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**GEORGE  
TOWN  
FESTIVAL**  
PENANG • MALAYSIA  
1 - 31  
AUGUST 2015

"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 BERTHORMAT  
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**



## 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.

## EVENT TYPES



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AWARD-WINNING SHOW/PERFORMER



AGE RESTRICTION



TICKETING PRICES



CHILDREN FRIENDLY SHOW



# 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...

## THURS

## FRI

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

WEEK 4

WEEK 5



3PM **PENANG COLOURING BOOK LAUNCH PARTY** PG27



8:30PM **TITANIUM** PG10



12PM **EURASIAN HERITAGEFEST 2015** PG19  
8:30PM **THE METAMORPHOSIS, ANDROID VERSION** PG12



8:30PM **SLOW SOUND OF SNOW** PG14



3PM **FABULOUS FOLKTALES** PG26  
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8:30PM **SANG KANCIL & TAPIR** PG17



1PM **CONTEMPORARY DANCE FOR CAMERA** PG20  
8:30PM **THE METAMORPHOSIS, ANDROID VERSION** PG12



4PM **CITIES OF LOVE** PG20  
8PM **NIGHTINGALE: WORKSHOP** PG19  
8:30PM **THE KUMAR SHOW** PG12

## SAT

## SUN



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



10:30AM **DANCE YOUR LIFE** PG27  
6:30PM **DOCUMENTING CULINARY TRADITIONS** PG29  
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8:30PM **BROKEN NAILS** PG14



9AM **EURASIAN HERITAGEFEST 2015** PG19  
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2PM **MYDESIGN BAZAAR** PG18  
7:30PM **THE HAINANESE LEGACY** PG29  
8:30PM **MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE** PG15



4:30PM **SCENES OF GEORGE TOWN** PG29  
8:30PM **SLOW SOUND OF SNOW** PG14  
8:30PM **AM I** PG11



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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12PM **BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE** PG16  
3PM **SUSTAINABILITY & ECO-TOURISM TALK** PG25  
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6PM **BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE** PG16  
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11AM **BUTTERWORTH FRINGE FESTIVAL** PG21-22  
2PM **MYDESIGN BAZAAR** PG18  
8:30PM **MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE** PG15



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



9AM **BORAK ARTS** PG13  
11AM **ARTISTS FOR STRAY ANIMALS** PG26  
3PM **P. RAMLEE THE MUSICAL** PG37  
3PM **SANG KANCIL & TAPIR** PG17  
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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!

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ATM @ BEACH STREET  
TREES  
CAUSEWAYEXCHANGE  
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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## WARP BY JUN ONG

8-31 AUG  
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## THAIPUSAM: FACES OF DEVOTION

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## ALICE AND LUSY EXHIBIT

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10AM-6PM  
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## MY STORY, MY STRENGTH

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10AM-6PM  
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## GEORGE TOWN: A LIARS WALK

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7-8PM  
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## MY GEORGE TOWN: YOUR STORIES

FRI & SAT, STARTING  
7 AUG  
7-9PM  
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## SILENT MOVIES, LIVE MUSIC

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7-10PM  
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## ASEAN CLASSICS

THURS & SUN,  
STARTING 6 AUG  
8-10PM  
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## MYDESIGN EXHIBITION

WEEKENDS,  
STARTING 14 AUG  
14 August, 8PM-12AM;  
following weekends 10AM-6PM  
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## TREES

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Closed Mondays  
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## SAME SAME

MONTH-LONG  
Weekdays 9AM-5PM;  
Weekends 10AM-11:30PM  
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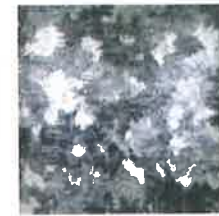
## PIXYL FOUNTAIN

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## THE CRESCENT MOON

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## MORE THAN FRIENDS

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Mondays  
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## FESTIVALS OF MALAYSIA

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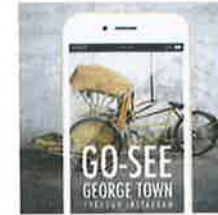
## CROSSING THE STRAIT

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## LOVE ON BOARD

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9:30AM-7:30PM  
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## GO-SEE GEORGE TOWN

MONTH-LONG  
All Day  
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## HELLO HIDE & SEEK

MONTH-LONG  
All Day  
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## THE SEAS WILL SING AND THE WINDS WILL CARRY US

MONTH-LONG  
11AM-7PM  
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## TRANSIT

MONTH-LONG  
11AM-7PM  
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## TEE KO

MONTH-LONG  
10AM-10PM  
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## WHERE THE HEART IS

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10AM-10PM  
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**INCH BAR**  
44 LEBUH MUNTRI, 04-2611693  
**BLUE MANSION**  
14 LEBUH LEITH, 04-2620006  
**CHINA HOUSE**  
153 LEBUH PANTAI, 04-2637299  
**IL BACARO**  
106 LEBUH CAMPBELL,  
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!

Colours indicate GTF Series exhibitions, listed below. See pages 21-29 to find out more!

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1<sup>ST</sup> PERFORMANCE IN  
SOUTHEAST ASIA

## 100% PENANG

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

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.



PREMIERE



6+

25 65 125

7-8 AUGUST  
8.30-9.45PM  
Dewan Sri  
Pinang

## TITANIUM

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



PREMIERE



12+

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.

25 65 125





# #GTF HIGHLIGHTS

22-23 AUGUST  
8.30-9.45PM  
Dewan Sri  
Pinang

AM I

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

*The Guardian Australia*

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.



Director and choreographer Shaun Parker, of Shaun Parker & Company, has won numerous accolades for his exhilarating stage creations, including two Australian Dance Awards, a Banksy Award and an Argus Angel Award. He and composer Nick Wales have worked on several highly acclaimed shows together. AM I, which was featured in April at Germany's prestigious Movimentos festival, will be the company's first performance in Asia.

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13-14 AUGUST  
8.30-10PM  
USM Dewan  
Budaya

## THE METAMORPHOSIS, ANDROID VERSION

SHOWCASE  
12 AUGUST  
7PM  
Queensbay Mall

*"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 reimagining 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.

THEATRE  
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PREMIERE

12+



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27 AUGUST  
8.30PM  
Grand Ballroom,  
E&O Hotel

## 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.

THEATRE  
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COMEDY  
C

18+





## BORAK ARTS

29-30 AUGUST  
9AM-6PM  
St Giles  
Mentawai

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!



8-9 AUGUST  
8:30-9:30PM  
M44 Town Hall

## 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.



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21-22 AUGUST  
8:30-9:40PM  
M44 Town Hall

## 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.



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## #GTF HIGHLIGHTS

### MOUSE DAUGHTER'S MARRIAGE

15-16 AUGUST  
8.30-9.15PM  
MBPP Town Hall



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.



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

28-29 AUGUST  
8.30-9.15PM  
MBPP Town Hall



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.



15 25 50

## #GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

1 AUGUST  
9.30AM-12.30PM  
MBPP Town Hall



### FIVE ARCHITECTS, FIVE HOUSES

Contact: [info@pht.org.my](mailto:info@pht.org.my)  
Ticketed

Penang is home to an impressive array of unique architectural styles and one-of-a-kind mansions unparalleled in terms of elegance and artistic flair. In *Five Architects, Five Houses*, Dr Jon Sun Hock Lim, architect, lecturer, and recent author of *The Penang House and the Straits Architect 1887-1941*, will give a talk on some of the island's most fascinating homesteads. Check out our GTF website for the latest information on tour dates, times, and ticketing information.



1-2 AUGUST  
6-8PM  
MBPP Town Hall

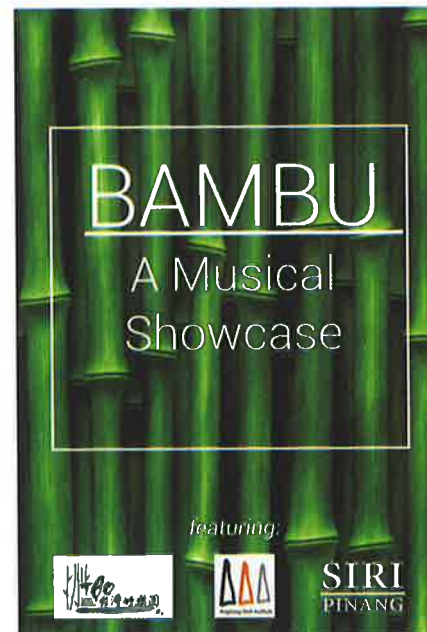
2 AUGUST  
12-12.30PM  
Queensbay Mall



### BAMBU: A MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Free admission

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.



featuring:





## #GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

### LAMB OF GOD SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

23 AUGUST  
8PM  
St George's Church

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.



### SANG KANCIL & TAPIR

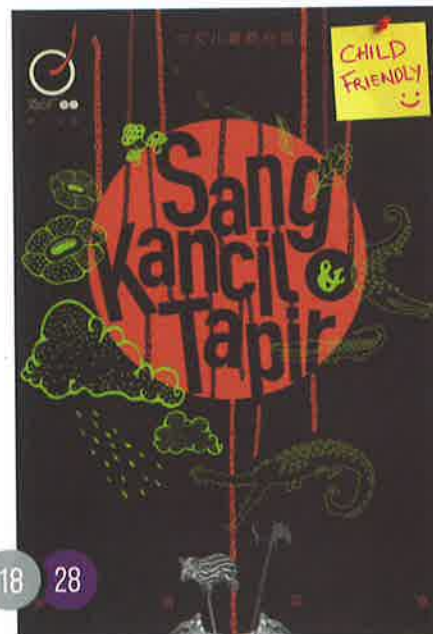
Contact: hockkheng.tan@gmail.com

28-29 AUGUST  
8.30-9.30PM  
Komtar  
Auditorium A

29-30 AUGUST  
3-4PM  
Komtar  
Auditorium A



Produced by Penang's own ZaoXinChang (ZXC) Theatre Troupe, children's drama *Sang Kancil & Tapir* uses traditional performing arts such as wayang kulit 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.



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## #GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

15-16 AUGUST  
2-9PM  
First Avenue Mall

### 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.

29 AUGUST  
8PM  
The SUEO  
10th Street

### 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.

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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,  
Forquhar Street

15 AUGUST  
9AM-MIDNIGHT  
Church of the Assumption,  
Forquhar Street



### 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.

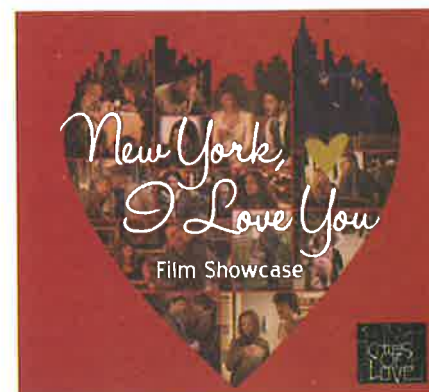
27 AUGUST  
8-9PM  
MBRP Town Hall



### ASEAN DIRECTOR'S FILM SHOWCASE

*Sayang Disayang*

FEATURING:  
MOHAMAD SANIF BIN OLEK  
SINGAPORE



## #GTF CALENDAR EVENTS

28 AUGUST  
4-7PM  
HMF Festival

### 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.



27 AUGUST  
4-7PM  
HMF Festival

### CITIES OF LOVE

Registration required; see GTF website

Join fellow movie lovers for a special screening of French film producer Emmanuel Benbihi'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.



13 AUGUST  
1-5PM  
INCH Lee

### CONTEMPORARY DANCE FOR CAMERA

Registration required; see GTF website

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.





#GTF  
SERIES

# BFF

BUTTERWORTH FRINGE FESTIVAL



## 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).



## CETTE IMMENSE INTIMITÉ

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.

## TRANS.I.T.S.CAPE. 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.

15  
+  
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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.



## 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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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 Currier Hall  
14 AUGUST, 8PM

## 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!

## MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Enjoy the wonderful sounds of local musicians, including a choir by Mrs Khoo Hoo Lay, Darling Idola Kecil 5, and Imuda.



## 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.



## 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!**

30<sup>TH</sup> 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.



## HIDUP INI 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 Lebuhraya 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.



## SENIMATOGRAFI

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.

PS.: 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.



**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.

**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.

**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**

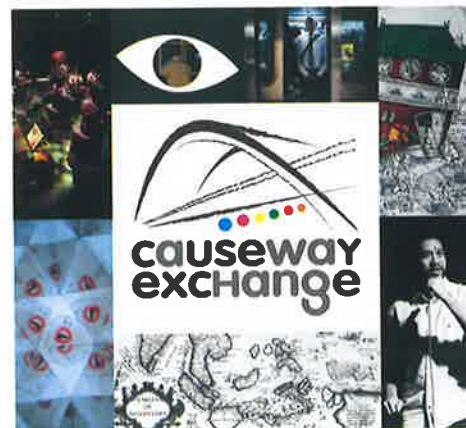
1–31 AUGUST  
TUESDAY–SUNDAY, 12–6PM  
MBPP Town Hall

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](mailto: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](http://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.

**MUSIC OF THE SOUTH**

29 AUGUST  
6PM & 8PM  
Cheah Kongsu

Siong Leng Musical Association seeks to keep the art form of Nanyin music – literally meaning "Music of the South" – alive and well through performances sure to inspire future artists.

**ARTISTS FOR STRAY ANIMALS: BAND OF DOODLERS**

29–30 AUGUST  
11AM–7PM  
Cheah Kongsu

Artists for Stray Animals are passionate about using art as a medium to spread the word for stray animals. Join their cause this year, and you could win a RM 100 voucher to China House!

**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.

**TRANSIT**

1–31 AUGUST  
11AM–7PM  
Singapore House

The photographs in this series by Edwin Khoo aim to capture the "reality theatre" of Singapore's multi-racial passengers on board its Mass Rapid Transit trains.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.wearearts.net).



### HELLO HIDE & SEEK

1-31 AUGUST  
ALL DAYS  
George Town

Local artists, chefs, musicians and more have doodled onto a sticker and placed it around town. Download the map at [wearearts.net](http://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.

### 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 Panklima.

### 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!

14-31 AUGUST  
VARIOUS TIMES  
Various locations

## OBSCURA FESTIVAL

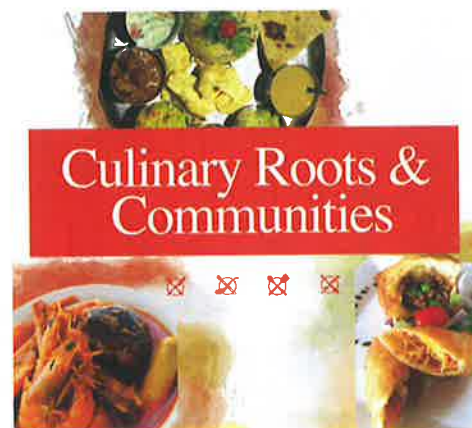
Contact: [info@obscurafestival.com](mailto:info@obscurafestival.com)  
For full details and location maps, visit [www.obscurafestival.com](http://www.obscurafestival.com)



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

75

THE HAINANESE LEGACY: THEY CAME, THEY TASTED, THEY INNOVATED

15 AUGUST  
7:30-10PM  
Wanning Association

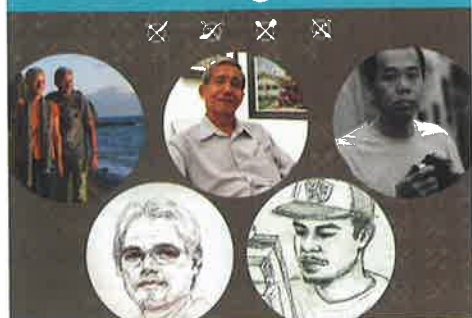
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THE NORTH-SOUTH PERANAKAN COOK-OFF

29-30 AUGUST  
7-10PM  
Burmah 108

200

## 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 Wooli 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

35

# 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".



These cinema classics, each of which vividly paint a portrait of ASEAN's diverse past, have become cultural icons, and are sure to appeal to both film enthusiasts and curious festivalgoers.

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



## #GTF RECURRING EVENTS



### THE CRESCENT MOON: SHARING THE SAME MOON

Free admission

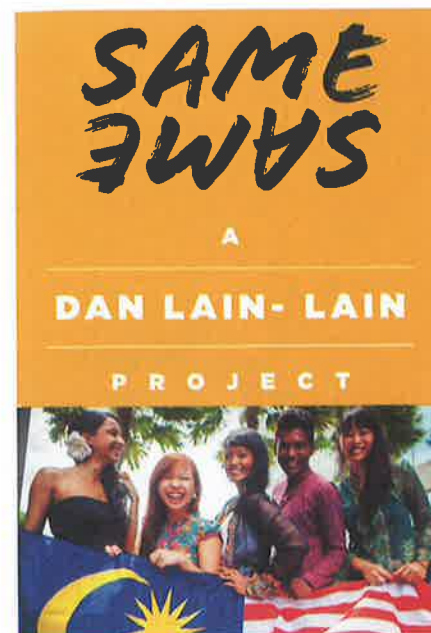
This month-long exhibition will use intimate photographs and personal narratives to give a voice to the community of Indian Muslims within the Kapitan Keling Mosque Community whose lives are deeply connected to the mosque, while also providing a unique opportunity to reflect on the similarities and differences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



1-31 AUGUST  
WEEKDAYS  
9AM-6PM;  
WEEKENDS  
10AM-11:30PM  
Dewan Sri  
Pinang

### SAME SAME: A DAN LAIN-LAIN PROJECT

Free admission

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.



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

### PIXYL FOUNTAIN

Free admission

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.





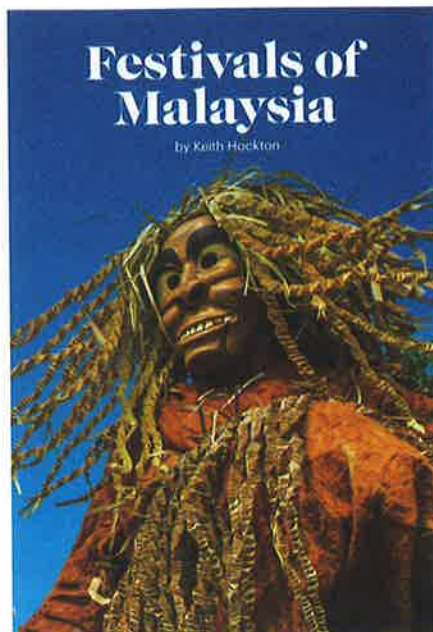
## #GTF RECURRING EVENTS

### 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 on  
230 Beach Street



## #GTF RECURRING EVENTS

### MORE THAN FRIENDS: ASEAN 5

Contact: weilinggal@gmail.com  
Free admission

1-30 AUGUST  
11:30AM-7PM  
CLOSED MONDAYS  
Wei-Ling  
Gallery on  
Victoria Avenue  
620 Hotel



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.



7-16 AUGUST  
ALL DAY  
George Town

### 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  
**CULTURETOPIA**  
da-c 7-16 AUGUST 2015 • PENANG





## #GTF RECURRING EVENTS

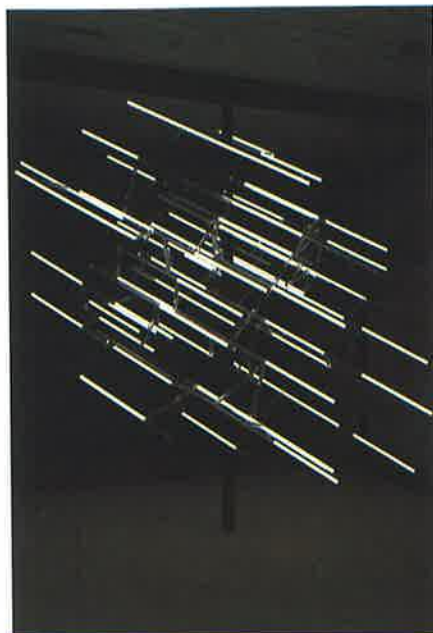
### WARP BY JUN ONG

Contact: ongjhao@gmail.com  
Free admission

8-31 AUGUST  
ALL DAY  
Seaport  
Quay



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.



### MYDESIGN EXHIBITION

Free admission

14 AUGUST,  
8PM-12AM,  
FOLLOWING  
FRIDAYS,  
SATURDAYS,  
SUNDAYS  
10AM-6PM  
The Space @  
212/2 Beach Street



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.



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



### MY STORY, MY STRENGTH: DOODLE FOR CHANGE EXHIBITION

Contact: kishaku@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.



1-31 AUGUST  
ALL DAY  
Lebuh Armenian  
Museum  
@ Macallem



### 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.

FRIDAYS AND  
SATURDAYS,  
FROM 7 AUGUST  
7-9PM  
Ben I Tang  
(Tuesday)  
Narrow Marrow  
(Wednesdays)



### MY GEORGE TOWN: YOUR STORIES

Contact: jra@jamesryananderson.com  
Free admission

In My George Town: Your Stories, documentary filmmaker OXLAIEY 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.





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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](http://www.ticketpro.com.my) or call 03-61429877  
RM 83; 103; 153; 203

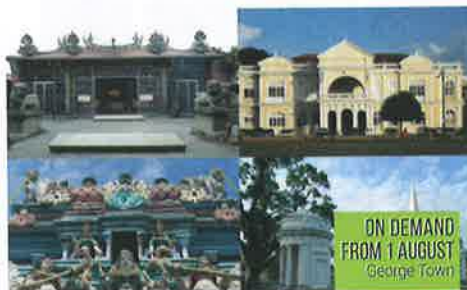
P. Ramlee skyrocketed to fame thanks to his immense talent in the performing arts. An icon of the Malay entertainment industry, he contributed in countless ways to his country's creative scene, and inspired many along the way. *P. Ramlee The Musical* brings the legend back to life by brilliantly recreating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



### HYPOCALYPSE

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

Hypocalyypse 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.



### AN INTRODUCTION WALK TO GEORGE TOWN'S HERITAGE

Contact: [chungwei@gtwhi.com.my](mailto: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.



### CHALLENGING ADVERSITY

Contact: [18roberty@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### COLOURS OF ODYSSEY

Contact: [patricklim@busybees.com.sg](mailto:patricklim@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.



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

Contact: [hasnizan.othman@fergana-art.com](mailto: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.



### STORM RIDER / PERENTAS RIBUT

Contact: [hasnizan.othman@fergana-art.com](mailto: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.



## ALSO IN PENANG



15 AUGUST –  
20 SEPTEMBER  
Fergana Art Space,  
Whiteways Arcade

### SUB\_URBAN

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

The prefix "sub-" denotes "lower", "nearly" or "secondary". This exhibition features artists from diverse creative backgrounds who explore issues and anxieties related to the contemporary experience of urban living.



1-30 AUGUST  
MONDAYS –  
THURSDAYS,  
8:30AM – 1PM,  
2-5:30PM;  
FRIDAYS,  
8:30AM – 12:15PM,  
2:45 – 5:30PM  
GTWHI,  
Lebuh Archen

### GEORGE TOWN'S POWER AND GLORY: BEACH STREET AND BEYOND

Contact: info@gtwhi.com.my  
Free admission

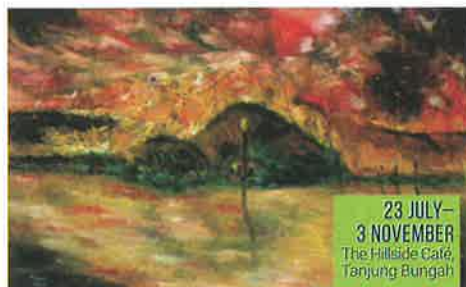
For the entire month of August, visitors can check out this watercolour series by award-winning Penang artist Khoo Cheang Jin, featuring several beautiful paintings of the city of George Town.



### FIFTY FIFTY SKATE FEST

Contact: hinbusdepot@gmail.com  
See website for registration information

Fifty Fifty, a celebration of arts and creativity in the skateboarding world, will feature an ongoing art show, free skate workshops every Saturday, and a music festival featuring local artists. Check out fiftyfiftyskatefest.com for more information!

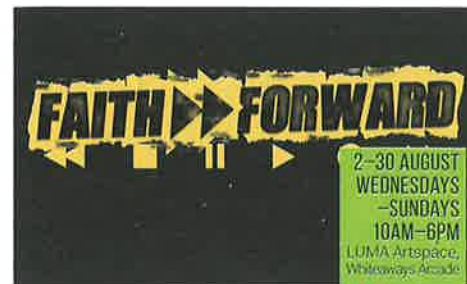


23 JULY –  
3 NOVEMBER  
The Hillside Café,  
Tanjung Bungah

### DISPLACED

Contact: Jon Simmons 04 899 8071  
Free admission

To make sense of the concept of "place", we must compare past memories, which drive understanding, with new stimuli, which require exploration. Australian artist Jon Simmons explores these ideas through art in his exhibit.



2-30 AUGUST  
WEDNESDAYS –  
SUNDAYS  
10AM – 6PM  
LUMA Artspace,  
Whiteways Arcade

### FAITH FORWARD

Contact: artspace@luma.net.my  
Free admission

What gets us moving at optimum speed? How do we know we are on the right track? A contemplative exhibition by LUMA, Art Sowers and Crea, FAITH FORWARD offers a thought-provoking exploration into what propels action.



15 AUGUST  
2-11PM  
Fort Cornwallis  
Amphitheater

### FESTAAL 2015 – FESTIVAL OF TAAL 2015

Contact: penangtablasociety@gmail.com  
Free admission

This showcase of Indian cultural heritage will feature a fusion musical performance of tabla, veenai and sitar, accompanied by a Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dance. The show will also include percussion instruments from Chinese, Indian and Malay cultures.

## ALSO IN PENANG



14 AUGUST –  
6 SEPTEMBER  
Run Amok Gallery,  
151 Jalan Hutton

### AFTER IMAGE

Contact: info@runamok.my  
Free admission

This exhibition by award-winning Malaysian artist Minstrel Kuik features constructed objects and found memorabilia from the 2013 general election period, using them to reflect upon the social movements which occurred during this turbulent time.



3 JULY –  
9 AUGUST  
Run Amok Gallery,  
151 Jalan Hutton

### I'M STILL CRYING

Contact: info@runamok.my  
Free admission

The works featured within this exhibition are part of Iranian-born artist Elham Shafaei's ongoing studio component for her doctoral research about melancholia and its relationship to aesthetics, which Shafaei explores through a quasi-autobiographical element in her art.



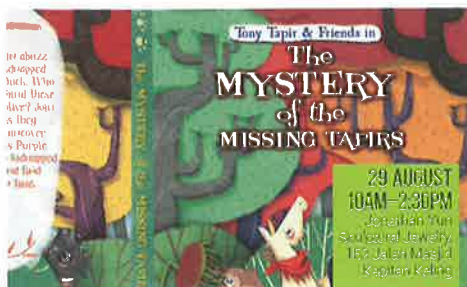


14-15 AUGUST  
8PM  
Sinket, 105  
Lebuhraya

## CAKAP DAPUR: R & D STORIES

Contact: sheaufung@sinkeh.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 Tim.



29 AUGUST  
10AM-2:30PM  
Jonathan Yun  
Sculptural Jewellery  
166 Jalan Masjid  
Kapitan Keling

## 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!



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

## DRAWING THE BLUE MANSION

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.



6 AUGUST  
7PM  
7-31 AUGUST  
2-6PM  
Gehrig  
Art Gallery @  
Coffee Atelier,  
53 Lorong  
Stewart

## THE GOLDEN AGE

Contact: gehrigpenang@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.



14-15 AUGUST  
8PM  
Penangpac  
Stage 2

## 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.



8 AUGUST  
7:30PM  
Penangpac  
Stage 1

## 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.



ONE SHOW ONLY  
1 AUGUST  
8:30PM  
Penangpac  
Stage 1

## 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.



4-7 AUGUST  
8:00PM  
Penangpac  
Stage 2

## 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.



## ALSO IN PENANG



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



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### 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 wonderful sounds of the "Hu", a group of Chinese string instruments.





## ALSO IN PENANG

16 AUGUST  
9.30AM  
TBC  
Butterworth

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

Contact: [info@pht.org.my](mailto: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  
3PM  
TBC  
Butterworth

### EARLY VIEWS OF PROVINCE WELLESLEY

Contact: [info@pht.org.my](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@arecabooks.com)  
Free admission



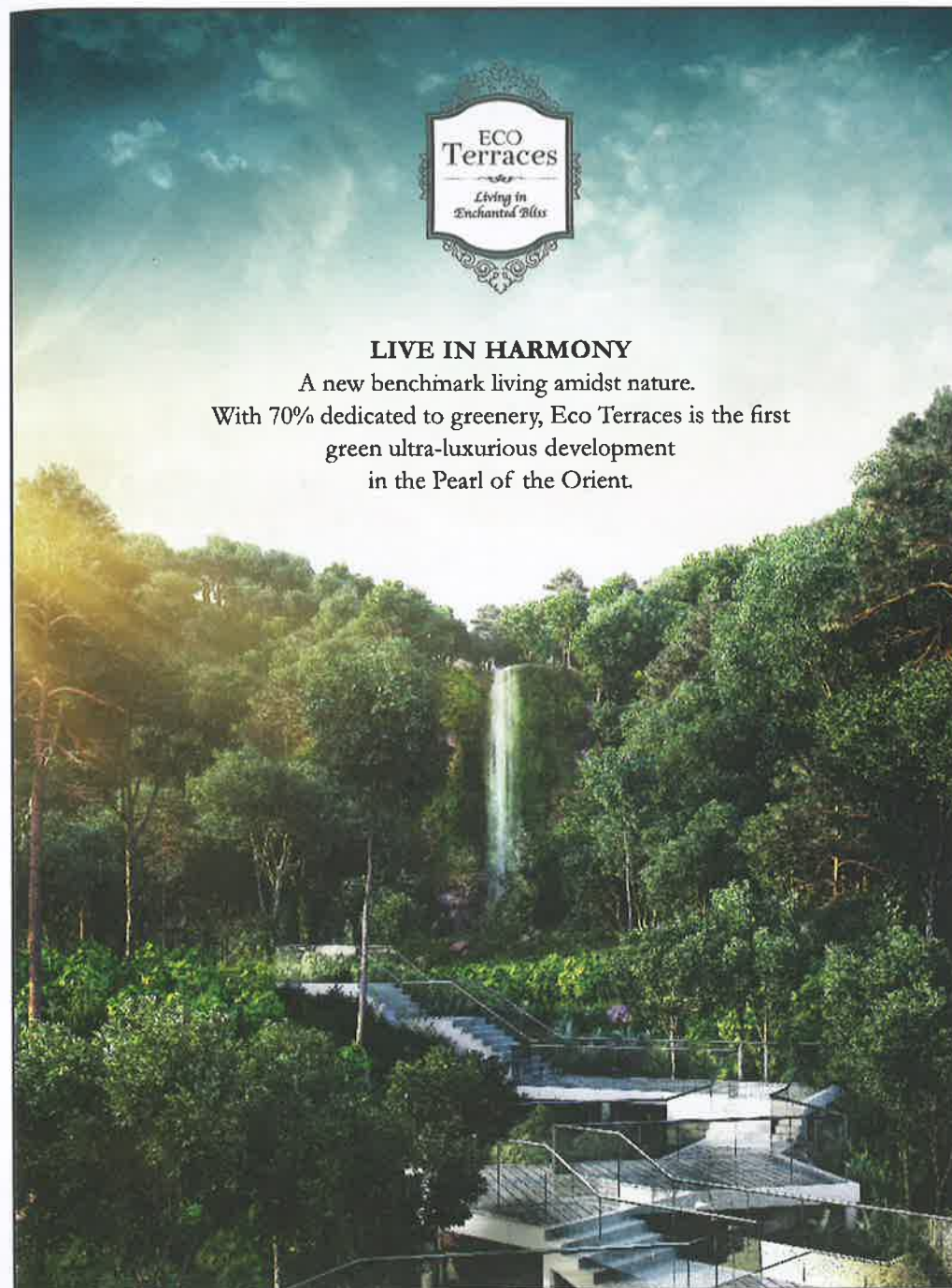
Join Khoo Salma Nasution for the launch of her award-winning book, *The Chulia in Penang*. A talk by the author will be followed by a screening of a documentary on the Kapitan Keling Mosque. This event is organized by the Indian Muslim Community Organisation Malaysia, Kapitan Keling Mosque Committee,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



### LIVE IN HARMONY

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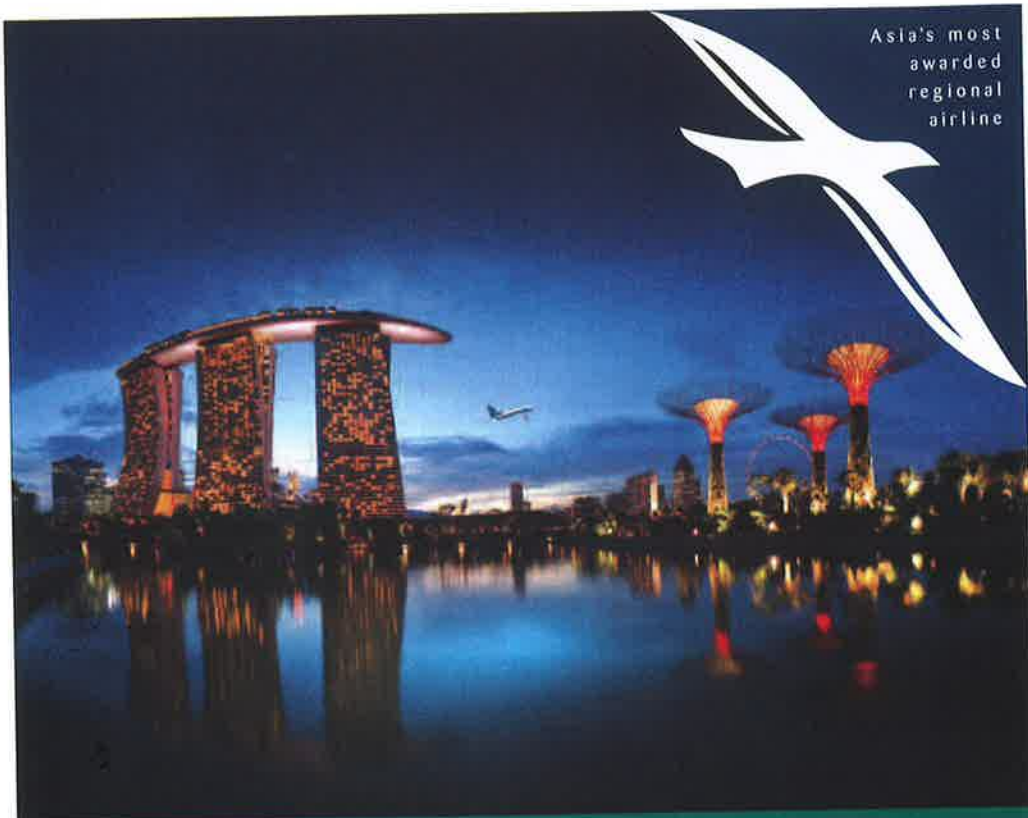
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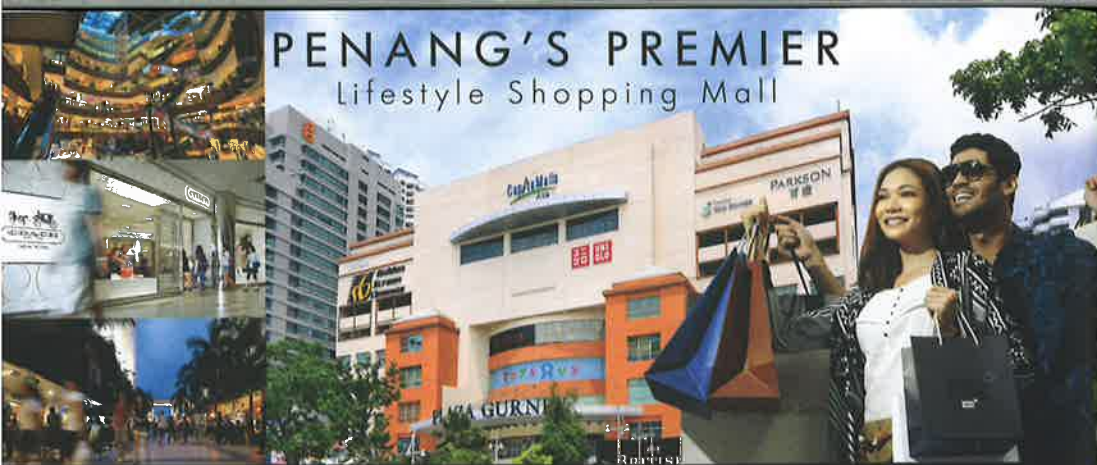
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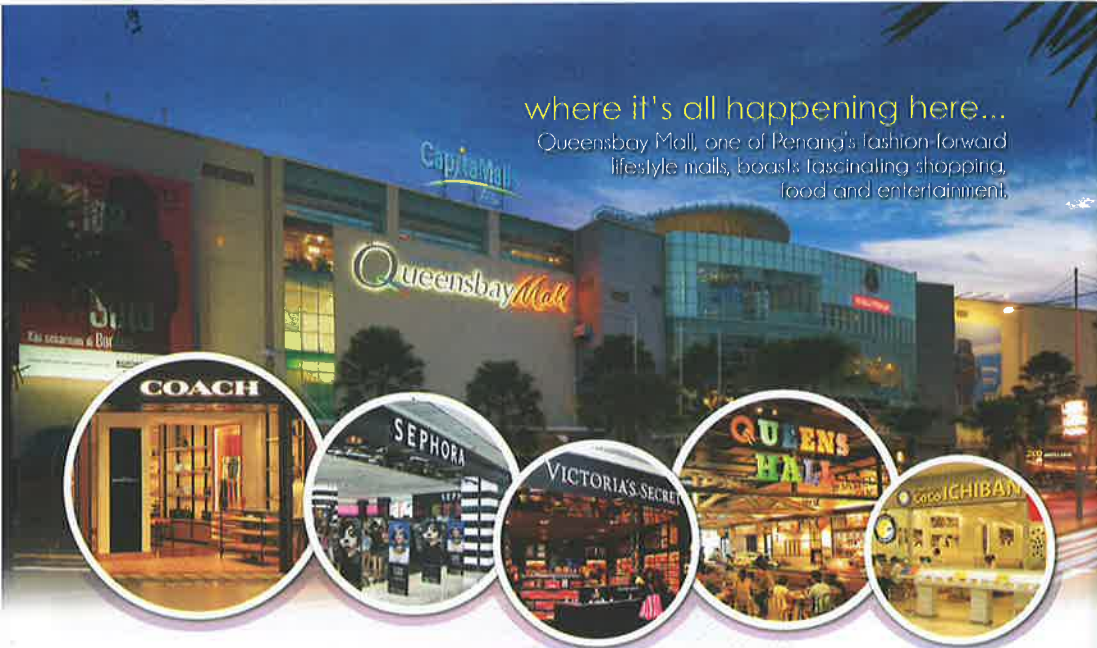


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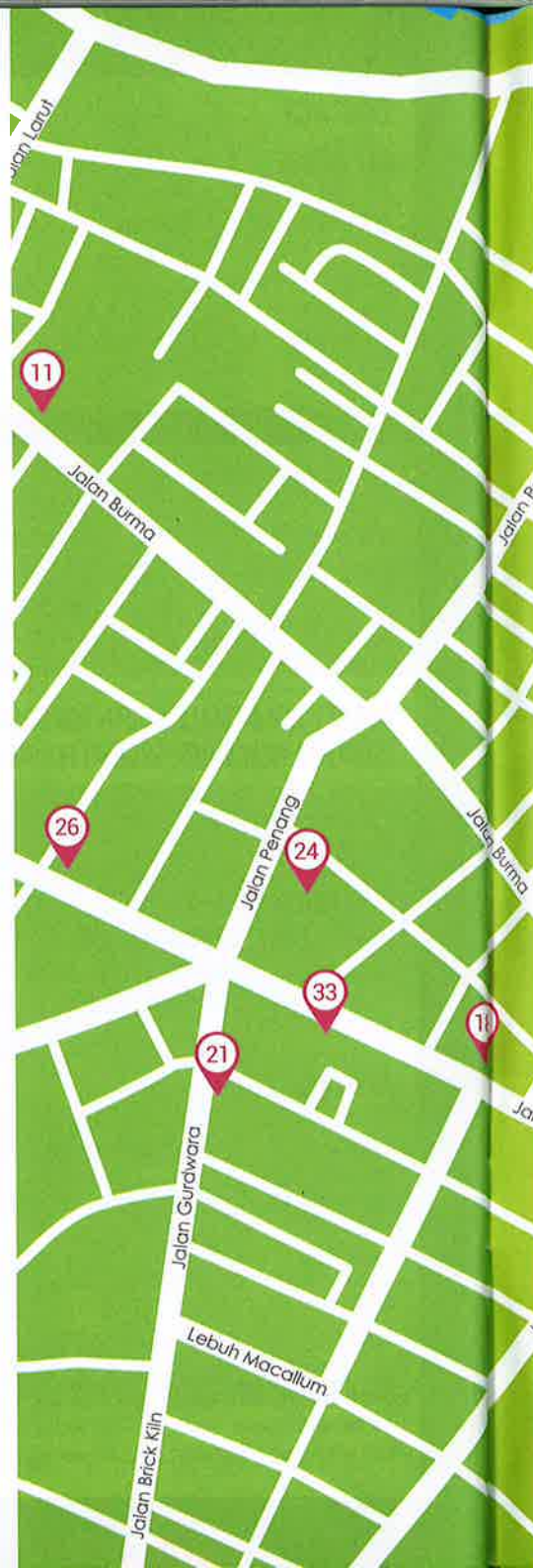
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- 16 China House**  
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