

Annex C – Profiles of Arts Groups and Artists

Larger-scale Performances by Art Groups and Artists

O School

Move Your World

Presented by O School

Step into an electrifying dance experience where the pulse of hip-hop culture meets raw artistic expression. O School brings you more than just a performance – it is your gateway to experiencing and learning about the heart of street dance. Watch as the dynamic performers ignite the stage with jaw-dropping moves and witness spectacular freestyle battles that showcase the spontaneous creativity that makes street dance unique.

Fringe Activities

Experience and explore dance from unique perspectives through these exciting fringe activities:

- “Virtual Reality Dance Experience” (offering a mesmerising virtual realm where movement meets innovation).
- “Cultural Dance 101” experience (discovering how different cultures express themselves through movement, and learning techniques that have been passed down through generations).
- “Beats & Rhythms: Music-Making Workshop” (creating your own beats, experimenting with sound, and understanding how music and movement are inseparably intertwined).

About O School

O School is a vibrant performing arts hub offering performances, dance classes, talent management, creative production, and space solutions. Our mission is to build dance communities, develop the dance economy through various programs and initiatives, and foster community engagement through interactive dance experiences.

Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre

A Tribute to Heritage, A Celebration of Diversity

Presented by Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre

Journey through Singapore's vibrant cultural tapestry in this spellbinding celebration of our shared heritage, and experience the magic as three of Singapore's major ethnic communities, Chinese, Malay and Indian, bring their most cherished dance traditions to life.

Fringe Activities

Continue your cultural exploration through hands-on workshops that connect you to time-honoured festive traditions. Learn meditative Chinese arts that carry centuries of meaning and symbolism, design unique Indian crafts that illuminate our celebrations, and try your hand at cherished Malay art forms, using traditional techniques and motifs that tell stories of our heritage.

About Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre (SCDT)

Established in 2014 under the artistic direction of Jenny Neo, SCDT is a performing arts organisation that maintains a strong international presence, performing across Asia and North America to critical acclaim, while working to make Chinese dance more accessible to the wider public and nurturing emerging dancers.

Flamenco Sin Fronteras

Camino Flamenco

Presented by Flamenco Sin Fronteras

This mesmerising performance unravels the extraordinary cultural odyssey of flamenco's fascinating journey from the sun-baked plains of Rajasthan to the passionate heart of Andalusia. It is a history that connects ancient traditions across continents, revealing how the wandering spirit of the Gypsies wove together the artistic tapestries of India, the Middle East, and Spain to form the flamenco.

Fringe Activities

Immerse yourself in the shared rhythms and unique expressions of kathak, Arabic dance, and flamenco in this engaging hands-on dance workshop, told through the common time signature of the tango. Learn the elegant hand gestures of kathak storytelling, try the mesmerising turns of Middle Eastern dance, and explore flamenco's zapateado (footwork) basics.

About Flamenco Sin Fronteras

Founded in 2009, Flamenco Sin Fronteras promotes flamenco beyond borders through collaborative projects, blending various art forms and exploring flamenco's diverse roots, while incorporating modern and multicultural influences.

Paper Monkey Theatre

The Tiger Hero

Presented by Paper Monkey Theatre

Enter a world where wood and cloth transform into living, breathing characters through the mesmerising art of Chinese hand puppetry. Watch as the legendary tale of Wu Song springs to life in this spellbinding adaptation of the classic Chinese novel Water Margin. This is not just a puppet show – it's a celebration of Chinese storytelling tradition where small hands create epic adventures, and ancient tales celebrate timeless themes of courage, compassion and the triumph of the underdog.

Fringe Activities

Step into a fascinating world where tradition meets artistry in this interactive exhibition and workshop:

- Explore four distinct styles of traditional Chinese puppetry, each with its own magical charm: Shadow Puppets (皮影戏), Teochew Rod Puppets (潮州铁支偶), String Puppets (提线偶), and Rod Puppets (杖头偶).
- Immerse yourself in the art of potehi puppetry, discovering the secrets behind expressive gestures and authentic movement.

About Paper Monkey Theatre

Paper Monkey Theatre is a non-profit theatre company established in 2008, led by Artistic Director Benjamin Ho. The company's mission centres on creating engaging, imaginative experiences through puppetry while promoting Asian values and cultural awareness.

Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

My Heritage: Kampong Life Gotong Royong

Presented by Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

Step back in time to experience the warmth and vibrancy of traditional kampong life, where community spirit and gotong-royong (mutual cooperation) turned everyday moments into celebrations. From the traditional warisan seni to the vibrant and energetic zapin, discover the heart of Malay culture through dance, music, and shared experiences.

Fringe Activities

From the graceful asli to the lively joget, discover how each traditional Malay dance style tells its own unique story through movement and rhythm. Join the workshop to learn these beautiful dances and become part of the grand finale! No previous dance experience needed. Come dressed comfortably for movement and dance.

About Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

Sri Warisan is a performing arts company established in 1997 by renowned Cultural Medallion recipient Madam Som Said. Their distinctive approach combines traditional Malay dance forms with contemporary techniques, and takes a multidisciplinary approach to the performing arts.

Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Yesterday Once More

Presented by Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Take a heartfelt journey down memory lane with “Yesterday Once More”, a captivating music showcase by Rudy Djoe and Kenchana Jazz, that breathes fresh life into the beloved songs that have shaped Singapore's musical heritage. This event features beloved folk, jazz, and Latin pop melodies, including favourites like *Chan Mali Chan*, *Burung Kakak Tua*, *Tian Mi Mi*, and *Rose, Rose I Love You*.

Fringe Activities

Let's Cha Cha Cha!

Join dance maestro Eddy Rosdi for a delightful journey back to the golden age of social dancing, with “Let's Cha Cha Cha!”, an interactive activity for all ages. Learn the basic steps of the cha cha, a vibrant and rhythmic dance style that is easy to learn and so much fun to perform, and which brought great joy to dance floors across Singapore in years past.

About Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Rudy Djoe is a versatile Singaporean crooner celebrated for his soulful vocals and his ability to seamlessly transition between genres such as jazz, pop, traditional Malay, and keroncong. Since launching his career nearly two decades ago, Rudy has performed at numerous events both in Singapore and around the region.

Kenchana Jazz is a Singapore-based quartet celebrated for their diverse musical influences and their distinctive fusion of Western jazz with Malay and Indonesian flavours. The band's mission is to reconnect audiences with the golden classics of the archipelago.

Smaller-scale Street Performers

Hayley Ho

Hayley is a 14-year-old local musician who specialises in playing pop music on Guzheng. Her song repertoire includes English, Chinese, Hokkien and K-pop Guzheng pieces. She has performed in numerous 'live' community events and hopes to bring joy to everyone with her performance.

Mohammad Said Bin Rahim @Busksaid

Mr Mohammad Said Rahim has been busking since 2014. Busking allows him the freedom to express himself and share his talent with the community, while giving him joy from lifting the spirits and mood of others. He hopes to pursue busking for as long as he can, and believes that it would be a rewarding activity to pursue especially in his golden years. During his performances, he enjoys playing contemporary and evergreen top-40 ballads and easy-listening tunes.

T-Junction 紅綠燈

T Junction 紅綠燈 is a multi-lingual duo made up of vocalist Jia Rui and keyboardist Alina. Formed in 2015, they aim to bring music to people, in hope that their tunes can accompany them at every junction of their lives. They have a versatile repertoire which includes Mandopop, English classics and dialect songs such as Cantonese and Hokkien.

In 2023, they participated in MediaCorp's "Battle of the Buskers 游走的歌王" and emerged as one of the Top 3 finalists.

BDE

Jesse and Ching Yi are a keyboard-singer duo who first met a decade ago in their University Jamband. Today, they have fun busking on the streets of Singapore as 'BDE', and playing for local events and weddings. Their aim is to have fun while sharing their music.