on account of their not being rich, powerful or famous enough for her taste. When she chooses to marry a cat instead, thinking him to be from a more superior species, she faces unexpected consequences.

15-16 AUGUST
8.30-9.15PM
MBPP Town Hall



15 25 50

NIGHTINGALE: ADAPTED FROM HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S WELL KNOWN STORY

China's Nanning Peoples' Arts House returns to George Town Festival after a successful showing last year to perform Hans Christian Andersen's timeless story of the Nightingale, whose beautiful voice enchants the Emperor of China and drives him to keep the bird locked in a cage so that he can always hear its song. This wonderful tale offers viewers a lesson about compassion and the importance of freedom.

28-29 AUGUST
8.30-9.15PM
MBPP Town Hall



15 25 50

#GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

FIVE ARCHITECTS, FIVE HOUSES

Contact: info@pht.org.my
Ticketed

1 AUGUST
9.30AM-
12.30PM
MBPP Town Hall

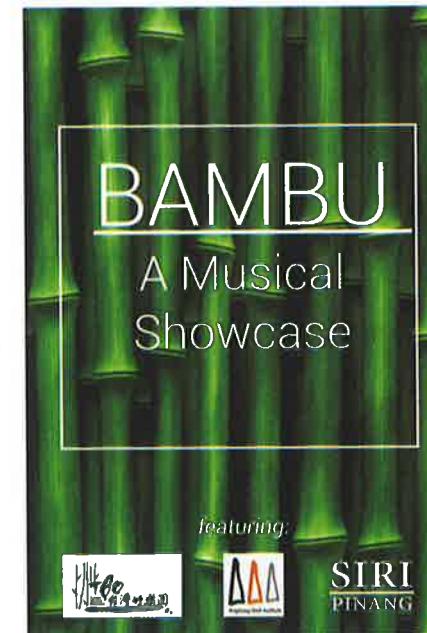


BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Free admission

1-2 AUGUST
6-8PM
MBPP Town Hall

2 AUGUST
12-12.30PM
Quillconbay Mall



featuring:



This two-day showcase highlights some of Southeast Asia's best musicians specializing in instruments made from bamboo, including an orchestra from Taiwan, an angklung ensemble from Indonesia, and a dance troupe from Penang. Through these fascinating performances, BAMBU demonstrates the importance of bamboo in the arts as well as in the environment.

#GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

LAMB OF GOD SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

Registration required; see GTF website

Returning to George Town Festival for the fourth year in a row, the Messengers Choir will perform sacred Christian music from several different centuries at their *Lamb of God* music concert. Featuring local soloists as well as ensemble and choir singers, this event will help raise funds to maintain Penang's St George's Church. A RM10 donation will be taken upon entry.

23 AUGUST
8PM
St George's Church



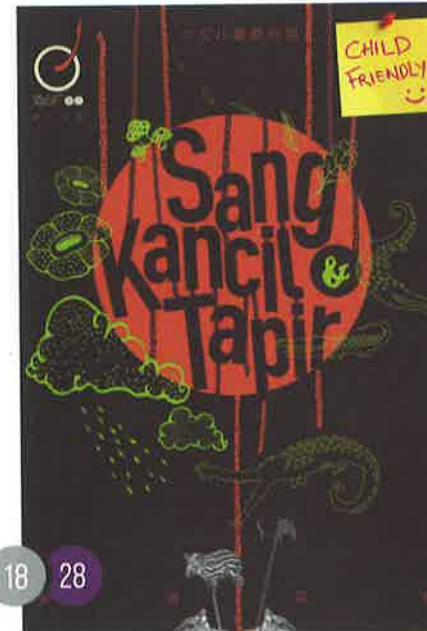
SANG KANCIL & TAPIR

Contact: hockkheng.tan@gmail.com

Produced by Penang's own ZaoXinChang (ZXC) Theatre Troupe, children's drama *Sang Kancil & Tapir* uses traditional performing arts such as wayang kult and Chinese puppetry to tell the story of two unlikely animal who find friendship by working together to defeat a common enemy. ZXC Theatre Troupe hopes to inspire a love of traditional performing arts within the younger generation, while also teaching important life lessons that people of any age can relate to and understand.

28-29 AUGUST
8.30-9.30PM
Komtar Auditorium A

29-30 AUGUST
3-4PM
Komtar Auditorium A



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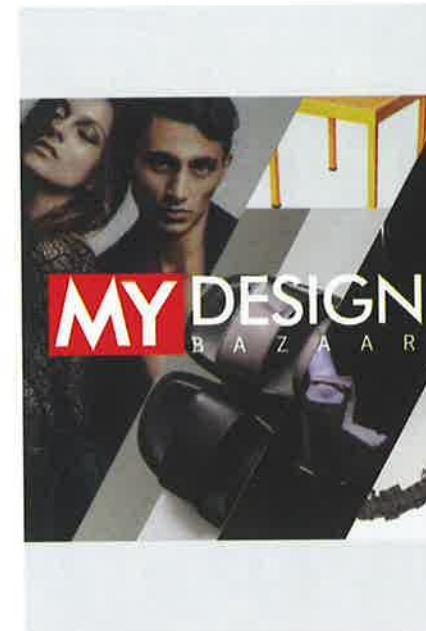
#GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

MYDESIGN BAZAAR

Free admission

This special two-day bazaar shines the spotlight on Malaysia's best and brightest creatives working in the field of design. Featuring unique fashion items, accessories, furniture and more, MYdesign gives festivalgoers a chance to see local talent at its best – and maybe even purchase something special to remember it by! If you miss this one-of-a-kind shopping event, check out the MYdesign exhibition – see page 35 for more info.

16-17 AUGUST
2-9PM
First Avenue Mall



DOODLE FOR STRENGTH LIVE AUCTION WITH SARIMAH IBRAHIM

Contact: kisahku@wccpenang.org
Free admission

Prominent celebrity Sarimah Ibrahim will host an auction on the opening night of the Women's Centre for Change Doodle for Change exhibition, which features the stories of ten domestic abuse victims whose tales of survival have been visually interpreted by ten different artists. Join in this event and show your support for great art and an even greater cause! See page 36 for more information on the exhibition.



29 AUGUST
8PM
The Star @ Penang



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#GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

EURASIAN HERITAGEFEST 2015

Contact: gilbert.boomtown@gmail.com
Free admission

Eurasian HeritageFest 2015 is a two-day event showcasing the best of Eurasian culture in one place. Events include talks on prominent Eurasian families in Penang and Malaysia, a food and music extravaganza featuring Eurasian food stalls and bands, a Eurasian tea party, and more.

14 AUGUST
12PM–
MIDNIGHT
Church of the
Assumption,
Farquhar Street

15 AUGUST
9AM–
MIDNIGHT
Church of the
Assumption
Farquhar Street

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NIGHTINGALE: CHILDREN'S DANCE WORKSHOP

Registration required; see GTF website

In *Nightingale: Children's Dance Workshop*, teachers from the Nanning Community Arts Centre will guide children between the ages of 8 and 12 through a series of movements based on the folk dance from China's Guangxi province. This workshop will foster children's self-expression by giving them an opportunity to dance, move, and have fun, while also learning how to focus.

27 AUGUST
8–9PM
MBPP Town Hall

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ASEAN DIRECTOR'S FILM SHOWCASE



FEATURING:
MOHAMAD SANIF BIN OLEK
SINGAPORE

26 AUGUST
4–7PM
Hin Bus Depot

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ASEAN DIRECTOR'S SHOWCASE

Free admission

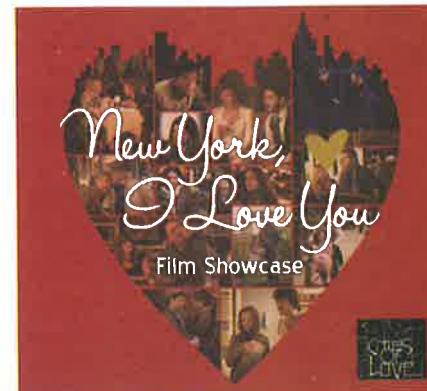
ASEAN Director's Showcase will return this August with a screening of Singapore filmmaker Sanif Olek's *Sayang Disayang*, followed by a Q&A session with the director himself. The movie won worldwide accolades for its tender portrayal of a disabled elderly man and his Indonesian maid trying to live together in peace.

CITIES OF LOVE

Registration required; see GTF website

27 AUGUST
4–7PM
Hin Bus Depot

FILM
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Join fellow movie lovers for a special screening of French film producer Emmanuel Benbihy's *New York, I Love You*. This star-studded film, featuring actors like Natalie Portman and Bradley Cooper, captures the heart of New York City through intimate stories of romance, love, friendship and loss.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE FOR CAMERA

Registration required; see GTF website

13 AUGUST
1–5PM
INCH Bar

DANCE
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This special workshop, held by choreographer Emmanuelle Vincent and art director Pierre Larauza of the Belgium performing arts company t.r.a.n.s.i.t.s.c.a.p.e., gives emerging and established dancers the opportunity to learn how to choreograph their movements according to the framings of the camera.



URBAN DISTORTIONS

Get an up-close-and-personal view of live art with this one-of-a-kind "installation" by Belgian dance company t.r.a.n.s.i.t.s.c.a.p.e., featuring performers dancing, singing, and interacting with one another in transparent, inflatable bubbles.

MALAY CLASSICS

Check out two of Malaysia's classic-cinema favourites: Nordin Ahmad's *Naga Tasik Chini* (1966) and S. Roomai Noor's *Bawang Merah Bawang Putih* (1959).

Watch as a solo aerial dancer from French dance troupe Retouramont takes to the skies, performing while suspended in mid-air against the simple backdrop of a wall.

T.R.A.N.S.I.T.S.C.A.P.E. FILM SCREENING

Join t.r.a.n.s.i.t.s.c.a.p.e. for a screening of three fantastic films including *Over the Game*, which tells the story of a video-game addict in Hong Kong, and *Landscape Duet*, a wordless film which explores environmental issues of urbanism through dance.

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AUGUST
FROM 11AM TIL LATE
JALAN JETI LAMA
BUTTERWORTH

[free admission]

George Town Festival will ferry its annual celebrations to the mainland for the inaugural Butterworth Fringe Festival, featuring pop-up bookstores, movie screenings, creative crafts, exhibitions, presentations, live performances and much more. Artists from all over the world, including instrumentalists from Australia, puppeteers from Japan, and dancers from Belgium, France and Malaysia, will partake in this GTF satellite event, which features Butterworth as its centre stage. Check out our website for more info!

DANCE YOUR LIFE

Dance Your Life will give you a chance to re-imagine your everyday habits, from the way you move to the way you visualize the world! This event will be held again as part of the We Are Artists series. See page 27 for more info!

BOOKXCESS

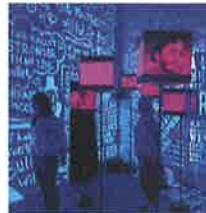
Get caught up on your reading at this special pop-up book store!

AWANG BATIL

Listen to an expert storyteller reminisce about the glory and richness of life as it was in the olden days.



BFF 15 + 16



WELCOME 2FLATLAND

Explore contemporary attitudes towards multiculturalism in this rewarding art installation by Malaysian creatives TerryandTheCuz, and inspired by Edward A. Abbott's eponymous novel.



BUNRAKU PUPPET SHOW

Joyfully observe one of Japan's most beloved stage arts – brought to BFF by Kuala Lumpur's Japan Foundation – which combines sung narratives, instrumentals and expert puppetry to form a fantastically creative show.



ISAAC HOU

Find out why Isaac Hou's worldwide recognition is well deserved at his one-man acrobatic performance, likely to include stunts like juggling, rope walking, and expertly balancing a Cyr wheel.

Also at Queensbay Mall
14 AUGUST, 8PM



DÉCOUVERTES

Stop by this event to get a taste of all things France, including food, fashion, film and dance. From 4PM onwards, visitors can chow down on crepes and browse the many pop-up stands showcasing creations from French artisans and organizations.



INTRIGUING INSTRUMENTS

Groove to the beats of robotic percussion instruments – brought to BFF by Australian percussionist Robbie Avenaim – which utilize technology to re-interpret Malaysian musical culture.

Also at Queensbay Mall
21 AUGUST, 7PM



CROSS WAVES & MOVING JETTIES

Enliven your commute with this delightful event, in which performers use music and movement to take viewers on a journey of dance, play and memory between the island and the mainland.

DRAWING EXERCISE

Lusy Decoursey of We Are Artists will guide you through a life-drawing class while encouraging you to stretch and move. Wear comfy clothing! This event will be held again as part of the We Are Artists series. See page 27 for more info!



VIVE LA VESPA

Catch a ride from one of fifty vintage Vespas transporting festivalgoers to a special showcase of unique, quirky and, yes, "vintage", Vespas.

P.S.: Be sure to catch two great talks organized by Penang Heritage Trust and Think City! See page 45 for more information.

ATM

All Things Malaysian

Vibrantly Contemporary
Traditional Tapestry
Uniquely **MALAYSIAN!**

30TH AUGUST 2015 @ BEACH STREET



SKIN

Join award-winning Malaysian performing arts company TerryandTheCuz for an exclusive preview of SKIN, a contemporary dance based on true stories about human trafficking.



HIDUPINI SENGET

Watch as performers combine percussion, physical movement and theatrical elements to tell an intriguing story of a young man growing up in Kuala Lumpur.

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AUGUST
FROM 4PM TIL LATE
BEACH STREET
GEORGE TOWN



[free admission]

ATM @ Beach Street, or All Things Malaysian, is an all-encompassing celebration of the best of Malaysia - from traditional to contemporary arts, cultures, foods, films, performances, and trades. During this event, Penang's Lebuh Pantai will be transformed into a festival, with vendors, performers and pop-ups taking to the streets to share their unique culture with locals and tourists alike. George Town Festival participants can partake in these wonderfully Penang festivities while enjoying the sights of one of the city's oldest heritage streets. Check out our website for more info!

ATM

All Things Malaysian



REHAB

Be inspired by the mesmerising performance of two distinctly skilled dancers who use movement to grapple with the concepts of rebirth, release, recovery, and ultimately rediscovery.



PLANET EUPE: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Enjoy a broad range of performances and sounds at this special musical event featuring Jimmy Boyle, Liyana Dizzy, SalamMusik, Fazz, and White Percussion Unit.



REVOEVO

Check out local arts collective Toccata Studio as they present REVOEVO, or Revolution Evolution, a cycling-inspired performance featuring live audio-visuals of Penang.



TEMPATAN FEST

Get some shopping done while supporting local young entrepreneurs at Tempatan Fest, which features items from the country's very best independent clothing brands and designers.



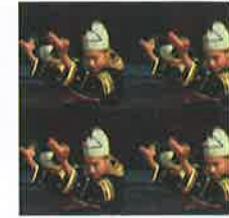
COFFEE SHORTS SHOWCASE

Watch Mencari Tuduh, a story of Rohingya Muslim refugees living in Malaysia, at this TropfestSEA satellite event.



SEНИМАТОГРАФИ

Check out a preview screening of some of Malaysia's best feature films not yet aired on television, including Saloma and Lelaki Harapan Dunia, and Terbaik Dari Langit. This event is in partnership with ASTRO.



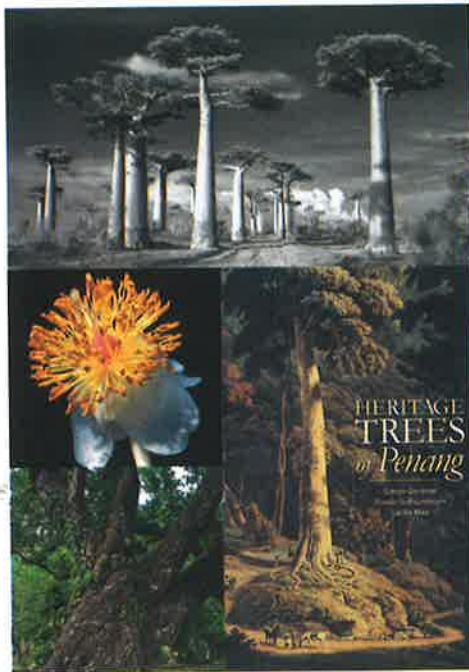
RANDAI

Take in the wonderful folk theatre tradition of the Minangkabau ethnic group, which incorporates music, singing, dance, drama, and the martial art of Silat. Randai will be performed as a "theatre-in-the-round" to achieve unity between performers and their audience.

MALAYSIA DIDGERIDOO AND PERCUSSION COLLECTIVE

Listen to the sounds of didgeridoos, flutes and drums at the fourth annual gathering of the Malaysia Didgeridoo and Percussion Collective.

P.S.: Lots more is happening during this exciting day-long event, including ASEAN CLASSICS and the MYdesign exhibition, as well as an exciting book launch of author Khoo Salma Nasution's award-winning book, *The Chulia In Penang!* See pages 30, 35 and 45 for more information.



TREES

Free admission

The month-long, multifaceted Trees project will encourage and inspire festivalgoers to 'Go Green' by presenting a number of community programmes, exhibitions, art installations, pop-up stores, talks and more. Each of these exciting initiatives enable participants to learn about, experience and admire trees in their living form, and appreciate them as objects of beauty within the natural world. Trees is one of this year's most exciting series – and it's all for a great cause. By supporting and respecting the environment, we all move one step closer towards a cleaner, healthier planet. Be sure to check out our website for announcements on new workshops, pop-up cafes and more! Trees is sponsored by EcoWorld.



FREE TREES AND TALK

23 AUGUST
2–4PM
MBPP Town Hall
Join Kuala Lumpur's Free Tree Society for a talk on all things tree-related and some tree-themed snacks. After the talk, the Society will give away free trees! This event is sponsored by the Free Tree Society. Keep an eye out for more details!

HERITAGE TREES OF PENANG

1–31 AUGUST
TUESDAY–SUNDAY, 12–6PM
MBPP Town Hall
Featuring images and text from a book of the same name, this exhibition presents a visual exploration of Penang's famous Penaga Laut tree, which inspired the town's former name – Tanjong Penaga.

ANCIENT TREES

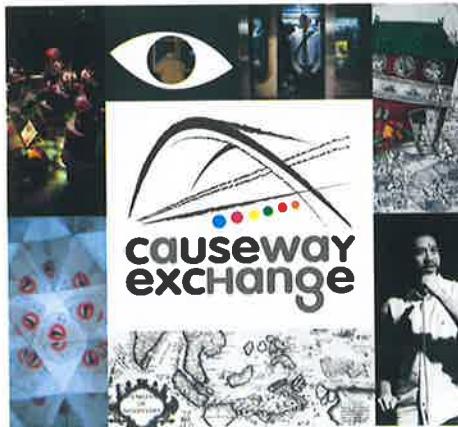
1–31 AUGUST
TUESDAY–SUNDAY, 12–6PM
MBPP Town Hall
This exhibit's black-and-white images, taken by photographer Beth Moon, stunningly capture the power, mystery, and majesty of some of the oldest living trees on the planet.

POP-UP GREEN SHOP

1–31 AUGUST
TUESDAY–SUNDAY, 12–6PM
MBPP Town Hall
Browse and purchase innovative tree-inspired merchandise at this exciting pop-up shop, including the Heritage Trees and Ancient Trees books.

SUSTAINABILITY & ECO-TOURISM TALK + MUSIC

2 AUGUST
3PM
MBPP Town Hall
Join former Ted-X speaker Ruben Cortes for a talk on sustainability, accompanied by a music performance by Sarawak's Alena Murang.



CAUSEWAYEXCHANGE

Contact: ruiyi@causewayexchange.com
Free admission, except where noted

CausewayEXchange seeks to strengthen relations between Singapore and Malaysia by using the arts as a form of cultural diplomacy. This exciting month-long series will feature a number of works from well-known artists and creatives, including visual art installations, comedy shows, short film viewings, and more. This year, the event will celebrate 50 years of bilateral relations between the two countries. Check out www.causewayexchange.com for more information, and to register for events.



CROSSING BRIDGES: AN ARTIST DIALOGUE

2 AUGUST
3–4PM
China House

Registration required

At this intimate gathering, CausewayEXchange artists Sandra Lee, Sherman Ong and Edwin Khoo will share their experiences as Singapore creatives, and discuss their works.

FABULOUS FOLKTALES WITH KAMINI RAMACHANDRAN

29 AUGUST
3PM & 5PM
China House

Registration required

Listen as master storyteller Kamini Ramachandran tell stories of faraway places where anything could happen in this special event, suitable for all ages.

THE SEAS WILL SING AND THE WINDS WILL CARRY US

1–31 AUGUST
11AM–7PM
Singapore House

This series of video vignettes by Sherman Wong mingles fables of the Nusantara – Indonesian for "archipelago" – with contemporary dilemmas concerning migration and diaspora.

TEE KO

1–31 AUGUST
10AM–10PM
China House
Tee Ko, Hokkien for "Voyeur", features interactive works by Lo Wan Tin, whose art often explores the relationship between individual narratives and object in relation to time and memory.

WHERE THE HEART IS

1–31 AUGUST
10AM–10PM
China House
Through imagery inspired by fairy tales and the artist's imagination, Sandra Lee's work addresses issues of population growth, the role of women in society, relationships, and other personal topics.



WE ARE ARTISTS

Contact: info@wearearts.net
Free admission, except where noted

Through accessible teaching and learning practices, We Are Artists helps individuals to develop various skill-sets and encourages those with expertise to share their knowledge and expertise. We Are Artists believes that everyone has the potential to create something meaningful. Join them for a fun-filled month of activities, workshops, exhibitions, movie nights and more! Be sure to check out the GTF website for more information on this fun-filled series. To register for events, visit www.wearearts.net.



HELLO HIDE & SEEK

1-31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
George Town
Local artists, chefs, musicians and more have doodled onto a sticker and placed it around town. Download the map at wearearts.net to find them all!

PENANG COLOURING BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

31 JULY
3-6PM
Little Art House, 90a Lorong Macalister

RM 20
Join We Are Artists for an afternoon of colouring-themed activities to celebrate the launch of the first-ever Penang Colouring Book, featuring sketches from local artists such as BulanLifestyle and Lusy Decoursey.

GEORGE TOWN: A LIARS WALK

4, 11, 18 AUGUST
7-8PM
Chai Diam Ma

RM 20: Registration required
At each stop on this interactive tour around the city, guides will share two stories: one true and one false. Win or lose, this tour gives all those who sign up a chance to see and experience a different side of Penang.

PENANG COLOURING BOOK LAUNCH PARTY

31 JULY

3-6PM

Little Art House, 90a

Lorong Macalister

RM 20

Join We Are Artists for an afternoon of colouring-themed activities to celebrate the launch of the first-ever Penang Colouring Book, featuring sketches from local artists such as BulanLifestyle and Lusy Decoursey.

SILENT MOVIES, LIVE MUSIC

6, 13, 20 AUGUST
7-10PM
Little Art House, 90a Lorong Macalister

At this event, silent films will be played to the tunes of local live musicians, including oboe player Chun Howe, violinist Verena Koay, and band Panklma.

DANCE YOUR LIFE

8 AUGUST
10:30AM-12:30PM
Let's Dance! Studio

Registration required

Dance Your Life will give you a chance to re-imagine your everyday habits, from the way you move to the way you visualize the world! This event will also be held at BFF. See page 21-22 for more info!

DRAWING EXERCISE

9 AUGUST
11AM-1PM
Little Art House, 90a Lorong Macalister

Registration required

Lusy Decoursey of We Are Artists will guide you through a life-drawing class while encouraging you to stretch and move. Wear comfy clothing! This event will also be held at BFF. See page 21-22 for more info!

THAIPUSAM: FACES OF DEVOTION

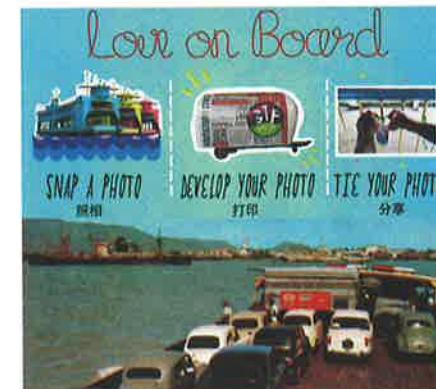
14-20 AUGUST
10AM-6PM
Little Art House, 90a Lorong Macalister

This exhibition by Penang photographer Kevin Ooi captures the quiet and personal moments experienced by Hindus undertaking extreme feats of devotion during one of their holiest events.

ALICE & LUSY EXHIBIT

21-30 AUGUST
10AM-6PM
Little Art House, 90a Lorong Macalister

Alice lives in Sydney, and Lusy lives in Penang. In an international collaborative project, they've "misplaced" postcards around their cities for creatives to find, draw on, and post back.



CROSSING THE STRAIT

ALL DAY

Explore the history of the ferry with an exhibit by Marcus Langdon and Keith Hockton of Entrepot Publishing!

LOVE ON BOARD

9:30AM-7:30PM
Saturdays-Sundays

Snap, print and hang pictures of your loved ones along the Ferry walkway!

1-31 AUGUST
Pangkalan
Raja Tun Uda
Ferry Terminal

FERRY & I

Free admission

The Penang Ferry Service, the oldest of its kind in Malaysia, has been transporting passengers between Butterworth and Penang for nearly a hundred years. George Town Festival will celebrate this special form of transport for the entire month of August with two exciting exhibits which artfully portray the ferry's past using words and pictures. Take a ride from coast to coast to learn more about this fascinating piece of Penang's living history! Check out our website for more details!

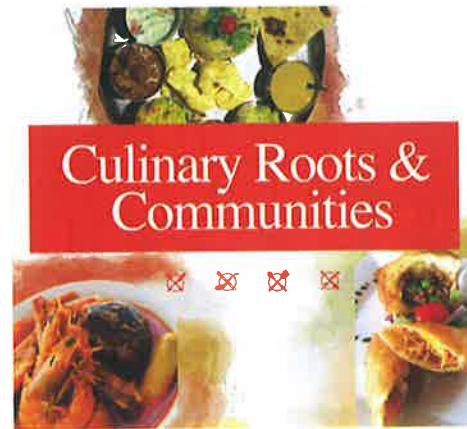
OBSCURA FESTIVAL

Contact: info@obscurafestival.com
For full details and location maps, visit www.obscurafestival.com



OBSCURA Festival is Malaysia's premier photography festival, celebrating photography from Asia and around the globe. Each year the festival hosts a series of print exhibitions, slide shows, talks, forums, masterclass workshops, portfolio reviews and fringe events. Rooted in education, understanding and togetherness, OBSCURA Festival maintains an inclusive approach to photography and most of its programmes are free to the public. This independently run festival is part of the Asia-Pacific Photoforum, which represents the leading photography festivals in the region.





CULINARY ROOTS AND COMMUNITIES

Contact: burmah108@gmail.com



No gathering would be complete in Malaysia without food. It is unsurprising, then, that when communities first made their way to the country centuries ago, they brought their unique food traditions with them. Over the years, they adapted many of their cuisines to better suit the local environment, creating an entirely new combination of flavours. *Culinary Roots and Communities* takes participants on a journey through the rich heritage of Indian vegetarian, Hainan and Peranakan kitchens. Check out our website for more details on each of these exciting events, and for ticketing information!

SPICE TRAIL TO THE PEARL OF THE ORIENT
1 AUGUST 6-8PM
Annalakshmi Temple of Fine Arts

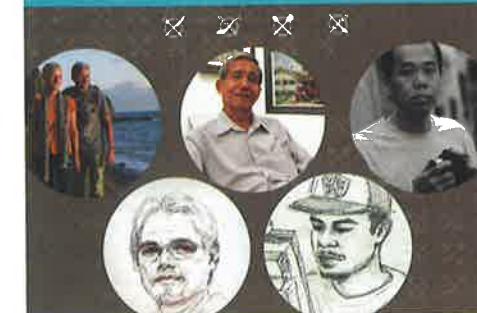
THE HAINANESE LEGACY: THEY CAME, THEY TASTED, THEY INNOVATED
15 AUGUST 7:30-10PM
Wanning Association

THE NORTH-SOUTH PERANAKAN COOK-OFF
29-30 AUGUST 7-10PM
Burmah 108

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The Secret Food Diaries of Penang Artists



THE SECRET FOOD DIARIES OF PENANG ARTISTS

Contact: burmah108@gmail.com



In this special series, Penang's favourite creatives will host participants for an intimate afternoon or evening featuring a fruitful discussion over a delicious home-cooked meal. From food writers and photographers to portrait artists and oil painters – and from Turkish culinary delights to homemade laksa and more – this event series has something for everyone. Sign up today to join the conversation! Check out our website for more details on each of these exciting events, and for ticketing information!

DOCUMENTING CULINARY TRADITIONS

8 AUGUST 6:30-8PM
Near Jalan Carnarvon

SOLD OUT

IN PLEIN AIR

9 AUGUST
11AM-1PM
Chong Shan Woo Koon

35

PORTRAITURE IN TWO WAYS

16 AUGUST 11AM-1PM
Penang Malay Art Gallery

35

SCENES OF GEORGE TOWN

22 AUGUST 4:30-6:30PM
Burmah 108

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ASEAN CLASSICS

@ CHEAH TEMPLE, COURTYARD



ASEAN CLASSICS

Free admission



Every Thursday and Sunday throughout the month of August, George Town Festival will host a free outdoor screening of ASEAN's most beloved classic cinema. The films in the ASEAN CLASSICS series include The Philippines classic *Genghis Khan* (1950), first screened at the 1952 Venice Film Festival with positive reviews, and Malaysia's famous *Bawang Merah Bawang Putih* (1959), considered to be the country's original "Cinderella Story".

THURSDAYS AND SUNDAYS
FROM AUGUST 6
8-10PM
Cheah Temple courtyard

#GTF RECURRING EVENTS



THE CRESCENT MOON: SHARING THE SAME MOON

Free admission

This month-long exhibition will use intimate photographs and personal narratives to give a voice to the community of Indian Muslims within the Kapitan Keling Mosque Community whose lives are deeply connected to the mosque, while also providing a unique opportunity to reflect on the similarities and differences between people of two countries who share the same faith.



The images and stories from the Mosque community, collected by local photographer Mas Mohd Farid Rahman and New Zealand writer Adrienne Jansen, will be shown together with selected photographs and text from the original Crescent Moon exhibition, which documents the every-day lives of New Zealand Muslims. As indicated by Jansen's insights and the photographer's keen eye for capturing the subtle moments of daily interaction, these individuals come from vastly different backgrounds and yet remain unified by their shared beliefs.

1-31 AUGUST
10AM-6PM: CLOSED FOR FRIDAY PRAYERS
Dewan Makam Nordin, Kapitan Keling Mosque

#GTF RECURRING EVENTS

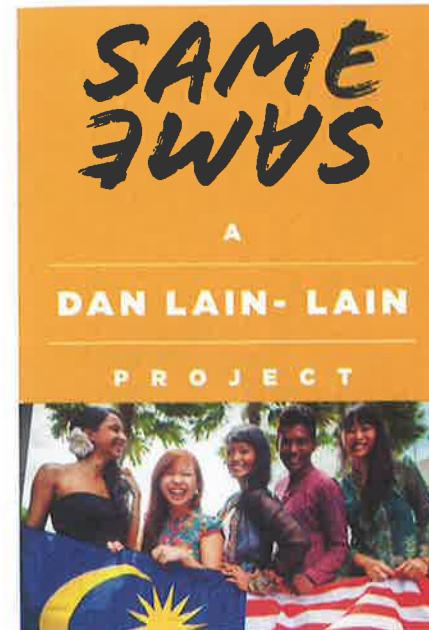
SAME SAME: A DAN LAIN-LAIN PROJECT

Free admission

1-31 AUGUST
WEEKDAYS
9AM-5PM;
WEEKENDS
10AM-11:30PM
Dewan Sri
Penang



A celebration of those who find themselves unable to associate with just one identity, whether it be Chinese, Indian or Malay, the Same Same exhibition gives its viewers a chance to visually experience Penang's – and Malaysia's – incredible diversity through photographs of its multiracial citizens. This exhibition, created by Lithuanian photographer Paulius Staniunas, aims to bring recognition to a nation whose people show one another respect regardless of their cultural origins.



PIXYL FOUNTAIN

Free admission

1-31 AUGUST
10AM-6PM
162
Victoria Street



This interactive art installation invites visitors to play music on its motion-sensitive pads or simply stand back and watch as the fountain plays its own music, while the LED electronics create a stunning visual display, which features digital rainbows, spheres imitating rain, and light clouds that pulse to the beat of the music. A fountain fit for the future, this hi-tech audiovisual will captivate audiences of all ages, enticing them to play a part in its magic.

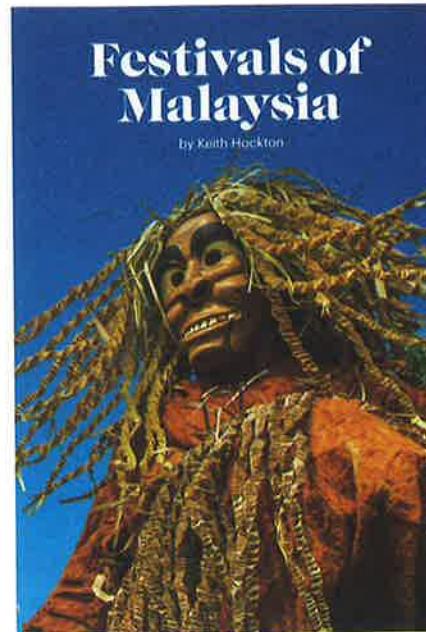
#GTF RECURRING EVENTS

FESTIVALS OF MALAYSIA: KEITH HOCKTON

Free admission

Get an up-close and personal view of Malaysia's many festivals at Gurney Plaza's Central Atrium, where huge, colourful banners featuring pictures and stories of the country's biggest annual celebrations – from Chinese New Year to Ramadan to Thaipusam – will be hung for the entire month of August. These festivals preserve, celebrate, challenge and frame community identity, and for the most part are public events that anyone in Malaysia might encounter.

7-31 AUGUST
10AM-10PM
Gurney Plaza



TOTEM

Contact: liza.k.ho@gmail.com
Free admission

A photographic exhibition by Paris-based Malaysian Diana Lui, Totem features fifteen modern-day portraits of women from all over Malaysia dressed in traditional costumes. This thoroughly contemporary photography project expertly fuses past and present ideas of femininity and the roles women play within each strikingly beautiful image. Diana Lui's work has been exhibited and collected by some of the most prestigious institutions in the world, including Institut du Monde in Paris, among many others.

1-30 AUGUST
FRIDAY-SUNDAY
10AM-6PM
The Square at
3D Beach Street



#GTF RECURRING EVENTS

MORE THAN FRIENDS: ASEAN 5

Contact: weilinggal@gmail.com
Free admission

This exhibition highlights the next wave of ASEAN artists, whose practices are defined by who they are and how they perceive the world around them. Each artist has been noticed in their respective countries of origin for the distinctive statements that they make through their works. Artists include Malaysia's Chong Kim Chiew; Indonesia's Irfan Hendrian; the Philippines' Derek Tumala and Vermont Coronel Jr.; Thailand's Maitree Siriboon; and Singapore's Wong Lip Chin.

1-30 AUGUST
11:30AM-7PM
CLOSED MONDAYS
Wei-Ling
Gallery @
Victory Avenue
G&D Hotel



CULTURETOPIA

Contact: dacfestival1115@gmail.com
Free admission

Malaysia's Digital Art and Culture Festival, or da-c, returns to Penang for its fifth year. This year's theme, Culturetopia, seeks to find a new, contemporary definition of modern intangible heritage by creating a meaningful, digital dialogue between artists and the city's urban fabric. See their website for more information!

www.dacfestival.com
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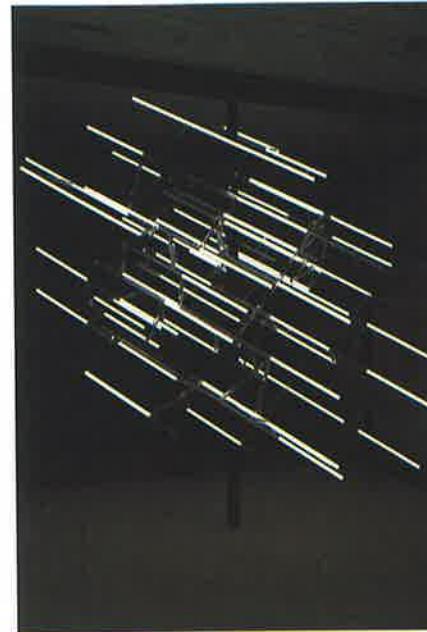
#GTF RECURRING EVENTS

WARP BY JUN ONG

Contact: ongjiao@gmail.com
Free admission

Inspired by Penang's manufacturing and industrial culture, Warp uses cryptic light formations, 'invisible' canvases and revealing displays to visually interpret the relationship between mass production and the consumer. Created especially for George Town Festival 2015, the 'installation is the latest in a collaborative series by architect-artist Jun Ong and Philips Malaysia.

8-31 AUGUST
ALL DAY
Supper Club



MYDESIGN EXHIBITION

Free admission

This special weekend exhibition shines the spotlight on Malaysia's best and brightest creatives working in the field of design. Featuring unique fashion items, accessories, furniture and more, MYdesign gives festivalgoers a chance to see local talent at its best. Be sure to check out the MYdesign Bazaar for a chance to purchase some of these unique items – see page 18 for more info.

14 AUGUST,
8PM-12AM;
FOLLOWING
FRIDAYS,
SATURDAYS,
SUNDAYS,
10AM-6PM
The Space @
214 Beach Street



29 AUGUST-
6 SEPTEMBER
10AM-6PM
The Star
@ Pitt Street



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#GTF RECURRING EVENTS

MY STORY, MY STRENGTH: DOODLE FOR CHANGE EXHIBITION

Contact: kisaku@wccpenang.org
Free admission

My Story, My Strength will feature the stories of ten domestic abuse victims, whose tales of strength, hardship and survival have been visually interpreted by ten different artists. The exhibition's opening night will feature an auction hosted by Sarimah Ibrahim! See page 18 for more details.

GO-SEE GEORGE TOWN BY @IGERSMALAYSIA

Contact: igers@instagramers.com; @igersmalaysia
Free admission

Instagramers Malaysia will host two month-long exhibitions at Macallum Connoisseurs and Lebuh Armenian featuring photos of their Instagram followers' unique visual perspectives. @igersmalaysia will also hold a special shoot-and-ride "instameet" on August 23 at 8AM.

MY GEORGE TOWN: YOUR STORIES

Contact: jra@jamesryananderson.com
Free admission

In My George Town: Your Stories, documentary filmmaker OXLAEY reveals an intimate side to George Town's residents through a series of fifteen short films. Each film offers a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the people of George Town, from long forgotten craftsmen to food hawkers.

FRIDAYS AND
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Pen Li Tong
(Tuesday)
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(Wednesday)



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ALSO IN PENANG...

Check out what else is happening in and around George Town during festival month!



P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL

Contact: www.ticketpro.com.my or call 03-61429877
RM 83; 103; 153; 203

P. Ramlee skyrocketed to fame thanks to his immense talent in the performing arts. An icon of the Malay entertainment industry, he contributed in countless ways to his country's creative scene, and inspired many along the way. *P. Ramlee The Musical* brings the legend back to life by brilliantly recreating his story and legacy on stage.



AN INTRODUCTION WALK TO GEORGE TOWN'S HERITAGE

Contact: chungwei@gtwhi.com.my for registration information

Join George Town World Heritage Incorporated for an informational guided walk through the city's UNESCO World Heritage Site to learn more about the fascinating history of Penang.



HYPOCALYPSE

Contact: Adrian Jones at 012 275 7780 for details on gallery location and viewing times

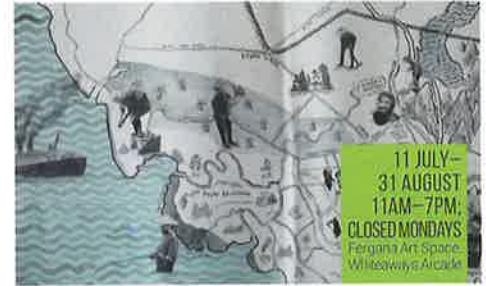
Hypocalypse is an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Hanoi's distinguished contemporary artist Le Quang Ha (b. 1963). Potent and distinctive in style, Ha's works have been collected by major museums, including Singapore National Gallery. The artist will be present for the first week of the George Town Festival.



CHALLENGING ADVERSITY

Contact: 18roberty@gmail.com
Free with meal; RM 10 walk-ins

Challenging Adversity features the work of artists who have had to overcome great difficulties and struggles in their lives in order to achieve success as creatives. Included in this gallery are the works of award-winning deaf artist Lim Anuar.



WORK: PROPOSITIONS FOR THE FUTURE, AN OPEN-STUDIO BY SAMSUDIN WAHAB

Contact: hasnizan.othman@fergana-art.com
Free admission

Samsudin Wahab, the first recipient of the Fergana Art Fellowship, spent the past six months exploring his birthplace in rural Perak in order to understand the tough realities of the lives of its people and the mystical legends in the area. This exhibition is the outcome of this exploration.



COLOURS OF ODYSSEY

Contact: patrickklim@busybees.com.sg
Free admission

Launched in 2009 in Singapore, *Colours of Odyssey* is a children's art exhibition that provides a platform for the kids of Odyssey The Global Preschool to explore their creative expressions and to develop social awareness and compassion.



STORM RIDER / PERENTAS RIBUT

Contact: hasnizan.othman@fergana-art.com
Free admission

This ongoing series, which began in the 1980s, represents a sculptor's life-long search for an elegant yet dynamic way of visually representing the lives of those who constantly confront hardships while somehow maintaining a sanguine outlook.





CAKAP DAPUR: R & D STORIES



14-15 AUGUST
8PM
Sinkah, 105
Lebuh Melayu

Contact: sheaufung@sinkah.com

See GTF website for ticketing information

Cakap Dapur, the long-awaited new work from Malaysian playwright Leow Puay Tin, is an entertaining and thought-provoking collection of stories, musings and fragments of a lecture. The play, adapted from a research workshop by Professor Mohd Anis Md Nor, is directed and performed by Chee Sek Thim.



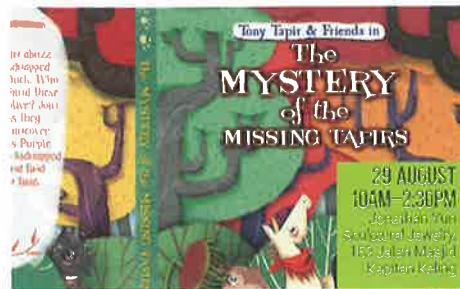
DRAWING THE BLUE MANSION



15-31 AUGUST
11AM: 1:30PM;
3PM
Cheong Fatt
Tze Mansion,
14 Lebuh Leith

Contact: Cheong Fatt Tze Mansion: +604 262 0006
Free with tour of Blue Mansion

This exhibition, set within Penang's famous "Blue Mansion", features contemporary architecture and graphic-novel drawings of the famous heritage house. The images offer a unique view of the relationship between people and architecture, and can be viewed during the mansion's daily tour.



TAPIR, TALES AND TRINKETS



Contact: josephineyoong7@gmail.com
Free admission

This special Tapir-themed event will feature the launch of children's author Patricia Chew's newest book featuring Tony the Tapir, and a stunning new collection of Tapir-inspired jewellery from established sculptural jeweller Jonathan Yun – not to mention games, storytelling, demonstrations and more!



THE GOLDEN AGE



Contact: gehrigenang@gmail.com
Free admission

This gallery features the works of artist Lim Ah Cheng, who is well known for his incredible oil paintings of horses, as well as other animals. His works combine both Eastern and Western influences, lending a unique feel to each piece.



RANDOM CHAPTERS



Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org

Random Chapters is a contemporary dance performance that echoes the diverse artistic voices of individuals. Presented in Indonesia and Thailand in 2014 and the United States in June 2015, this show will make its Malaysian premiere at GTF.

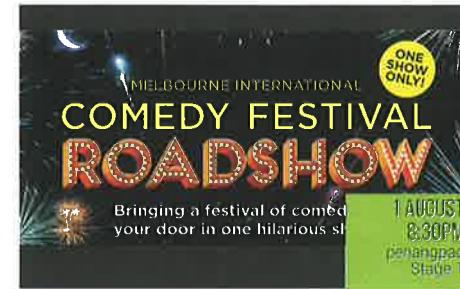


UGLYMEN "IT'S ABOUT YOU" CHARITY CONCERT



Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org

Northern Malaysian rock band Uglymen have been performing for various underground circuits, competitions and charities since 1993. Experience their unique brand of hard rock/punk/metal/alt music at this special charity concert.



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW



Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Road show will visit Penang for the first time on August 1. A night of comedy like no other, these comedians will have the auditorium roaring with laughter.

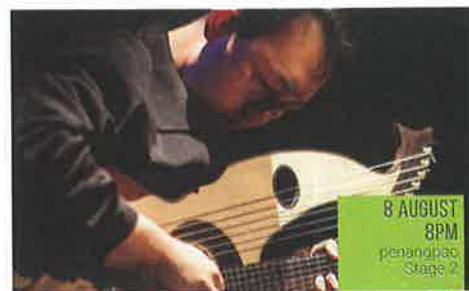


WORLD'S BEST MOVIES @ AUGUST 2015



Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org

Join The Actors Studio for a viewing of four award-winning movies from Italy, including *Il Postino* on 4 August, *Malena* on 5 August, *La Vita e Bella* on 6 August, and *Nuovo Cinema Paradiso* on 7 August.



ROGER WANG LIVE IN PENANG

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

Malaysia's most renowned fingerstyle guitarist, Roger Wang has refined a brand of music that blends the accessibility of pop music with the intricacy of jazz. Join him August 8 for an unforgettable night of live music.



SUPER KAM 3: IT GETS WETTER

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

After two sold-out seasons in Penang and KL, ToniQ Creative proudly present this third installment of their all-female stand up comedy extravaganza, featuring Joanne Kam, Shamaine Othman, Bibi K. Poh and Sharul Channa, and hosted by the huggable Papi Zak.



CHAMBER MUSIC WITH ENSEMBLE KOSCHKA

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

Ensemble Koschka has performed numerous concerts in Penang with the goal of promoting the local classical music scene. The ensemble has also toured in Japan, performing a combination of classical music and Malaysian folk songs.



AKIRA JIMBO

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

Akira Jimbo is perhaps the most well-known and respected Japanese drummer in the world. Making full use of MIDI Drum Trigger System, he astounds listeners with his performance, which combines his astonishing playing technique with modern technology. This event will be his first in Penang.



SHORT+SWEET MALAYSIA

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

Short+Sweet Malaysia, the country's first competitive performing arts festival, gives emerging and established artists and performers a chance to showcase their talent in under ten minutes in a collaborative and fun environment.



LES DEUX PENANG BAROQUE DIVAS

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

This voice recital kick-starts Chaing Yi Ling and Joe Zainul's two-year tour to promote Baroque music and Romantic art songs in the Asian region. Both artists were born and bred in Penang.



21ST "GOLDEN FRONTIER AWARD" SONG COMPOSING COMPETITION

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

The "Golden Frontier Award" Song Composing Competition encourages team spirit and pushes composing to a higher standard. The competition is open to all Malaysians.



"TALES OF THE HU": LIAO PEI YU CHINESE STRINGS INSTRUMENTS RECITAL

Contact: keehow@penangpac.org
For ticketing, see www.penangpac.org.

This musical concert features local Chinese classical music enthusiasts playing the the wonderful sounds of the "Hu", a group of Chinese string instruments.

ALSO IN PENANG

15 AUGUST
9.30AM
TBC
Butterworth

JAMES R. LOGAN, A POLYMATH ON A PROVINCE WELLESLEY PLANTATION

Contact: info@pht.org.my
Free admission



James Richardson Logan (1819–1869) has a monument erected in his honor in front of the court house in Penang. But who was this man and why did the government abhor him while locals of all races loved him? Find out at this talk by Dr Gerrell Drawhorn. This event, held in conjunction with Seberang Perai Story and BFF, is organized by Penang Heritage Trust and Think City.

16 AUGUST
8PM
TBC
Butterworth

EARLY VIEWS OF PROVINCE WELLESLEY

Contact: info@pht.org.my
Free admission



Carved out of the Kedah kingdom in 1800, the landscape of Province Wellesley was dramatically transformed in the nineteenth century. Using one hundred images, author Khoo Salma Nasution will trace the development of Seberang Perai in terms of early explorations, urbanisation, agriculture, industry and more. This event, held in conjunction with Seberang Perai Story and BFF, is organized by Penang Heritage Trust and Think City.

TBC
TBC
Butterworth

100 IMAGES OF PROVINCE WELLESLEY

Contact: info@pht.org.my
Free admission



100 early images of Province Wellesley will be on display in a traditional shophouse in the historic centre of Butterworth. These include maps, paintings and old photographs dating from the early 19th century to 1979. This event is organized by Areca Books and Think City Sdn Bhd, and will be held in conjunction with BFF.

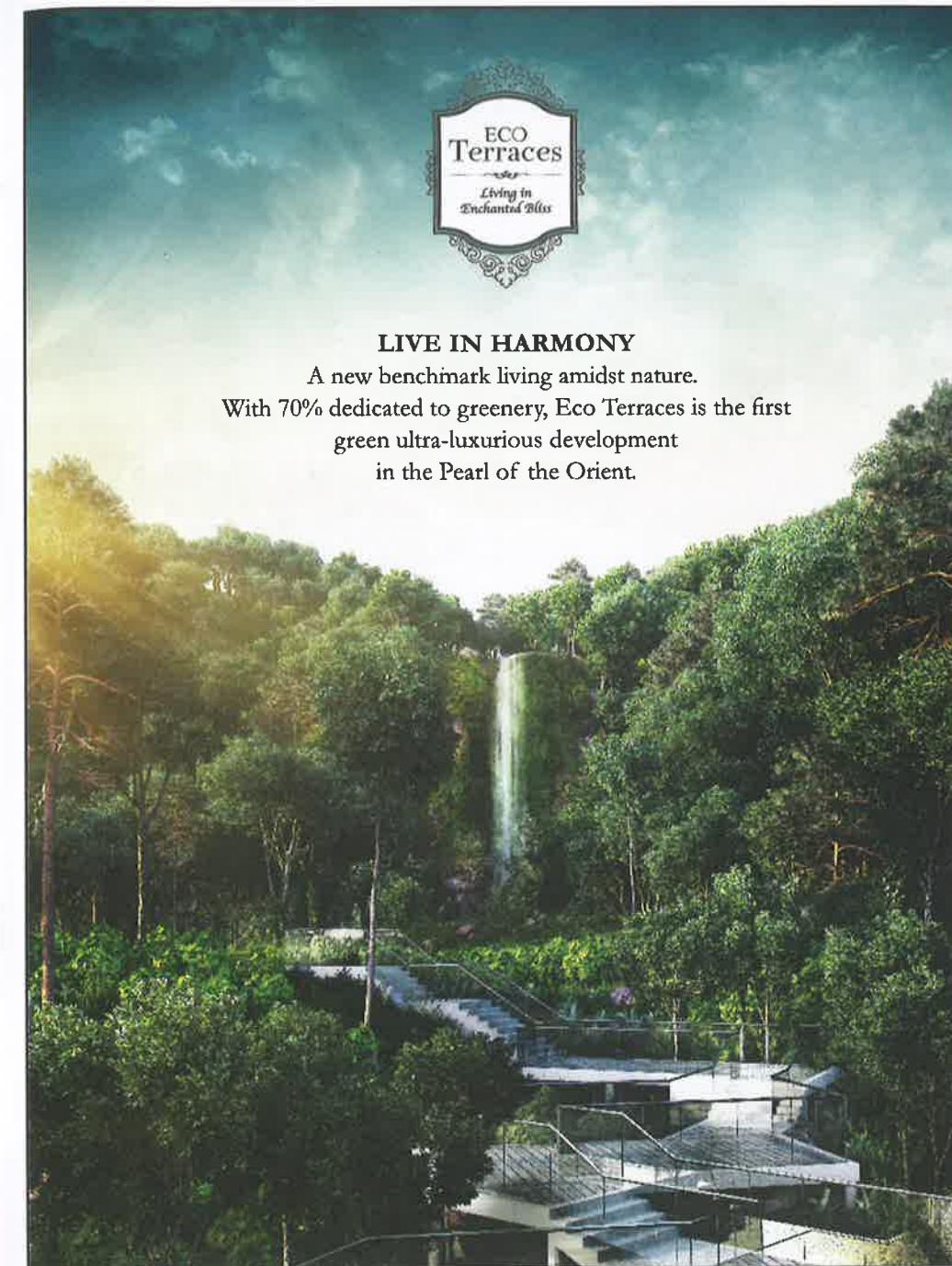
30 AUGUST
10.30 AM
MBPP Town Hall

KAPITAN KELING MOSQUE, ENDOWMENT, COMMUNITY: A BOOK LAUNCH

Contact: info@arecabooks.com
Free admission

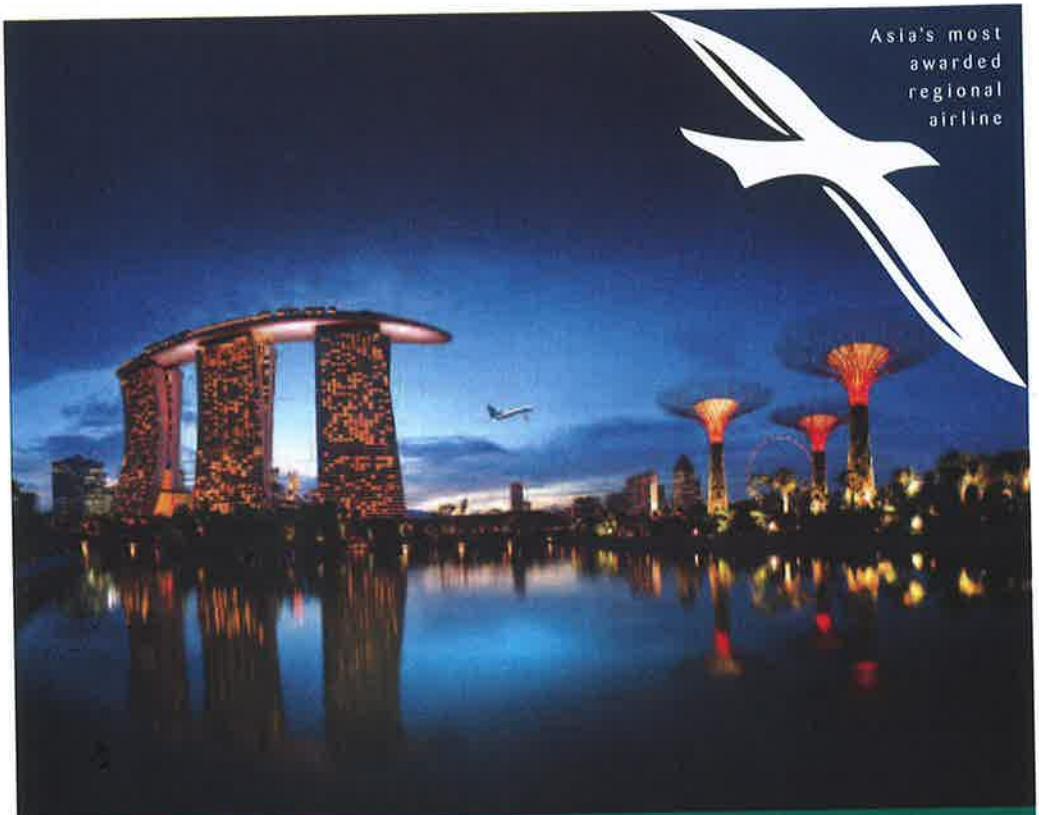


Join Khoo Salma Nasution for the launch of her award-winning book, *The Chulia in Penang*. A talk by the author will be followed by a screening of a documentary on the Kapitan Keling Mosque. This event is organized by the Indian Muslim Community Organisation Malaysia, Kapitan Keling Mosque Committee, Areca Books and Think City Sdn Bhd.



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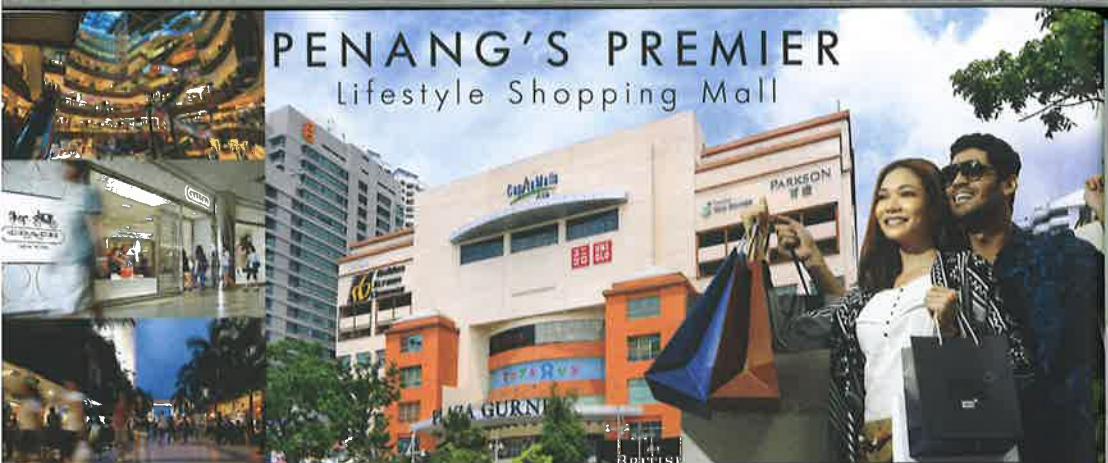
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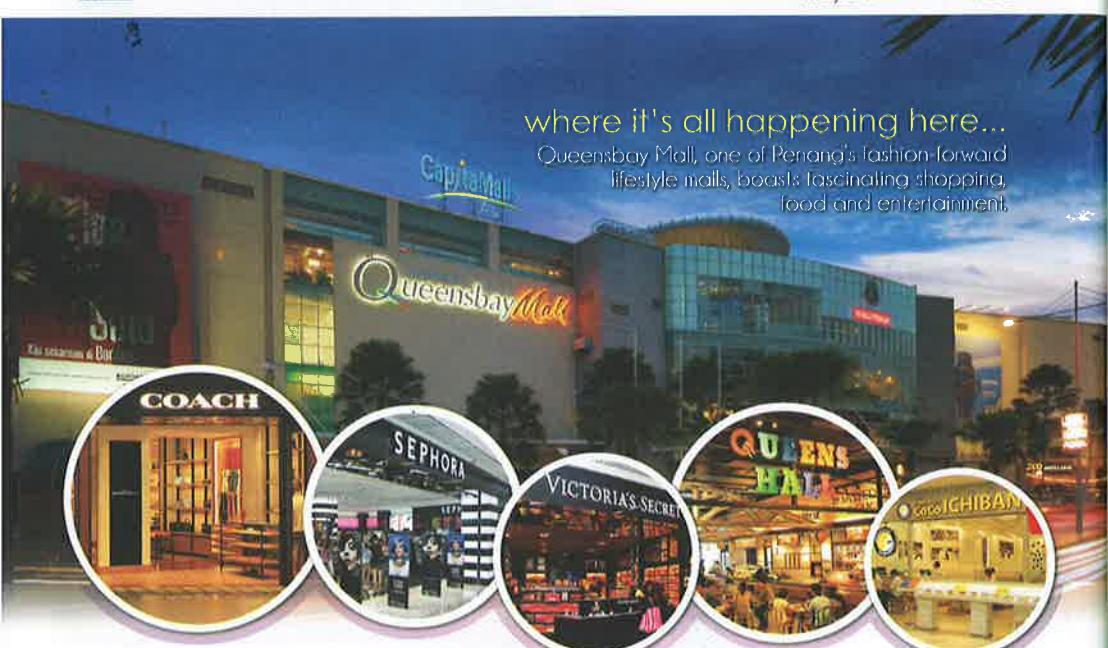
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14300 Bayan Lepas, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia
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2) Queensbay Mall
123A, 2nd Floor, Queensbay Mall,
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For more info: support_redtix@airasia.com

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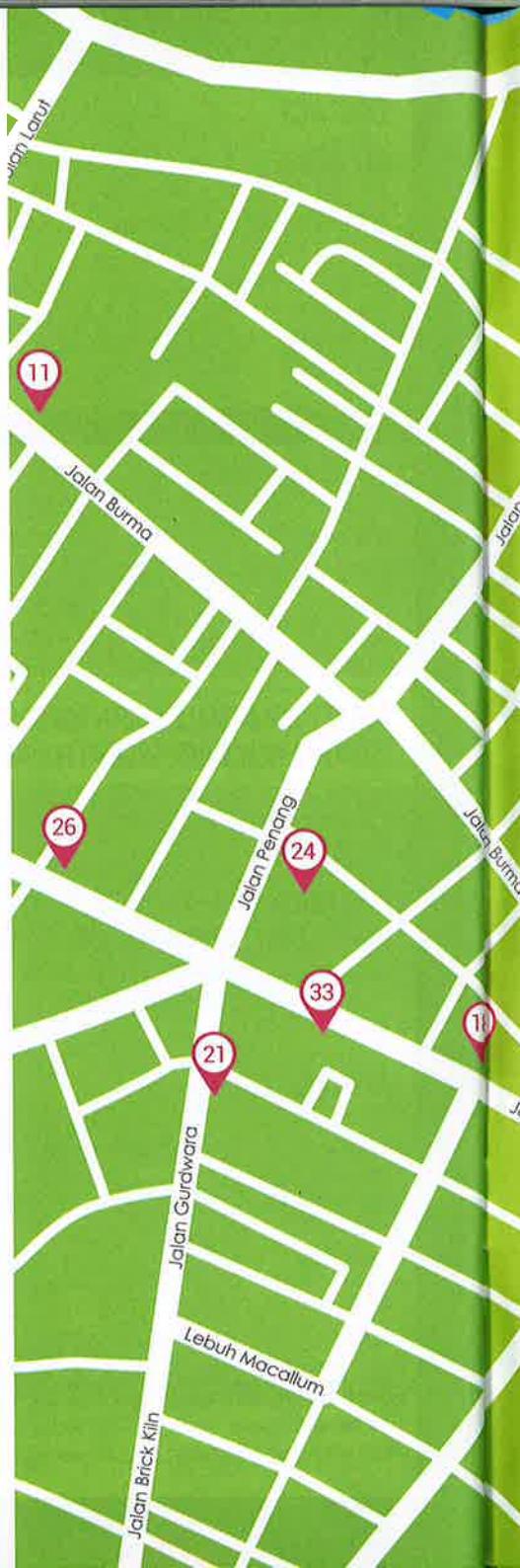
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- 6 Jalan Jeti Lama
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Lebuh Carnavon
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- 33 St. Giles Wembley
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Kapitan Keling



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This year, over 180 volunteers came forward to lend a helping hand with the festival, and we are extremely grateful for their time and labour. To each and every one of you: Thank you for all you do, and see you next year!

GTF 2015 has also received the kind support and help of many individuals and organizations throughout the year, and also during the festival. We take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to all of them:

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