

ARTS

BOOKS

How To Fall in Love With Classics: The Garden Party by Katherine Mansfield
In Katherine Mansfield's short story, *The Garden Party* (1922), a young girl, Laura Sheridan, enjoys her wealthy family's garden party before visiting her working-class neighbours, where there has been a death. Dr Gwee Li Sui's lecture will discuss many of the themes related to Mansfield's distinct style of storytelling.
WHERE: Programme Zone, Central Public Library, Basement 1 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street
MRT: City Hall/Busis **WHEN:** Thu, 7 - 8:30pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: E-mail enquiry@nlb.gov.sg or go to nlb.gov.sg/golibrary

CONCERTS

SMU Chinese Orchestra Performance
Organised by Singapore Management University's Chinese Orchestra and presented as a radio show, the concert features an eclectic repertoire - from arrangements by local composers to famous traditional Chinese pieces. It will also feature guest soloists from the orchestra's frequent collaborator, the Purple Symphony. Home-grown magician Sing Ming Da will integrate magic tricks into a commissioned piece, *Trains Of Thoughts*.
WHERE: Sora Concert Hall, 12, Jubo Sae Drive MRT: Esplanade/Boleynchen **WHEN:** March 3, 5 - 7pm **ADMISSION:** S\$15 **INFO:** E-mail smuco@ssa.smu.edu.sg

NAC-ExonMobil

Concert in The Park
Singapore singers Derrick Hoh and Ling Kai will perform Mandop songs, with a special pre-show music-dedication segment by home-grown band Cold Cut Dub. **WHERE:** Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road MRT: Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** March 3, 4, 30 - 6:30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail narks_35g_visitor_services@narks.gov.sg

DANCE

Dresden Semperoper Ballet: Impressing The Car
This is a four-act, award-winning, post-modern ballet choreographed by American dancer and choreographer William Forsythe. While this ballet has no linear narrative, it comments ironically and often humorously on the history of ballet and the economics of Western culture.
WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, T'Esplanade Drive MRT: Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** March 15 & 16, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$40 - \$120 (students, full-time national servicemen & seniors, \$30 - \$50)
INFO: www.esplanade.com

EXHIBITIONS (MUSEUM)

Raffles in South-east Asia: Revisiting The Scholar And Statesman
This exhibition presents a complex and multi-layered picture of Sir Stamford Raffles while showcasing the rich artistic and cultural heritage of Java and the Malay world. The show is a collaboration between the British Museum and the Asian Civilisations Museum.
WHERE: Asian Civilisations Museum, 1 Empress Place MRT: Raffles Place **WHEN:** Till April 28, 10am - 7pm daily (9pm on Fridays)
ADMISSION: Singapore citizens & permanent residents: S\$2 (free for students & seniors), foreign residents & tourists: S\$5 (S\$5 for students & seniors) **INFO:** www.acm.gov.sg

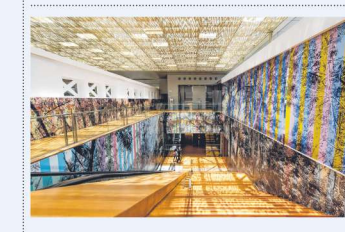
Straits Family Sunday: Hello, Goodbye, Hello Again
The Peranakan Museum will be holding its last Straits Family Sunday

What's Good
LOOKING AT US INSIDE
Share the upside of life in the S'pore Facebook group str.sg/whatsgood
Read positive stories at our microsite str.sg/whatsgood

Arts Picks Melissa Sim Assistant Life Editor recommends



PHOTOS: BERNIE NG, NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE, KARMEN WONG



THE REGENCY MADE ME BLIND
This collaborative project by Australian artist Gary Carsley, 62, and Singapore artist Jeremy Chu, 46, transforms a stairway in National Gallery Singapore into an immersive garden.
The images are digital composites of five colonial botanical gardens in South-east Asia (Hano, Manila, Bogor, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur).
The work is an invitation to visitors to take time to observe their surroundings, and provides respite from mundane everyday realities.

On what inspired him to create a garden in an enclosed space, Carsley says: "The stairs are like a series of cascading terraces that allows the imagination to conceive of them as garden-like. This gave me the idea for an immersive image that the visitor could navigate. A sort of active viewership that goes beyond just looking."
WHERE: Stairway to Padang Deck, City Hall Wing, Level 4 National Gallery Singapore, 1 S Andrew's Road
MRT: City Hall **WHEN:** Ongoing **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.nationalgallery.sg

IT TAKES ALL KINDS
The Necessary Stage's Theatre for Seniors (TFS) celebrates its 10th anniversary with *It Takes All Kinds*, a heartwarming performance about love and families.
Developed in collaboration with Setayaya Public Theatre from Tokyo, the devised production is created by seniors and residents through workshops in which they explore their real-life experiences and perspectives on family.
Retiree Xin Suiyong, 70, says: "We had a session with the migrant-worker theatre group and I was so strangely disturbed by the struggles of their voyage to seek out a new land."

"This reminded me of my father's lonely journey to Singapore as a young boy. Sharing my father's story helped to keep memories of him alive."
Alvin Tan, artistic director of TFS, adds: "The seniors are immersed in a creation process in which they have become co-authors of the work from beginning to end."
WHERE: Marine Parade Community Club Theatre, 278 Marine Parade Road MRT: Eunos **WHEN:** March 1, 8pm; March 2, 3 and 8pm; March 10, 3pm **ADMISSION:** S\$5 from talesofalikes.com
INFO: bit.ly/2TGqrrg

HDFC India Homes Fair
More than 22 developers will be represented at the HDFC India Homes Fair. Properties available are priced from three million upsets (S\$38,000).
WHERE: Singapore Swimming Club, 45 Tanjong Rhu Road MRT: Mountbatten **WHEN:** March 9 & 10, 11am - 7:30pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.hdfc.com

session before closing for a revamp. Expo Free entry to programmes and the Anek Gambak Peranakan's Photography exhibition.
WHERE: Peranakan Museum, 39 Armenian Street MRT: City Hall/ Bras Basah **WHEN:** March 3, 1 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6332-7591
INFO: www.peranakanmuseum.org.sg

EXHIBITIONS (GALLERIES)

Living Nature: Alan Long's Solo Exhibition
Art Gallery Victoria is hosting Alan Long's solo exhibition, featuring his works in oil, water colour and ink.
WHERE: Art Gallery Victoria, 03-43 Bras Basah Complex, 231 Bann Street MRT: City Hall/Busis **WHEN:** Tomorrow, from 3pm - 5pm, Thu, 12 - 6:30pm **ADMISSION:** Free

Digital Art By TeamLab
This permanent exhibition by teamLab at Maja Gallery, in collaboration with Ikkon Art Gallery, is inspired by themes about nature, life cycles, and the infinite movement of particles. It showcases digital artworks such as *Waves Of Light* and *Impermanent Life*.
WHERE: Maja Gallery Level 2 RPS Building, 9 Muthuraman Chevy Road MRT: Fort Canning **WHEN:** Mon - Sat, 10am - 7pm. Sun, public holidays by appointment only **ADMISSION:** Free
TEL: 673-8865
INFO: www.majagallery.com

We Hesitate To Wash Ourselves In Muddy Water
Artist and educator Alex Chang's *We Hesitate To Wash Ourselves In Muddy Water* is an installation project

of mechanical devices built into Telok Ayer Arts Club's vice-hanging system that periodically bounces metal wires off the wall.
WHERE: Telok Ayer Arts Club, 2 McCallum Street MRT: Telok Ayer **WHEN:** Till April 12, Mon - Sat, 11am - 11pm **ADMISSION:** Free
TEL: 6221-0712
INFO: www.facebook.com/telokayerartsclub

EXHIBITIONS (SHOWS)

Natas Travel Fair
Natas Travel 2019 promises visitors a vast selection of travel choices, such as tour packages, customised tours and cruises, under one roof.
WHERE: Halls 5 & 6 Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive MRT: Expo **WHEN:** Today - Sun, 10am - 9:30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bit.ly/2ZCFFH8
INFO: E-mail events@natas.travel

Inter Airport South East Asia
This international exhibition for airport equipment, technology, design and services aims to deliver a vision of building better airports in South-east Asia.
WHERE: Hall 4A Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive MRT: Expo **WHEN:** Wed & Thu, 10am - 5pm; March 1, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bit.ly/2ZCFFH8
INFO: E-mail info@interairport-southeastasia.com

Start-up Career Fair
This career fair targeting students, fresh graduates, as well as professionals, managers, executives and technicians, will feature more than 65 companies offering 250

full-time, part-time and internship positions. Job-seekers will get to interact with start-up founders and take part in workshops, talks and on-site interviews.
WHERE: Aca Icedation Centre (01-13 Block 79) & The Meeting Point (Block 72B), JTC LaunchPad@one-north, Ayer Rajah Crescent MRT: one-north **WHEN:** March 7, 4 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: bit.ly/acec2019

THEATRE
Cash On Delivery
The Stage Club kicks off its 2019 season with a production of Michael Cooney's comedy, *Cash On Delivery*. Directed by Nick Perry, the story revolves around a married man who cheats the well-fare system by claiming benefits for the people he pretends are staying at his address, and the ensuing farce when he is forced to prove that his lodgers are real.

WHERE: KC Arts Centre - Home of SRT, 20 Merbau Road MRT: Clarke Quay/ Fort Canning **WHEN:** Today & tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** S\$2 (concession: S\$2) **TEL:** 6348-5555
INFO: www.sistic.com.sg

RS
There are many ways in which people are connected, whether it is through family, faith, love or even hatred. *RS* explores how these connections can bring different sets of emotions and consequences through exploring the perspectives of five acts.
WHERE: The Playtent Studio One, 02-01, 180 Joo Chiat Road MRT: Eunos/Dakota **WHEN:** Thu - March 1, 8pm; March 2 & 3, 8pm **ADMISSION:** S\$15 (S\$15 for groups of five or more) **TEL:** 9726-5631
INFO: E-mail rs-theatreproduction.com outlook.com

Textures: The Page On Stage - Sampling
Adapted from Cyril Wong's short story *The Mistake*, Sampling takes the audience on a young Malay boy's journey through bereavement, longing, persecution and becoming a man.
WHERE: Back of Chamber, The Arts House, 101 Parliament Lane MRT: Raffles Place **WHEN:** March 8, 8pm; March 9 & 9pm; March 10, 3 & 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$20
INFO: www.peatix.com

First Stores
First Stores explores the kampung to metropolis narrative, focusing on the period of large-scale resettlement in Singapore from the 1950s to the 1990s.
WHERE: 300 Jalan Bukit Ho Swee MRT: Tiong Bahru **WHEN:** March 1 - 10, 7:30pm, March 3 & 10, extra 3pm show **ADMISSION:** S\$15 **TEL:** 9337-8240
INFO: E-mail jonstong@brn1404@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/firststores