

## **Annex B: Silver Arts 2020 (1-13 September, 2pm unless otherwise stated)**

### 2020 Silver Arts Digital Commissions

Catch the premiere every Saturdays and Sundays from 1-13 September 2020.



**Old Songs of Redhill Market (红山脚下的歌谣)** by Toy Factory | 5 September 2020 (Saturday)

The yesteryears of Redhill Market was a time where, our stories and music flowed freely in the hearts of many.

Old Songs of Redhill Market is an intimate storytelling concert featuring Hokkien songs collected through those golden years. From one generation to the next - these tunes of good old carefree times now see the light of day in this performance. Hum along to melodies inspired by early morning *Kopi* banTERS, forging of brotherhood, and the rich heritage of Redhill – where it began as scribbles on paper, into full scores of life.

Old Songs of Redhill Market is a heart-to-heart concert for us to reminisce those beautiful days.

#### ***About the artist:***

Having risen from humble puppetry beginnings to its theatrical accomplishments today, Toy Factory Productions has firmly established itself as one of Singapore's leading bilingual theatre companies.



**Evergreen Symphonic Jukebox** by Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra | 6 September 2020 (Sunday)

The Evergreen Symphonic Jukebox has a un unexpected fusion of playlist of familiar tunes from local television dramas and folk songs in different languages. Let veteran singer Rahimah Rahim, beatboxer Charles Stitch Wong, and the Asia Cultural Symphony Orchestra, led by conductors Adrian Chiang and Dedic Wong, surprise you in this unique concert. There's a track in the Jukebox for everyone!



**Romantic Keroncong (Keroncong Asmara)** by Wadah Seni Entertainment | 12 September 2020 (Saturday)

The soothing and cheery sound of keroncong take centre stage in this musical treat, with delightful folk songs and modern Pop Keroncong. Keroncong Asmara is an invitation to indulge in all aspects of love, from romance to a love for traditions, singing and the arts.

Sing along in this colourful celebration with performances by Mahani Mohd, Eddy Ali, Rudy Djoe and Orkestra Melayu Singapura's Danial Ariffin Azman, featuring singers from Peranakan group Gunong Sayang Association, as they share nuggets about the history and musicality of keroncong.

**About the artist:**

Established in 2016 by Ukhti Aminah, Wadah Seni Entertainment Ltd. has built a reputation in creating innovative content by talented and experience professionals in the Malay performing industry. With the drive and passion to continuously rediscover the Malay Archipelago's musical gems of the past, Wadah Seni Entertainment presents Keroncong Asmara (Romantic Keroncong).



**A Music Legend of A Billion Applause (十亿掌声·与君同行)**  
by Ding Yi Music Company | 13 September 2020 (Sunday)

Ding Yi Music Company pays homage to cultural icon Teresa Teng, and introduces the versatility of Chinese classical instruments through the songstress' iconic soundtrack in this intimate showcase. See how these musicians capture the essence of Teng's heavenly vocals on their *pipa* and *dizi*. Join Maestro Quek Ling Kiong, as he leads us in this engaging tribute to one of the most influential singers of her generation.

**About the artist:**

Established in 2007, Ding Yi is recognised as one of Singapore's most prodigious Chinese chamber music ensemble. It captivates audiences from traditional Chinese music to contemporary avant-garde interpretations and cross-genre works.

**Blast from the Past**

*Relive selected favourites from previous editions of Silver Arts*



**A Concert of Evergreen Malay Music (Konsert Pop Malar Segar)**  
by Perkamus | 1 September 2020 (Tuesday)

Konsert Pop Malar Segar features Malay music pop icons from the 60s through to the 80s including Dato' A. Rahman Hassan, J. Mizan, Sanisah Huri, Mariah Bachok as well as young artists such as Imran Ajmain and Aisyah Aziz. Hosted by Warna DJ Hafeez Glamour, these evergreen hits will resonate with our pioneer generation - a star-studded concert not to be missed with your family and loved ones!

Remember to stay for a special meet-and-greet session after the concert and have a chat with Hafeez Glamour, Sanisah Huri and Aisyah Aziz 'live' on Facebook!

This programme premiered in Silver Arts 2015.



**Singing Market (花啦啦歌舞团)** by Asia Musical Productions  
(Malaysia) | 4 September (Friday)

This delightful musical, set in the 70s, centres around a group of market vendors who are forced to perform at the annual Ghost Festival dinner at the eleventh hour. With its unforgettable melodies, endearing characters, entertaining storyline and colourful costumes, the musical makes an entertaining “outing-at-home” for audiences of all ages.

This programme was presented in Silver Arts 2018.

**About the artist:**

Founded by Ho Lin Huay in 1999, Asia Musical Productions is one of the leading musical theatre companies in Malaysia. The company has produced nine highly acclaimed and award-winning musicals which were performed in countries and regions such as Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, China, Taiwan, South Korea and South Africa.



**Rocking Good Times** by Pest Infested, The Trailers and The Straydogs | 8 September 2020 (Tuesday)

The sounds of the swinging '60s will be brought to you by three popular Singapore bands from that era. Enjoy the visceral rhythm & blues sounds of Pest Infested, the rock `n` roll pop stylings of The Trailers and the heartfelt blues of The Straydogs. One is never too old to rock!

This programme premiered in Silver Arts 2017.

**About the artists:**

- **Pest Infested** - One of the tightest and raunchiest rhythm & blues bands to emerge in the mid '60s, fronted by the enigmatic Ernie Koh.
- **The Trailers** - Formed in 1964, The Trailers were a popular pop band with a string of hit records in the mid to late '60s.
- **The Straydogs** - Formed in 1966, The Straydogs are widely acclaimed as a pioneering blues band in the Singapore music scene.

TingKART Sessions

*Tell your stories in these artist-led workshops and activities, for an artistic takeaway of your personal masterpieces.*



**Chronicles of Life 2020** by Flamenco Sin Fontaras | [7 September 2020]

Chronicles of Life 2020 introduces flamenco music and dance as a mirror to the rich and colourful stories from the personal lives of seniors. Seniors perform and share their experiences, alongside

dancers from Flamenco Sin Fronteras – learn a move or two and bring the lively music traditions of Spain and the heartwarming tales of our Singapore seniors into your very own home.

**About the artist:**

Flamenco Sin Fronteras is a non-profit dance company where they strive to produce work that challenge and inspire artistic excellence as well as extend Flamenco without borders and build bridges through collaborative work in the community.



**Colouring Life with Everyday Shapes** by Karen Koh | 9 September 2020 (Wednesday)

Spark your imagination and creativity with inspiration from everyday life, while expressing your individuality and reflections through shapes and colours into an abstract artwork. Follow artist Karen Koh as she guides you how to sketch creatively step-by-step!

Programme is in English

**About the artist:**

Karen Koh is an artist and art therapist whose practice centres with the arts as an essential for holistic personal development.



**[Updated] Foto-Foto Memory Lab: A Writing Workshop for Seniors** by Amanda Lee Koe | [2 September 2020]

"My mum's favourite Celine Dion song is 'Immortality'. We once listened to this song as we looked through old photos together, reliving the moments captured in the images. Can we translate those memories into words, immortalised?"

Did you dig up some old photographs during the circuit breaker period? Foto-Foto Memory Lab is a step-by-step video workshop for seniors with an interest in writing, facilitated by Amanda Lee Koe. Seniors will be invited to excavate memory and generate poetry as they look at old photos of their own. They will then share their photos, memories and creations with the community over a 10 day journey.

Adapted from Silver Arts Community Arts Projects 10 x 10 (2012) and 白马非马 (2013), also facilitated by Amanda Lee Koe.

**About the artist:**

Amanda Lee Koe was the youngest winner of the Singapore Literature Prize for the short story collection *Ministry of Moral Panic* (Epigram Books). Her debut novel, *Delayed Rays of A*

*Star*, published in the UK by Bloomsbury and in the US by Doubleday, was a #1 Straits Times and Kinokuniya Bestseller. Amanda has a huge soft spot for seniors, and has initiated intergenerational literary and community arts projects for senior citizen communities like 10 x 10 (conducted in English) and 白马非马 (conducted in Mandarin).



**Virtual Jalan Jalan!** by Lee Sze-Chin | [11 September 2020]

Take an online stroll down memory lane at our National Gallery! Interact live with our co-hosts as they bring you on this 60-minute virtual tour of Gallery's collection of artworks that paint Singapore's past. There will be lots of opportunities for art appreciation, discussions and sharing of your personal histories with peers – join us for a uniquely Silver Arts experience at the National Gallery Singapore!

**About the artist:**

Sze-Chin is an art therapist, art educator and artist. His research interests include the intersections of art therapist-art educator-artist identities, as well as the impact of digital technologies on social, emotional, and psychological wellbeing. He has been investigating how some of these immersive new media experiences can promote creative self-expression and encourage mindfulness. Most recently, he has been piloting digital eLearning projects in the community, and for the National Gallery Singapore. He is also exploring the development of these eLearning experiences for the Asian Civilisations Museum and other cultural institutions.

**Kopi, Teh and Contemporary Art by Singapore Art Museum | [7, 8, 9, 10 September 2020 in various languages]**

Have you ever wondered if it is true that the grass is always greener on the other side? Is everything you ever wanted right here? Tune in for the premiere of Kopi, Teh and Contemporary Art online and be guided on a virtual tour of Singapore Art Museum's collection. Explore how Singaporean artist, Dawn Ng highlights Singapore's unique characteristics and traits; obsessions, insecurities and ambitions through a cheeky take on familiar, everyday Singaporean landscapes.

### Silver Shorts

Catch a selection of heart-warming short films on living life to the fullest with your loved ones.

Releasing on 3 September (Thursday):



#### **The Drum 鼓声** by Ler Jiyuan

26 mins | English, Mandarin and Hokkien with English subtitles

The Drum follows the journey of Kang, a recently retired man in his 60s dealing with the sudden onset of a later-life crisis. The short film won the 2018 Viddsee Juree Gold Awards, and competed at the prestigious 2017 Clermont Ferrand Short Film Festival.

#### **About the Director:**

Ler Jiyuan is a Singaporean director of several prominent TV dramas such as HBO Asia's Grisse, Mediacorp Studios Channel 5 telemovie Gone Case, and The Love Machine. He is also the showrunner for the critically-acclaimed HBO Asia series Invisible Stories, which premiered in Jan 2020.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2016.



#### **Rayqal** by Sufyan Sam'an

17 min | English and Malay with English subtitles

Rayqal is determined to make his musical dreams come true. However, his bad temper leaves him without a band to play with for a highly-anticipated competition. In a stroke of luck, he discovers his grandfather was once the frontman of a band.

#### **About the Director:**

Sufyan Sam'an has worked through the ranks since the age of 16 as a production assistant and was a freelance 1st assistant director for over 8 years. Directing has always been his passion as he aspires to tell meaningful and heartwarming stories. Several short films of his have won numerous awards such as The Red Packet that won Overall Best Film and Best Direction at the ciNE65 competition.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2017.



#### **A Dream I Did Not Dream** by K. Rajagopal, in collaboration with Dr Uma Rajan

12 min | English with English and Chinese subtitles

The dance of life is one we dance alone but with many silent and invisible partners. Meena celebrates the lives she lived and the people she loves in a film about the rejuvenating power of time.

**About the Director:**

K. Rajagopal is best known for his feature film *A Yellow Bird* which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 2016. He has been involved in two omnibus film projects *Lucky 7* (2008) and *7 Letters* (2015).

**About Dr Uma Rajan:**

Dr Uma Rajan is an accomplished dancer, veteran arts administrator and committed promoter of arts education and appreciation among Singapore's grassroots communities.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2019.

Releasing on 10 September 2020 (Thursday):



**Love In A Convenience Store** by Png Zhen Yu  
16 mins | Mandarin and Hokkien with English and Chinese subtitles

An elderly couple reignites their romance at an unlikely place – a convenience store. This is a light-hearted drama comedy starring veteran actors Marcus Chin and Goh Guat Kian.

**About the Director:**

Png Zhen Yu is a Director whose works often revolve around human perception and values. He is a graduate from NTU's School of Art, Design and Media and has created works such as *A Day's Reunion* and *Bodhi* which gained recognition in local and international film festivals.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2018.



**New Bike** by Kannan Vijayakumar  
16 min | Tamil with English and Chinese subtitles

Selvam, a jaded 65-year-old retired bank officer feels isolated after scrapping his car which was his only companion. After a few stumbles to fill this void, Selvam finds a new lease of life when he makes the best out of an unlikely birthday present – an electric scooter.

**About the Director:**

Kannan Vijayakumar is an IMDA MES (Film) scholar who has directed, written and creativeproduced several award-winning Mediacorp Vasantham dramas, short films and commercials.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2018.



**The Last Wish** by M. Raihan Halim (5 min) | English with English subtitles

Three best friends with a grand combined age of 180 reminisce about their wild young days as they meet at the wake of their friend, and proceed to do something wild!

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2015.



**Spring Again** by Ray Pang

Spring Again is a romance short film about a retired old lonely man, Tan, who goes out to find love again. While out on a date, he realises that wooing a lady is not as easy as it seems. Putting in 110% of effort, Tan steps up his game to impress.

***About the Director:***

Ray is an award-winning filmmaker, both locally and internationally. He was invited to screen his films at the 8th Sapporo Short Fest under a director's spotlight programme known as "Asian Typhoon". Currently, he is working on his first feature film.

Commissioned by the National Arts Council for Silver Arts 2016.

Arts and Ageing Forum: *Engaging Seniors in the Digital Era*  
2 and 9 September 2020 (Wednesday), [4pm]  
By Registration



The Arts and Ageing Forum brings artists, social and healthcare practitioners, community leaders and funders to advocate the social value of the arts for seniors, and bring stakeholders together to strengthen networks. For this edition, speakers will share insights, approaches and considerations taken when engaging seniors in and through the arts in the digital age.

*All programme information accurate as of 20 July 2020.*