

ARTS

BOOKS

Amanda Lee Koe & Tash Aw Double Feature

Amanda Lee Koe, the youngest winner of the Singapore Literature Prize for her short story collection, *Ministry Of Moral Panic*, will launch her debut novel, *Delayed Rays Of A Star* (2pm), while Malaysian author Tash Aw (3.15pm) will present his latest novel, *We, The Survivors*.

WHERE: Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20 Ngee Ann City, 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm & 3.15pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6737-5021 **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

How To Fall In Love With Classics (Plays): Shakespeare's Hamlet

Dr Wee Li Sui will discuss the play's relation to the Elizabethan revenge tragedy as well as its key philosophical thoughts.

WHERE: Programme Zone, Central Public Library, B1 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Thu, 7 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at go.gov.sg/nlb-hamlet **INFO:** E-mail enquiry@nlb.gov.sg

Mina's Magic Malong Book Launch

Authors Eva Wong Nava and June Ho will launch their book, *Mina's Magic Malong Book*, and will read and sign copies of it.

WHERE: Huggs-Epigram Coffee Bookshop, 01-01 The URA Centre, 45 Maxwell Road **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Aug 31, 2 - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** shop.epigrambooks.sg

CONCERTS

Love! Be: Sing Concert

Part of the SYC Ensemble Singers' 55th anniversary celebrations, the concert will feature music about love in different guises, by living composers from around the world, including Singaporeans Emily Koh, Kenneth Tay and Michael Yudistira.

WHERE: Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$27, tickets at www.sistic.com.sg **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** E-mail comms@syc.org.sg

SSO Concert: Peter And The Wolf In Hollywood

Peter And The Wolf In Hollywood is a refreshing retelling of the classic children's musical tale by Prokofiev, transported to modern-day Los Angeles. This SSO performance features Joshua Tan (conductor), William Ledbetter (narrator) and Jason Mills (foley artist).

WHERE: Esplanade Concert Hall, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Sept 1, 11am & 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 - \$32, tickets at sso.org.sg/orchestra-season **INFO:** sso.org.sg

Korea-Singapore Jazz Night

This year's Korea-Singapore Jazz Night, presented by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, will be the first jazz concert in the festival's line-up. It will feature two groups of performers from the local jazz scenes of both countries - the home-grown Jazz Association (Singapore)'s JASS Ensemble led by music director and Singapore's King Of Swing Jeremy Monteiro, and Heo So-young, an acclaimed jazz vocalist from South Korea, together with her band.

WHERE: Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Sept 7, 6 - 7.15pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

DANCE

In Your Shadow

Two emerging choreographers bring to light the invisible standards and responsibilities that women bear, through a dialogue between poetic narrative and contemporary movement. With dramaturgy by Beto Ruiz, original music by Bani Haykal and choreography mentorship by Raka Maitra.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Aug 30 & 31, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 (\$18 for students, full-time national servicemen & seniors) **INFO:** esplanade.com

African Dance Workshops With Live Drumming

Led by dance and drum master Nii Tagoe from Ghana and Britain, this workshop series will explore movements from across Africa, accompanied by a mix of live percussion and rhythms from the continent and the Malay Archipelago, in collaboration with Nadi Singapura.

WHERE: Multi-Purpose Studio A, Aliwal Arts Centre, 28 Aliwal Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Aug 31, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28 & Oct 5; 3 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$40 a session (\$210 for all six sessions)

INFO: E-mail sankofasingapore@gmail.com

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUMS)

Guo Pei: Chinese Art And Couture

The exhibition presents a dialogue between historical and contemporary Chinese design, juxtaposing 29 embroidered masterworks by China's foremost couturier with 20 Chinese art masterpieces in the Asian Civilisations Museum's collection. Guo's dramatic, sculptural gowns reflect influences from growing up in Beijing surrounded by Chinese imperial art and mythology.

WHERE: Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Till Sept 15, 10am - 7pm (Fri till 9pm) **ADMISSION:** Singaporeans & permanent residents: \$12; others: \$20, \$15 for students & seniors, \$60 for family of five **INFO:** acm.org.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Island Story: Solo Exhibition By Khairulddin Abdul Wahab

UOB Painting of the Year winner Khairulddin Abdul Wahab commemorates Singapore's Bicentennial by referencing local folklore to depict Singapore's early history. Featured are 14 of his layered-painting technique artworks, including paintings charting the journey of Toah, a 14th-century sea nomad who was a guide for the famous Chinese explorer Zheng He.

WHERE: UOB Art Gallery, UOB Plaza 1, 80 Raffles Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Till Sept 5, 9am - 6.30pm daily **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** uobpoy.com/artgallery

Chinese Ink Painting & Calligraphy By Teo Teck Soon

The 70-something artist's solo exhibition showcases his paintings in Chinese ink and colours, a challenging medium. His works include *Singapore River*, *Stars In The Sky* and *Garden*.

WHERE: Art Gallery Victoria, 03-43 Bras Basah Complex, 231 Bain Street **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till Sept 2, 1 - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 9630-2601 (Helen) **INFO:** bbcgalleries.com

Entwine: Maybank Women Eco-Weavers Meet South-east Asian Artists

This exhibition features works by six Asean artists, offering a glimpse into the livelihood and artistic talents of traditional weavers in rural parts of Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos and Malaysia, who have been supported by the Maybank Women Eco-Weavers programme.

WHERE: The Concourse, Level 1 National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Till Sept 8, 10am - 7pm (extended hours during Singapore Night Festival till Aug 31) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/31svINE

Young Talent Programme Winners' Solo Exhibitions

On display are new works from the 2018/2019 winners of the Young Talent Programme, a joint initiative by Affordable Art Fair Singapore and Ion Art and supported by Hotel Jen.

WHERE: Ion Art, Level 4 Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Aug 30 - Sept 15, 10am - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** affordableartfair.com

Arin Rungjang Solo Exhibition

Thai artist Arin Rungjang is a pioneer of installation art in Thailand. His practice is deeply intertwined with South-east Asian histories, symbols and memories. This exhibition presents three of his latest works that explore the diasporic narratives of migrant workers.

WHERE: ShangART, Gallery Space, Gillman Barracks, Block 9 Balcony, 01-13, Block 7, Lock Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Till Nov 30, 11am - 7pm daily (closed on Mon, Tue & public holidays) **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6734-9537 **INFO:** E-mail info@shangartgallery.com

THEATRE

Singapore Lyric Opera - Bizet's Carmen

Living life on her own terms, Carmen is always unafraid of adventures that come her way, including those involving love. When she gets entangled in a love triangle with a jealous corporal (Don Jose) and a flirtatious toreador (Escamillo), it culminates in one of opera's most gripping finales. The opera features four acts and music by Georges Bizet, and is sung in French with English and Chinese surtitles.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Avenue **MRT:** Esplanade City Hall **WHEN:** Aug 30 & 31, 8pm; Sept 1, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 - \$135 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

ArtsPicks

Melissa Sim Deputy Life Editor recommends



Kam Ning with SCO: Butterfly Lovers (Open Rehearsal)

The actual concert may be sold out, but this open rehearsal could be even more interesting as audience members get a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes as the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO) collaborates with world renowned violinist Kam Ning, under the baton of music director Tsung Yeh.

The *Butterfly Lovers* is a Chinese legend which depicts a heartrending story of a pair of lovers, inextricably linked to each other.

There may be some pauses in the repertoire as this is an actual rehearsal, but it still sounds like a delightful way to spend an afternoon.

The concert is a prelude to SCO's upcoming concerts in Europe, which include performances with Kam Ning in Berlin and Prague.

WHERE: SCO Concert Hall, 7 Shenton Way **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$10, cash payment only. Tickets will be available at Box Office (Level 1). **INFO:** www.sco.com.sg

Becoming - An Exhibition By Vincent Chua

The brother of the late painter Chua Ek Kay, artist Vincent Chua, 60, presents 27 works that blend Western and Chinese art techniques.

Using Chinese "xuan" paper, Chua creates different effects with Chinese ink, while also paying attention to volume and depth.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of the works goes to ArtSE - a social enterprise which focuses on cultivating an all-inclusive community by empowering seniors, those from low-income backgrounds and individuals with special needs or disabilities through visual arts or art-related activities.

The exhibition is presented by Pan Pacific Singapore and Goshen Art Gallery.

WHERE: Public Art Space, Level 2 of Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square **MRT:** Promenade/Esplanade **WHEN:** Till Oct 28, open daily from 11am to 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Contact Jack Yu from Goshen Art Gallery at info@goshenartgallery.com



A Lack Of Significance

Check out emerging Singapore artist Yeo Tze Yang's solo exhibition, which depicts many common scenes around Singapore, including an old man watching the world go by, a discarded Toto ticket and an unattended vegetable and fruit stall.

The 25-year-old recent graduate from the National University of Singapore is a self-taught artist, who picked up the silver prize in the UOB Painting Of The Year award in 2016.

WHERE: iPreciation Gallery, 50 Cuscaden Road, HPL House 01-01 **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Till tomorrow, today, 10am to 7pm, tomorrow 11am to 6pm. **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Call 6339-0678 or visit www.ipreciation.com

The Last Gap

The Last Gap is a participatory lecture-performance at the former Pasir Panjang Ridge, now home to the National University of Singapore. Audience-participants will examine the different manifestations of war memory - through archives, textbooks, lectures, exhibits and memorials.

WHERE: UCC Dance Studio, 50 Kent Ridge Crescent **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Sept 6, 5.30pm; Sept 7, 10.30am, 2.30 & 5.30pm; Sept 8, 2.30 & 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free with registration at bit.ly/31Cxy6L **INFO:** E-mail cfamarketing@nus.edu.sg

Shakespeare's Globe 2019

Shakespeare's Globe presents a trio of plays - *The Comedy Of Errors*, *Pericles* and *Twelfth Night* - exploring the themes of refuge and displacement.

WHERE: Victoria Theatre, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Audience's choice: Sept 10, 7.45pm; *Pericles*: Sept 11 & 13, 7.45pm; *Comedy Of Errors*: Sept 12 (7.45pm), Sept 14 (2.30pm), Sept 15 (7pm); *Twelfth Night*: Sept 14 (7.45pm), Sept 15 (2pm) **ADMISSION:** \$88 - \$148 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

COMEDY

Alaska - Live In Singapore (R18)

Alaska 5000 is the stage name of Justin Honard, an American drag performer and recording artist. She is best known for competing in the fifth season of RuPaul's Drag Race, where she was a runner-up, and later won the second season of RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars.

WHERE: Shine Auditorium, 03-01 Shaw Tower, 100 Beach Road **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Tue, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$138 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

OTHER ARTS EVENTS

A Date With Traditional Arts

Enjoy performances by local arts groups - Mandarin Crosstalk, Indian classical dance, traditional glove puppetry and contemporary dance incorporating Malay folk form. There are also an architectural tour of historical building, a virtual tour of Chinese opera and a self-guided walking trail of Stamford Arts Centre.

The night ends in a multicultural music concert. **WHERE:** Stamford Arts Centre, 155 Waterloo Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Aug 30 & 31, 7 - 11pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/33KwLr7