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"Art is a great unifying force. It is one place where people can forget their ideologies and differences, and sit down to enjoy a good show."

> — A. Sachithananthan, Arts Administrator TributeSG: A. Sachithananthan on Esplanade Offstage



"Art is life, life is art. To live and to ask questions [have] become the most important things in my life."





— Amanda Heng, Visual Artist TributeSG: Amanda Heng on Esplanade Offstage

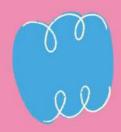


— Mary Seah, Principal, School of the Arts Singapore (SOTA) Making a Scene: Arts Education, Interrupted on Esplanade Offstage





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We Welcome You to Feed Your Imagination

Youths today are navigating a world that is increasingly interconnected yet much more divided than ever. As adults, it can sometimes be hard to find the words to encourage them to be brave about their journey of exploration when we ourselves struggle to stay afloat amidst the volatility and uncertainty.

As Singapore's national performing arts centre, we speak the language of the arts. Like you, we know the arts can be a powerful lens through which we bring into new focus how we see ourselves, the world around us, where we have come from and where we can go from here. With our artists, we discover and articulate through performance the beauty of the world around us in its rich diversity and endless possibilities. Most urgently for our youths, *Feed Your Imagination (F.Y.I)* present arts education performances that inspire hope and optimism for our collective future.

Through our lineup this year, we hope to offer you some comfort, courage and a good time at our theatres. Our cultural presentations build a bridge between gulfs that divide, our theatre presentations provide safe spaces for students to interrogate and rehearse solutions to some of the challenges we face in our daily lives while the diverse genre and thematic offerings by some of Singapore's top artists seek to inspire students to embark on their own lifelong relationship with the arts.

Our work in arts education continues from strength to strength with your support. Thank you for being part of our journey, and we cannot wait to welcome you and your students to Esplanade or online through our digital programmes. We look forward to an enriching and inspiring year through the arts at Esplanade!



Snapshots of selected programmes from Feed Your Imagination (F.Y.I) 2023



Nuri Terbang Malam: Malay Music in Singapore through Time By Syed Ahmad, Jeremiah Choy and Orkes Nuri



Kita Thaka Thom: When Jazz meets Carnatic Music By Varsha



Re: Assembly By Drama Box



O/Aural Waves: Red Hill: By Kamini Ramachandran, Ferry and Irfan Kasban



Survivor Singapore By The Necessary Stage



The Zodiac Race By The Finger Players and Ding Yi Music Company



THE F.Y.I EXPERIENCE

An *F.Y.I* experience is more than just a performance for your students to attend. Set in a professional venue, and working with quality artists, Esplanade seeks to programme relevant works that are engaging and meaningful for students.

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Educational Production

A curated performance designed for students + facilitation (e.g interactive activities, post-show discussion)



Performance Guide

For the full *F.Y.I* experience, we also provide a Resource Pack which consists of an educator's guide and a student's guide.

- Educator's guide: Resource material to help prepare students for the F.Y.I experience or to extend their learning beyond the performance.

Emailed to educators who book into the show.

 Student's guide: A guide with information as well as activities related to the performance they will be watching.

Given out to students on-site for live performances at Esplanade. For digital programmes, this will be emailed to educators, to be given out before the screening of the performance.





3 Digital Programmes

Digital offerings are available for selected programmes. The following are available for students to access in class or as part of home-based learning:

- The Musical City (pg. 20)
- Inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz (pg. 22)

Refer to the respective programme page for more details.



Optional Esplanade Tour or Trail

Schools have the option to choose to go on an Esplanade Tour (guided) or an Esplanade Trail (self-guided).

Tours are limited, on a first-come, first-served basis. Access to venues depends on availability.



Character Development



Productions under this category address ethical and social-emotional issues that are fundamental to the growth of a person of good character.

Key objectives include equipping students with tools to cultivate strong values through self-reflection, engender students with a sense of self-worth, and encourage students to understand, evaluate and appreciate multiple perspectives.

Examples of topics include those related to self-esteem, identity, prejudice, and family and social relationships.



Productions under this category address community, national and/or global issues, in line with emerging 21st century competencies.

Key objectives include equipping students with the tools to cultivate concerned, informed and responsible citizens through the subject matter discussed within the art form.

Examples of topics include those related to the preservation of culture and heritage, exploring ideas related to national identity and learning more about important historical events and their impact.

Cultural Understanding



Productions under this category are representative of art forms from various cultures and traditions, ranging from music, dance and drama.

Key objectives include heightening students' cultural awareness and engaging with the world they live in. Through exposure to these art forms, students will begin to understand and appreciate their own and/or others' histories, traditions and cultures.





Productions under this category expose students to genre-specific art forms in a supported environment, and are scaffolded for novices.

Key objectives include heightening students' awareness and enhancing their knowledge of a genre-specific art form, while cultivating an appreciation for the aesthetics, practice and expressions of the form.

Some examples of genre-specific art forms include jazz music, contemporary dance and traditional forms of puppetry.

2024 PRODUCTIONS AT A GLANCE



	Dates	Production	Artists
Term 2	15 – 16 & 20 – 21 May	Day Out! @ Esplanade*	Royalusion and Various Artists
Term 3	25 – 28 Jun	International Friendship Day	The Necessary Stage
	17 – 18 Jul	A Sea of Stories: Music and Myths from Southeast Asia	Open Score Project
	17 – 19 & 23 – 25 Jul	The Lesson	Drama Box
	Aug – Dec	The Musical City	Phang Kok Jun
Term 4	22 – 25 Oct	The Feelings Farm	Director: Edith Podesta, Playwright: Amanda Chong Composer: Julian Wong
Year Round	Jan – Dec	Inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz**	Nicole Duffell Quintet

Digital Programmes

Information about the Feed Your Imagination (F.Y.I) programme is also available at www.esplanade.com/fyi.



^{*}Day Out! @ Esplanade consists of a performance, workshop and a venue tour.

^{**}Inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz is part of the Digital Performing Arts Based Learning (PABL) Pilot Programme, commissioned by the National Arts Council.



LIVE PERFORMANCES

\$27/TICKET



EDUCATORS'
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOPS



\$20/TICKET

DIGITAL PERFORMANCES

Digital programmes are suited for cohort viewing.

The Musical City

\$15nett/book

Min. purchase of 30 copies

Inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz

Basic package:

\$2,500/PACKAGE



Single ticket:

\$15/TICKET

Each package enables up to five classes of students to watch the programme concurrently.

Package / ticket price excludes SISTIC booking fee, unless otherwise stated.

All bookings for F.Y.I productions are to be done via www.esplanade.com/fyi.



SUBSIDIES AND COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

SCHOOLS

For every **20 tickets purchased** per production, **one complimentary** ticket will be issued.

Schools can use the Tote Board Arts Grant to subsidise up to 50% of the ticket price.

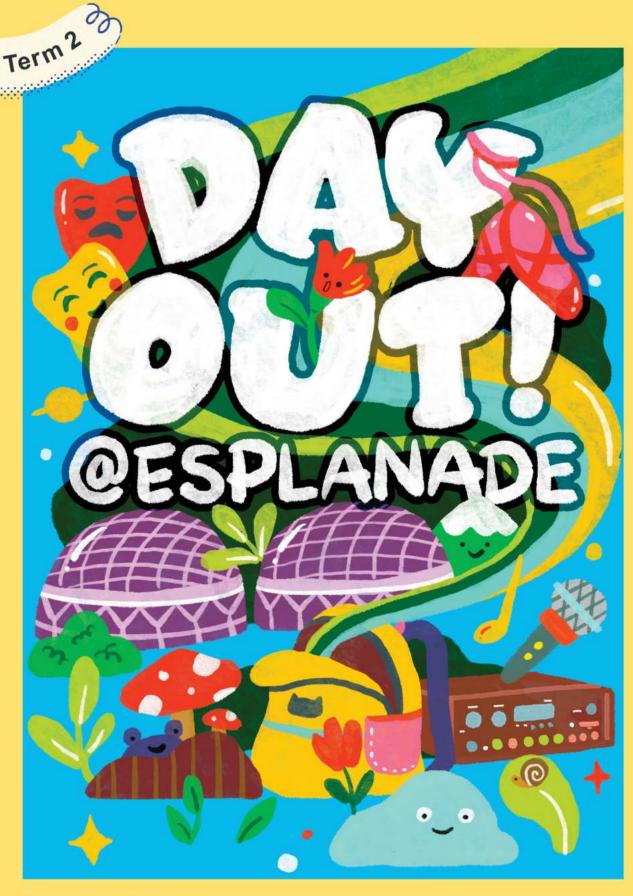
Applicable to Primary and Secondary Schools, Junior Colleges and Centralised Institutes.

SPED SCHOOLS

For every 10 tickets purchased per production, two complimentary tickets will be issued.

SPED schools can use the Tote Board Arts Grant to subsidise up to 70% of the ticket price.

Complimentary ticket offer is only available if the purchases are made in a single transaction for the same production.



- Identify the distinct
 Understand how characteristics of various Indian dance styles
- different musical techniques can evoke various emotions
- · Participate in group singing and experience the layering of sounds
- Explore a performance venue and understand how the design of a space can affect the sound within



Day Out! @

Esplandade



By Royalusion and

15 - 16 May

Wed - Thu

9.30am - 11.30am

20 - 21 May

Mon - Tue

20 May 1st Session

9.30 - 11.30am

2nd Session

2.30 - 4.30pm

21 May

9.30 - 11.30am

Duration

2 hrs

Language

English

Venue

Various locations around Esplanade Imagine being able to watch a performance, participate in a workshop, and explore a performance venue—all in a single day? Join us for Day Out! @ Esplanade, an exciting programme filled with musical experiences you would not want to miss!

Immerse yourself in a captivating dance performance by Royalusion at the DBS Foundation Outdoor Theatre and discover the evolution of Bollywood dance styles while picking up a move or two yourself. Next, dive into the art of vocal expression in an exclusive workshop and demonstration as you experience how music and the human voice have the power to evoke and express a diverse spectrum of emotions! You will also get to join us on a tour of our performance venue, gaining a deeper appreciation for the meticulous design of this world-class performing arts centre.



Recommended For:
Primary



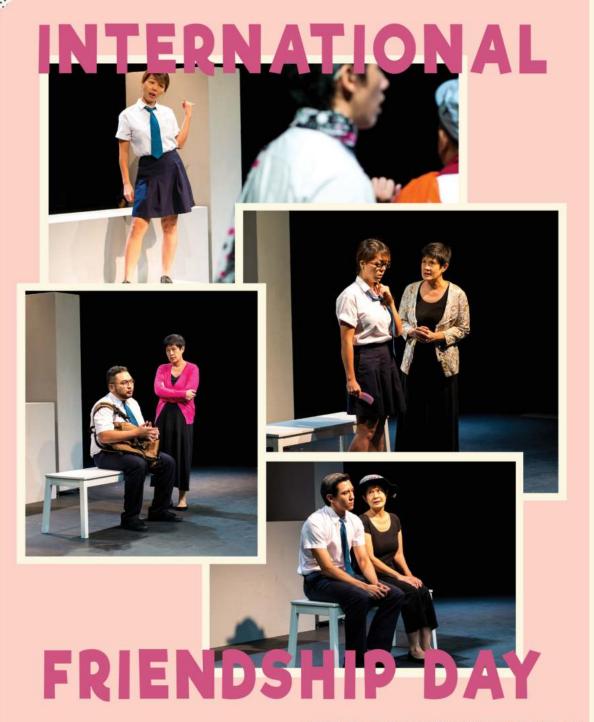
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Images from 2015 staging of International Friendship Day

- Explore issues related to integration between Singaporean and non-Singaporean students
- Develop a sense of empathy and compassion for others
- Develop the ability to consider and incorporate multiple perspectives for effective communication
- Acquire empowerment skills to enact positive changes







It's International Friendship Day at MPSS but friendship seems to be the last thing on the students' minds.

While the foreign students Adi, Anton and Liqin are questioning what to showcase at their booths and why there isn't one for the local students, the Drama Club boys are unhappy about them not putting any effort towards the much anticipated Singapore Youth Festival (SYF).

Meanwhile, Carys is facing pressure at home for losing her spot as the school's top Maths student.

Will she lose her top spot to an international scholar?
Will the Drama Club boys get the foreigners to join in the chorus?
Will Adi get the booth of his choice?

Join us at *International Friendship Day* with the MPSS students as we discuss cross-cultural differences in this interactive theatre piece!

International Friendship Day was first commissioned by Singapore Kindness Movement in 2015, and was restaged as part of Peer Pleasure 2016 and as an online interactive experience under Esplanade's Feed Your Imagination 2021.



Tue - Fri

1st Performance

2.30 - 4pm

2nd Performance

5 - 6.30 pm

Duration

1hr 30mins

Language

English

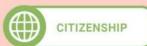
Venue

Esplanade Recital Studio



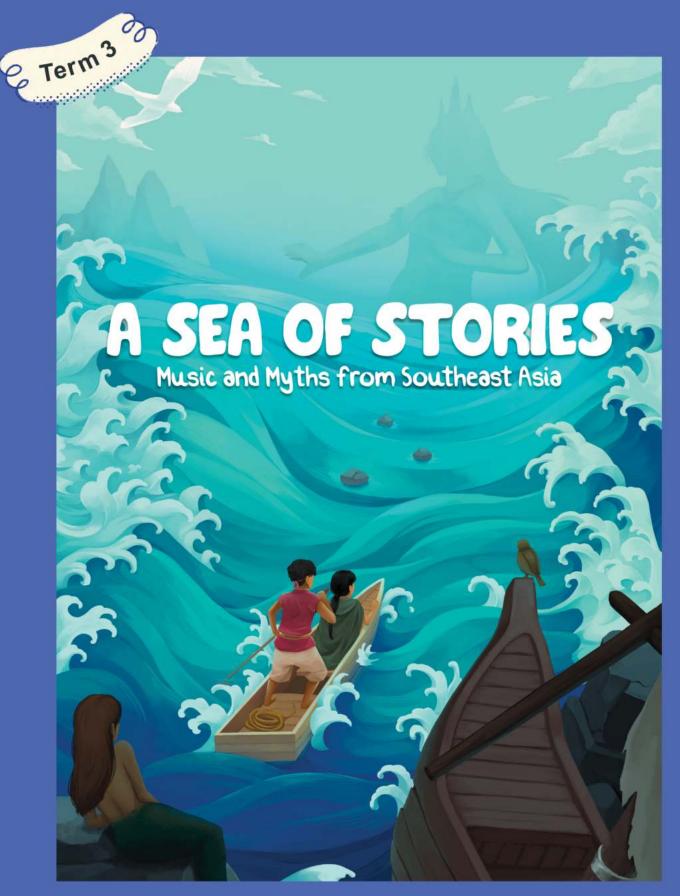
Recommended For: Secondary – Tertiary





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- Discover folklores from Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand told through a musical narrative
- Experience music from Southeast Asia and learn the names of ethnic instruments
- Develop an awareness and appreciation for the diversity of musical cultures



An Esplanade Commission

By Open Score Project



17 – 18 Jul Wed – Thu

1st Performance

2nd Performance **2.30 – 3.30pm**

Duration 1hr

Language English

Esplanade Recital Studio What lies within the conch shell? Lift it to your ear! The magical music of the sea awaits for all to hear!

Step into the enchanting world of *A Sea of Stories: Music and Myths from Southeast Asia* with musicians from the Open Score Project, and narration by Benjamin Chow. Drawing from the vibrant cultures of Southeast Asia, this magical experience will showcase musical traditions and stories from Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam. As we sail across the waters that connect us through three different folktales, *A Sea of Stories* invites you to rest your ear against the spiral of the conch—experience the tapestry of sounds, learn about our traditional stories and instruments, and celebrate the interconnectedness of the region through the universal language of music and storytelling.

Join us on this voyage as we explore the hidden treasures nestled within the heart of our Southeast Asian traditions.





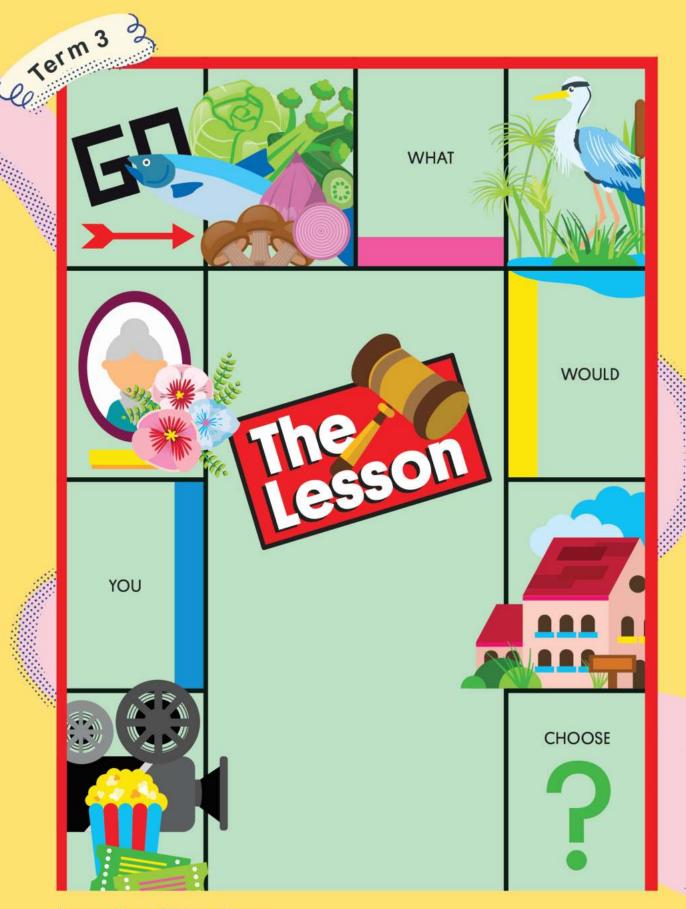


GENRE EXPOSURE



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- related to the governance of a country
- Explore issues | Develop a greater appreciation for competing priorities and challenges faced in decision-making and policy formulation
- Consider multiple perspectives when exploring solutions and encourage effective communication with others to resolve conflict
- Foster independent and critical thinking





Week 1

17 – 19 Jul

Wed - Fri

Week 2

23 - 25 Jul

Tue - Thu

1st Performance

2.30 - 4.30pm

2nd Performance

5.30 - 7.30pm

Duration

2hrs

Language

English

Venue

Esplanade Annexe Studio



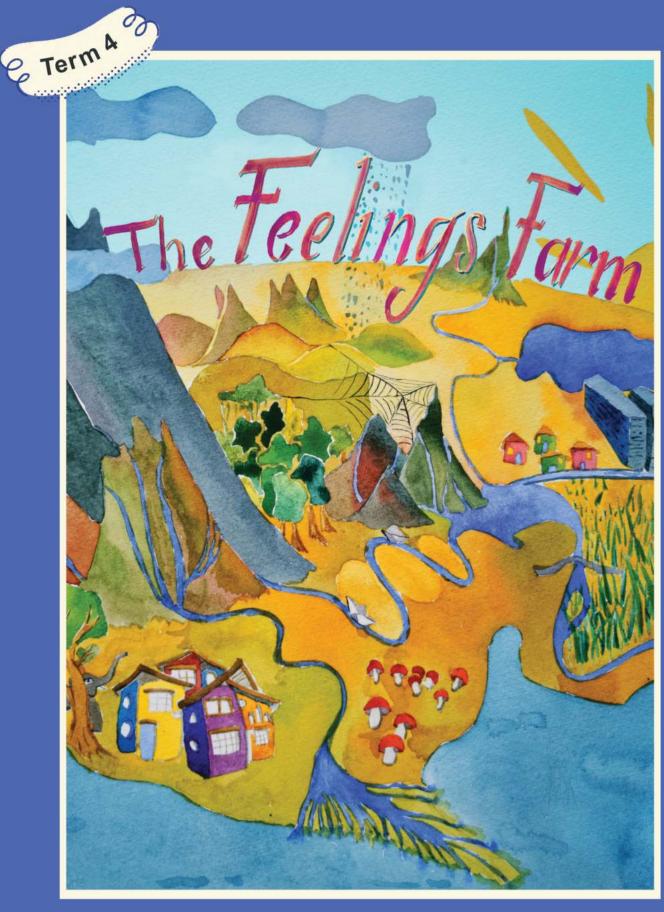
space left, and something must be demolished. What should stay and what should go?

In this participatory theatre production, facilitators will take students through a series of activities as they learn about the costs, risks, stakes, and sacrifices that come with creating a community.

Through this experience, students will be given the opportunity to explore how they value the different spaces in their own country, what their priorities and concerns are, as well as what democracy is about—the power and choice of their vote and their role and responsibility as an individual living in our society.

Director: Han Xuemei Playwright: Li Xie





- Identify and articulate the different feelings one might experience such as joy, sadness, and worry
- Experience and appreciate the power of musical theatre in bringing a story to life
- Discover positive ways of regulating and expressing emotions in difficult situations

Theatre

The Feelings Farm

Directed by Edith Podesta, written by Amanda Chong and music by Julian Wong

Welcome to the Feelings Farm where feelings bloom and grow.
Pay attention to their whispers, they might show you where to go...

On a trip to Kranji, three children find themselves lost on *The Feelings Farm* where emotions are shifting landscapes they must learn to journey through, both together and alone. Guided by the mysterious Cloud, they tumble through the Jungle of Joy, brave the Field of Fear, sail across the Swamp of Sadness, and explore other familiar feelings. Come along for a magical adventure that will surprise and move you.

The Feelings Farm uses music, movement, poetry and multimedia to help children name and understand emotions with compassion. The play draws from real experiences of children in Singapore and hopes to give children and adults alike the language to have honest conversations about our feelings.

The Feelings Farm was first produced by Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay and presented in 2021 as part of March On.

Producer: Shridar Mani (The Public Space)

For Educators

As a companion programme, there is a development workshop for *The Feelings Farm* specially for educators.

To find out more, refer to page 24.





22 Oct

3 - 4.15pm

23 – 24 Oct 1st Performance 10.30 – 11.45am

2nd Performance

3 - 4.15 pm

25 Oct

10.30 - 11.45am

Duration

1hr 15mins

Language

English

Venue

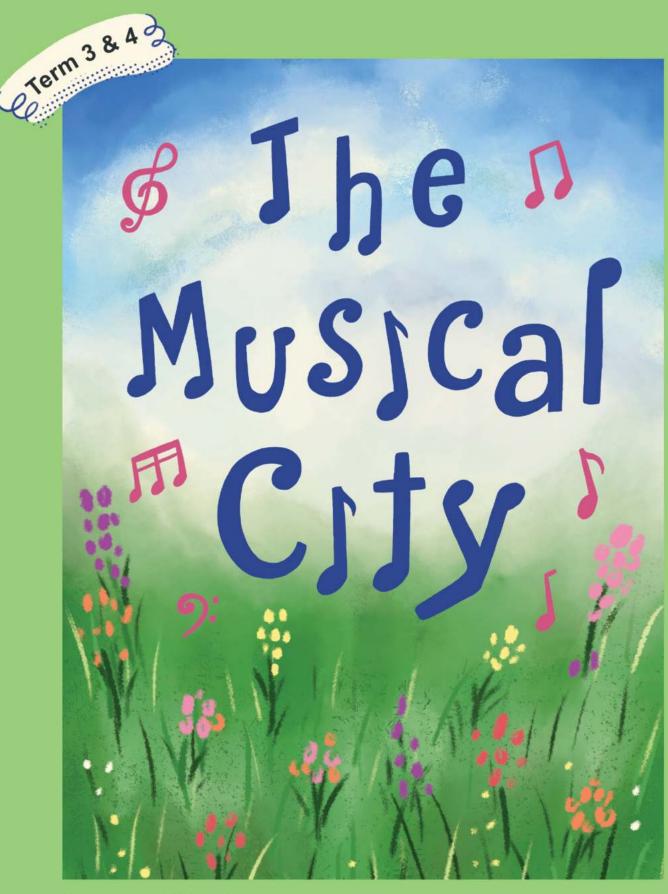
Singtel Waterfront Theatre at <u>Esplanade</u>

Recommended For: Primary - Lower Secondary

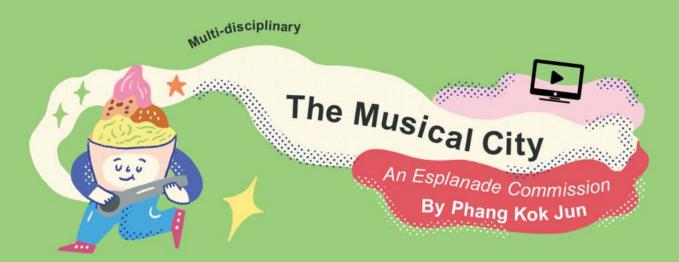


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- Recognise historical buildings in Singapore and understand their significance
- Identify musical instruments and musical features associated with different cultures
- Understand the connection between music, history and culture
- Develop an appreciation for Singapore's cultural heritage



A dog goes 'woof!', a car goes 'vrooooom', a plane goes 'shweeeeshhzooom', but what sound does a building make?

Pei is a curious girl who always wonders about the sounds things make. In this audio-visual-illustration book, readers follow the journey of Pei as she interacts with different buildings in the heart of Singapore. They will join Pei in learning about the building's historical and architectural elements through music and sound. Readers are also invited deeper into the experience by engaging in mini drawing activities related to each building they encounter.

Part-music and part-social studies, young learners will get to learn about instruments and music from different cultures, as well as the many heritage buildings nestled within the historical heart of Singapore.

Aug - Dec

This programme is presented in the form of a printed illustrated book which includes links to a digital experience.

Language English





- Gain a basic understanding o the history and development of jazz
- Recognise various instruments and their roles in the creation of jazz music
- Identify and practice basic jazz concepts such as the major and minor pentatonic scales, rhythm and syncopation, and call and response
- Appreciate how jazz concepts are used in the creation of jazz music
- Gain a basic appreciation of how cultural instruments ma be incorporated into jazz music



inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz

By Nicole Duffell Quintet

Jan - Dec

The programme will be viewed via SISTIC Live and will be available online with unlimited access within the quarter*.

Duration

1hr 15mins

Language

English (with English subtitles)

Venue Online

^Notes:

Bookings slots are based on a quarterly basis.

Each booking will enable unlimited viewing for the quarter.

Jan - Mar (booking closes 15 Mar)

Apr – Jun (booking closes 14 Jun)

Jul – Sep (booking closes 13 Sep)

Oct - Dec (booking closes 13 Dec) Jazz is the ultimate expression of melody, rhythm, and improvisation—by any instrument or voice. In the centre of the creation of jazz music is what we call the "blues".

Inside the Music: Freedom in Jazz is an introduction to jazz music. Performed and facilitated by some of Singapore's leading jazz musicians, students will be introduced to a brief history of the music genre that has spread to different corners of the world today, its unique socio-political history, and its connection with local musicians and the music scene.

Through performances recorded live at Esplanade, students will also find out more about essential jazz elements such as the major and minor pentatonic scales, rhythm and syncopation, the blues scale, and call and response. This programme is aimed at students and teachers with some preceding knowledge of music but can be appreciated by students at any level of music learning.

This programme is commissioned by the National Arts Council as part of the Digital Performing Arts-Based Learning (PABL) Pilot Programme.



Recommended For: Lower Secondary





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Educators' Development Workshops

These teacher development workshops are designed to offer useful introductory tips and how-to tools for teaching an artform or concept in the classroom. It can be experienced as a standalone activity, or as a complement to the *F.Y.I* performance. These intimate workshops encourage hands-on participation, and teachers should take the opportunity to interact with the artist facilitator, as well as each other to discuss possible challenges and solutions.

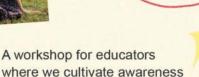
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The Feelings Farm Workshop By SOMAYOKE

14 Aug, Wed, 3pm Esplanade Bay Room





of our own emotions and how it can support children in navigating their feelings.

Duration: 2hrs



The Musical City Walking Tour

16 Aug, Fri, 3pm Various locations





Go on a tour to uncover the rich history of Singapore's iconic buildings through music and gain insight into the composer's creative process for crafting musical tracks that encapsulate the cultural essence of each location.

Duration: 2hrs

Group Visits







A specially developed self-guided trail for students, to be facilitated by the school's accompanying educator.

Learn more about Esplanade, its role as Singapore's national performing arts centre and the visual arts spaces within the centre. The trail also consists of an on-site digital component to complement the trail experience.



Prior to the visit, educators will receive a copy of:

- · a Trail Worksheet with information and activities
- · an Educator's Guide with notes & suggested activities to extend the learning experience in the classroom

Primary & Secondary students Cost

Free, pre-registration required

Duration

60 - 90 mins approx.

To register, email us at education@esplanade.com.



A guided tour to various locations within the arts centre.

Provides students with an insight into Esplanade's architecture and history as well as interesting nuggets of information about the various venues.

Take a peek into the auditoriums of Esplanade Concert Hall, Theatre and other front-of-house spaces.

For Esplanade Tours, please note that access into the performing venues is subject to availability.





Suitable for Primary students & up Cost^

\$20 (standard); \$10 (concession)

Duration

^Esplanade tours under the F.Y.I series are offered complimentary as part of the F.Y.I experience.



45 - 60mins approx.



Other Programme Highlights for Students



Feb – Aug 7.30pm Esplanade Concert Hall Limelight is a series that gives some of the best school choirs and bands in Singapore an opportunity to perform at the Esplanade Concert Hall. Through this series, we hope to inspire excellence in performance among schools by offering them another platform to showcase their musical abilities to the public.



Recommended for:

Primary & above

www.esplanade.com/limelight





Catholic High School Choir



CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls School Choir



Crescent Girls School Symphonic Band



Montfort Secondary School Military Band



MARCH ON 6 - 17 Mar



March On is Esplanade's annual children's festival that explores relevant issues for the young through multi-disciplinary programmes and participatory arts experiences.

JUNGLE BOOK REIMAGINED (SCHOOL SHOWS)

An Esplanade Co-Production Akram Khan Company (UK)

6 – 7 Mar, Wed – Thu 2.30pm Esplanade Theatre

Dive into a magical world and celebrate the importance of belonging and respecting nature in this reimagined dance-theatre performance of one of children's favourite classics, Jungle Book.

There are also public performances on 8 & 9 Mar.

Recommended for:

Lower Primary (8yrs) & above



SHINING IN SPACE

An Esplanade Production
Featuring musicians from Yong Siew Toh
Conservatory of Music and Singapore Youth
Philharmonic Orchestra
Directed by Jeremy Leong and NONFORM



9 Mar, Sat, 2.30pm Esplanade Concert Hall

A wondrous musical trip to space told through orchestral music, storytelling, and multimedia, join Shining on an intergalactic adventure as she creates fond new memories and overcomes the mysteries of space!

Recommended for:

Lower Primary

12 Mar, Tue, 7.30pm **Esplanade Concert Hall**

INMO YANG AND FESTIVAL STRINGS LUCERNE

Inmo Yang, Daniel Dodds, Festival Strings Lucerne (Switzerland, South Korea)

Musical excellence abound with Festival Strings Lucerne, Daniel Dodds and Inmo Yang's debut performance in Singapore, featuring Mozart, Prokofiev, Vieuxtemps, and more.

Recommended for:

Upper Primary & above



MUSIC FOR THE SISTINE CHAPEL

The Tallis Scholars (UK)

Hear The Tallis Scholars sing a selection of works by some of the biggest names in Renaissance composition in the Music for the Sistine Chapel.

Recommended for: Secondary & above





14 Mar, Thu, 7.30pm **Esplanade Concert Hall**



20 Apr, Sat, 8pm 21 Apr, Sun, 3pm **Singtel Waterfront Theatre at Esplanade**

THE RUNNING SHOW

by Monica Bill Barnes & Company, in collaboration with Singapore Dancers

"An expertly crafted show that was not only enthusiastically performed by all, but spoke to the importance of dance." - LA Dance Chronicle

Performed collaboratively with local dancers of all ages, this enlightening dance-theatre performance examines the life of a dancer through an athlete's 299 point of view.

Recommended for: Primary & above



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For more information about programmes for the young, check out www.esplanade.com/schools.





ESPLANADE OFFSTAGE FEED YOUR IMAGINATION (F.Y.I)



Your all-access backstage pass to the performing arts at Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay.

Offstage is your insider's guide to Singapore and Asian arts and culture, demystified for newcomers 'but also offering perspectives that are in-depth or off the beaten track.

Produced by Esplanade, Singapore's national performing arts centre, Offstage is for everyone, including families, schools and researchers.

Bring the arts into the classroom with resources that have been created with students and teachers in mind.

Find out more at www.esplanade.com/offstage/schools.

For other arts-related content, check out www.esplanade.com/offstage.





Feed Your Imagination (F.Y.I) offers primary and secondary school students a series of music, dance and drama performances by established local arts groups. It aims to educate by imparting knowledge about the arts, provoking thought and encouraging audience participation. Each F.Y.I performance includes an optional tour around Esplanade, resource kit for teachers to use b efore and after the performance and an activity kit for each student.

www.esplanade.com/fyi







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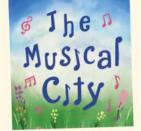
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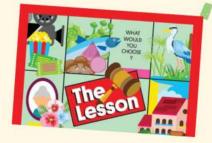


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