



PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL HERITAGE BOARD SHOWCASES VIETNAM'S CULTURAL TREASURES IN ITS FIRST COUNTRY-THEMED FESTIVAL

- *34 activities across 14 museums, art galleries and food & beverage outlets*
- *Festival commemorates 35 years of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and Singapore*

Singapore – 15 May 2008 From April to July 2008, Singaporeans and visitors can indulge in the cultural richness and splendour of Vietnam as the National Heritage Board (NHB) organises its inaugural integrated country-themed festival. Featuring 34 exhibitions, events and promotions across 14 museums, art galleries and F&B outlets nationwide, the four month long celebration aims to showcase both the ancient and modern aspects of Vietnamese art, heritage and culture.

This event is held in conjunction with the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Vietnam. The idea to stage a Vietnam Festival in Singapore was first mooted after the signing on 9 April 2007 of a Cultural Heritage Co-operation Memorandum of Understanding between Mr Michael Koh, Chief Executive Officer of NHB and Dr Dang Van Bai from Vietnam's Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism.

Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem will be the Guest of Honour at the launch of Vietnam Festival on 20 May 2008 at the Asian Civilisations Museum. He will be hosted by Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs George Yeo.

To commemorate this historic occasion, DPM Pham will also unveil a heritage marker dedicated to Ho Chi Minh – the father of modern Vietnam at ACM Green under the 'Friends to Our Shores' series of historic markers.

Said Mr Koh: "*Vietnam Festival* aims to bring Vietnamese art, culture and history alive through an exciting calendar of thematic exhibitions and unique events in Singapore's museums, art galleries and other outlets. Participants can get to see, eat, shop, play and discuss Vietnam through a wide-ranging programme covering films, forums, fashion, food, folk art and even fauna! Through this, we hope to showcase that Vietnam is not only a fast growing and modernising country, but a culturally rich and fascinating partner and friend in ASEAN."

Over the years NHB has enjoyed significant growth in bilateral cultural relations with its counterparts throughout Southeast Asia. Country-focused cultural extravaganzas such as the *Vietnam Festival* seek to strengthen Singapore's positioning as a cultural gateway connecting the region to the world. This helps to profile South East Asia favourably in the eyes of the world, while boosting its global standing as a unique and culturally vibrant zone.

Members of the media are warmly invited to join us at the official opening ceremony:

Vietnam Festival Opening Ceremony

Date: 20 May (Tuesday)

Time: 4.45 pm to 8.00 pm

Venue: Asian Civilisations Museum, Shaw Foyer (Level 2)

Parking: Limited parking lots are available at ACM (Please inform us early if you are driving)

Highlights of the festival across the various locations are as follows:

Ancient Charms to Present Allure

History buffs can trace the fascinating development of Vietnam's cultural identity and civilisation in *Việt Nam! From Myth To Modernity* at the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM). In this landmark exhibition, visitors can journey through 2,500 years of Vietnam's history with 180 artefacts on loan from national museums in Vietnam, private collections as well as ACM's own collection. Special curator-led evening tours will be held on the first Friday of every month for visitors keen to hear from the experts.

Witness a historical milestone as the Ho Chi Minh marker is unveiled in Singapore at the ACM Green beside the Singapore River. This marker acknowledges the contributions of the Father of Modern Vietnam, and commemorates 35 years of deepening diplomatic relations between Singapore and Vietnam.

Looking for an enjoyable weekend out with a difference? Catch the many colours of Vietnam at the ACM Weekend Viet Fest from 31 May to 1 June 2008. Indulge in tasty Vietnamese treats while your kids can try their hand at the unique art and craft activities.

Observe an artist at work in his studio at the ACM. For four weeks from May to June, the ACM will be hosting one of Vietnam's leading contemporary artists, Le Quoc Viet who will conduct interactive demonstrations. He will also be available to answer questions on his work at various times of the day. In addition, he will conduct a series of workshops for adults, children and students.

The World of Modern and Contemporary Vietnamese Art

Experience the beauty of modern and contemporary Vietnamese art with *Post-Doi Moi: Vietnamese Art after 1990*. Featuring loans from museums and collectors in Vietnam, Singapore, UK and USA, this intriguing showcase deepens your appreciation and understanding of Vietnamese paintings. Keen to further your knowledge of Vietnamese art? Join Patricia Levasseur, the co-curator of the exhibition, on an art tour to understand more about the dynamic Vietnamese art scene. Art lovers can also witness an artistic exchange between contemporary artists from Singapore and Vietnam in a three-day performance art festival culminating from the *Ket Noi* workshop where artists from both countries will live and interact with each other for 10 days in a art and cultural exchange.

Begin your voyage by attending an art symposium where researchers and academics discuss modern and contemporary art in Vietnam. Yearning for a tantalising fix of the delectable Vietnamese cuisine? Savour spring rolls, authentic *pho* and other delicacies at the *Vietnam Fiesta* at the Singapore Art Museum, which is the festival's closing event.

Finally, be spoilt for choice as art galleries brings Vietnamese art to the masses through a sophisticated selection of exhibitions. Explore the innovative and exciting works from Vietnam at the Ernst & Young Gallery, Art-2 Gallery, Gajah Gallery and Red Sea Gallery.

Beautiful Stamps, Film Posters, and Vietnamese Fashion

Families can experience Vietnamese culture through a collection of interesting stamps, postcards and artefacts at *Journey through the Land of Lotus* exhibition at the Singapore Philatelic Museum. Admire beautiful ethnic costumes such as the *Dao* and *Hmong* tribes and 30 dolls dressed in the styles of Vietnamese minority groups, on loan from Vietnam Women's Museum, Hanoi. Children and families can also have fun discovering Vietnam through activities such as woodblock printing, mask painting, bookmark making, curator tour, and cooking demonstration of Vietnamese dishes.

At the National Archives of Singapore, sit back and relive Vietnam's modern history at a special three-day Vietnam mini film series featuring award-winning films. Intrigued by quaint old films? Film and cultural buffs can journey through Vietnam's unusual history through a showcase of rare film posters from the Vietnam Film institute in a special collaboration.

Fascinating Fauna, Fabulous Food and More

Journey with Raffles Museum of Biodiversity to discover nature at its very best with *Fauna of Vietnam*. Learn all about the various animal and bird species thriving in the luxuriant forested region in Vietnam, and be surprised at what you can find.

Hungry after a day out at the museums? Tantalise your palate with special dining deals from our Vietnam Festival partners. Hue Restobar at The Amara Singapore Hotel offers a one-for-one authentic Vietnamese dinner bento set at S\$48++ on Saturdays and Sundays. Feel twice as nice at both The Orange Lantern outlets at Killiney Road and Harbourfront Centre when you get S\$5 off your final bill!

*For full list of activities, refer to **Annex A**.*

*For special promotions, refer to **Annex B**.*

For list of precursor to Vietnam Festival activities, refer to Annex C

*A full list of participating museums, galleries and partners
can be found at **Annex D***

Visit www.vietnamfestival.sg for more information.

About Vietnam Festival

Vietnam Festival showcases Vietnam's diverse culture and exotic legacy across museums and galleries in Singapore for the first time. Spearheaded by the National Heritage Board, this inaugural integrated festival celebrates the rich and vibrant heritage of Vietnam through a variety of exhibitions, programmes and shows. Participants can enjoy Vietnam's contemporary artworks, unique classical

films and rare ancient artefacts. They can also relive the monumental achievements of Vietnam's founding father Ho Chi Minh right at our doorstep.

About National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) champions the development and promotion of a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore. It makes heritage enriching, relevant and accessible to all through staging innovative programmes and forging collaborative partnerships. NHB leverages on state-of-the-art technology and refreshing new approaches to make heritage more dynamic, alive and exciting for different audiences. It manages both national and public museums, the National Archives of Singapore, and the Heritage Conservation Centre.

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VIETNAM FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

ART

POST-DOI MOI: VIETNAMESE ART AFTER 1990**Singapore Art Museum**

12 May to 28 September 2008

Mon – Sun: 10am - 7pm, Fri: 10am - 9pm

Free admission from 12pm-2pm on weekdays and 6pm-9pm on Fridays

Be inspired by the beauty of modern and contemporary Vietnamese art from the last 15 years. Take this rare opportunity to deepen your understanding of the artworks by attending workshops, art talks and our guided tours.

SYMPOSIUM ON MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

Auditorium, Singapore Art Museum

16 May to 18 May 2008, 10am - 5pm

3 Days Conference fee: \$100 (50% discount for students)*. To register, call 6332 3220 or email nhbsamprograms@nhb.gov.sg

Notable speakers such as Professor Nora Taylor (United States) who researches on Vietnamese art and Nguyen Quan (Vietnam) who is instrumental in the development of contemporary Vietnamese art will examine the impact of policies in art making and to explore the artistic developments in Vietnam in a 3 day symposium.

**20% discount is applicable for Friends of the Museum, Museum Volunteers and Chinese Research Group Members. Log on to www.singart.com for full conference details.*

CURATOUR

Lobby, Singapore Art Museum

Fridays, 7.30pm

To register, call 6332 3220 or email nhbsamprograms@nhb.gov.sg

Free

Meeting Point: SAM Lobby Registration required

An exhibition on Vietnamese modern and contemporary art. SAM will display 15 paintings by Bui Xuan Phai (1921 - 1988) to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the artist's death.

23 May: Patricia Levasseur de la Motte graduated with a Masters in History of Art from the Ecole du Louvre, Paris.

13 Jun, 25 Jul & 5 Sep: Joyce Fan started her museum career in 1993 at the then the National Museum Art Gallery. She pursued her Masters in Art History at the Pratt Institute, New York.

25 Jul & 15 Aug: Tan Siu Li graduated with a MA in History of Art from the University College London. Her research interests include contemporary art, museum studies, and interdisciplinary art forms.

KET NOI: VIETNAM-SINGAPORE PERFORMANCE ART WORKSHOP

Post Museum/ Singapore Art Museum
27 May to 5 June 2008

Five selected contemporary artists from Singapore and Vietnam get to connect through an art and cultural exchange at the Post Museum! The artists will live and interact with each other for 10 days with three experienced artists and curators accompanying them as moderators. Post Museum will provide the studio/working space for all 13 artists to conduct workshops during this period.

KET NOI: PERFORMANCE ART EVENT

Singapore Art Museum/ Singapore Management University
6 June, 7.30pm, Singapore Art Museum
7 - 8 June, 5pm, Singapore Management University Campus Green
Free
Please visit www.singart.com for more details

Watch contemporary artists from Singapore and Vietnam in a three-day performance art festival culminating from the *Ket Noi* workshop.

“THE RAIN AND THE SMALL STREAM”, BY HÀ MẠNH THẮNG

Ernst & Young Gallery
May to August 2008
By appointment only, call 6535 7777.
{Free admission}

The second in the *Asean Art Outreach* series launched by Ernst & Young, the exhibition titled “The Rain and the Small Stream” will feature portraits by popular 28-year-old Vietnamese artist, Hà Mạnh Thắng. A graduate from the Hanoi University of Fine Arts, Hà Mạnh Thắng uses his canvas to highlight the evolution of change taking place in Vietnam. His works are collected by a wide audience and some choice pieces will be available for sale at the venue. Proceeds will go towards benefiting a number of charitable organisations in Singapore.

ALLURE – THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ARTISTS

Art-2 Gallery
www.art2.com.sg
22 May to 14 June 2008
Mon - Sat: 11am - 7pm
{Free admission}

Catch vignettes of Vietnam, seen through the eyes of its artists, at an exhibition of paintings portraying daily life, culture, traditions, social issues and nature. See how each painting tells the individual story of the artist, and when woven together how these combine to form a vivid tapestry of Vietnam! Featured artists: Le Thiet Cuong, Nguyen Thi Chau Giang, Nguyen Thuy Huong, Do Duy Tuan

THE LOST YEARS

An exhibition featuring recovered works from 1950s war-torn Vietnam

Gajah Gallery

www.gajahgallery.com

June 2008

Mon to Fri: 11am - 7pm, Sat - Sun: 12pm - 6pm

{Free admission}

The Lost Years is a moving collection of paintings depicting the lives of people caught up in the war of French-occupation Vietnam. The artworks presented by Gajah Gallery, give life to the strife, fear and desperation of those dark days. This period is considered by many to be the country's lost years and this exhibition seeks to portray on paper those dark days of devastation, hope and the ultimate freedom – all themes resonant and relevant even today.

VIEWS OF VIETNAM

Red Sea Gallery

www.redseagallery.com

Ongoing exhibition

Mon to Sun: 9:30am – 9pm

Free admission

Visit the Red Sea Gallery for an ongoing exhibition showcasing the many aspects of Vietnamese art – from tranquil and meditative still-life to vivid and thoughtful portraits, all mirroring different aspects of Vietnamese society. View works by a range of artists, including Dao Hai Phong, Nguyen Dieu Thuy, Lim Khim Katy, Le Thong and Bang Sy Truc.

CULTURE

VIỆT NAM! FROM MYTH TO MODERNITY

Asian Civilisations Museum

21 May to 30 September 2008

Mon: 1pm - 7pm, Tue to Sun: 9am – 7pm (Friday: 9am-9pm)

Adults: \$8.00, Concession*: \$4.00

**Full time students and those 60 years and above*

The history of Vietnam is shrouded in a rich oral tradition of myth and legend - many Vietnamese believe themselves to be the descendents of the Dragon King and Mountain Fairy. Explore the unique Vietnamese cultural identity and marvel at the craftsmanship of impressive Dong Son bronze drums and weapons, imposing Hindu-Buddhist temple sculptures, delicate blue and white ceramics and whimsical woodblock prints. This landmark exhibition will take the visitor through 2500 years of Vietnam's history, as seen through more than 180 artefacts on loan from museums in Vietnam, private collections and from the collection of the Asian Civilisations Museum.

Catch *Viet Nam! From Myth To Modernity* and stand to win free flights to Vietnam!

PRINT! ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE – LE QUOC VIET

Asian Civilisations Museum

20 May to 15 June 2008

Mon: 1pm - 7pm, Tue to Sun: 9am – 7pm (Friday: 9am-9pm)

Admission to the studio space is free.

Admission charges to the galleries apply (see admission charges for *Viet Nam! From Myth To Modernity*).

For four weeks from May to June, the ACM will be hosting one of Vietnam's leading contemporary artists; Le Quoc Viet. Mr Viet specialises in painting and printmaking and will be working on a specially commissioned piece for the ACM's permanent collection. At various times of the day, Mr Viet will conduct interactive demonstrations, where he will be available to answer questions on his work. He will also conduct a series of workshops for adults, children and students.

ACM WEEKEND VIỆT FEST!

Asian Civilisations Museum

31 May to 1 June 2008

11am to 6pm

Free entry to galleries all day from 9am to 7pm.

Experience the sights, sounds and taste of Vietnam at the ACM Weekend Viet Fest. There's something for everyone with activities galore and an all-day food and craft bazaar. Kids will have plenty to smile about with Vietnamese folktales storytelling sessions, craft activities, face painting, balloon art and more! Plus, children inspired by the colours of Vietnam might win a prize in our on-the-spot art competition!

Don't miss special cultural performances all the way from Vietnam! These include exciting lion dance performances on stilts and a spectacular 'stone xylophone' performance. Also, watch Vietnamese artists at work during woodblock and calligraphy demonstrations by ACM's artist-in-residence Le Quoc Viet and weaving sessions by a Cham weaver.

CURATOR'S TOURS

Asian Civilisations Museum

6 June, 4 July, 1 August & 5 September

7 pm

Tour charges apply, for registration and details, log on to www.acm.org.sg

Limited to 15 people per tour

Interested in Vietnamese art & culture? Join special curator-led evening tours on the first Friday of every month for the duration of *Việt Nam! From Myth To Modernity*.

UNVEILING OF THE HO CHI MINH MARKER

Education & Outreach Division (NHB)

20 May 2008

Asian Civilisations Museum Green

Known as the father of modern Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh passed through Singapore in his earlier travels championing for the rights and equality of Asians, particularly the Vietnamese. Part of NHB's Vietnam Festival in 2008, this marker commemorates 35 years of close diplomatic relations between Singapore and Vietnam.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF LOTUS

Singapore Philatelic Museum

20 May - 23 Nov 2008

Mon: 1pm – 7pm, Tue - Sun: 9am – 7pm

Adult: \$5.00, Child: \$4.00, Senior Citizen: \$4.00

Enjoy an interesting showcase of stamps and philatelic items from Vietnam. The country's history, heritage sites, customs and culture will be told through stamps. The exhibition also features a selection of the traditional outfit, including *Ao Dai*, a display of water puppets as well as miniature dolls representing the large number of minority groups in Vietnam.

VIETNAM EXPERIENCE

Singapore Philatelic Museum

31 May 2008

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Free

Experience Vietnamese culture at a guided tour of 'Journey through the Land of Lotus' exhibition by the curator, then learn two healthy and tasty Vietnamese recipes at a cooking demonstration.

Journey through the Land of Lotus - Curator Tour

2.00pm - 2.30pm

Join a curator-led tour of 'Journey through the Land of Lotus' exhibition. Discover Vietnamese culture through a collection of interesting stamps, miniature dolls, water puppets and traditional Vietnamese outfits, like the *Ao Dai*.

Vietnamese Cooking Demonstration

2.30pm - 3.30pm

HealthZone and Singapore Philatelic Museum bring you a special Vietnamese cooking demonstration with yummy food sampling. Learn two healthy yet tasty Vietnamese recipes - Vietnamese cold roll and Vietnamese chicken salad. The dietician will also share useful health, nutrition and cooking tips. *To register for 'Vietnam Experience', contact Mishelle at Tel: 63373888 or Email: Mishelle_Lim@nhb.gov.sg*

TOUR OF 'JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF LOTUS' AND WOODBLOCK PRINTING AND BOOKMARK MAKING

Singapore Philatelic Museum

5 & 19 June 2008, Thursday

10.00am - 11.30am

Child (7-12 years): \$10.00

To register, contact Lily at Tel: 6513 7347/6337 3888 or E-mail: Lily_Samuel@nhb.gov.sg

Enjoy an interesting showcase of stamps and philatelic items from Vietnam. The country's history, heritage sites, customs and culture will be told through stamps. The exhibition also features a selection of the traditional outfit, including *Ao Dai*, a display of water puppets as well as miniature dolls representing the large number of minority groups in Vietnam. Then, have fun creating interesting designs with woodblocks, and design pretty clothes for a Vietnamese doll bookmark.

TOUR OF 'JOURNEY THROUGH THE LAND OF LOTUS' AND MASK PAINTING SESSION

Singapore Philatelic Museum

12 June 2008, Thursday

10.00am - 11.30am

Child (7-12 years): \$12.00

To register, contact Lily at Tel: 6513 7347/6337 3888 or E-mail: Lily_Samuel@nhb.gov.sg

Enjoy an interesting showcase of stamps and philatelic items from Vietnam. The country's history, heritage sites, customs and culture will be told through stamps. The exhibition also features a selection of the traditional outfit, including *Ao Dai*, a display of water puppets as well as miniature dolls representing the large number of minority groups in Vietnam. Then, have fun painting fascinating masks from Vietnam.

VIETNAM FIESTA

Courtyard, Singapore Art Museum

19 July 2008, Saturday

11am – 5pm

Free admission to Fiesta programmes (Food and beverage charges apply)

Come savour all that Vietnam has to offer at this fiesta. The food fair in the museum features Vietnamese cuisine from the North and South. Tantalising Vietnamese spring rolls, authentic *phoa* and other Vietnamese delicacies await you. Discover other aspects of Vietnamese culture and try your hand at traditional Vietnamese games, or pick up a few Vietnamese phrases.

FILM

FROM WAR TO NATIONHOOD - AN EXHIBITION OF VIETNAMESE FILM POSTERS

National Archives of Singapore

20 May to 30 September 2008

Mon to Fri: 9am – 5.30pm, Sat: 9am – 1.30pm

Free admission to the exhibition and film screening

Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays

Take a fascinating journey through Vietnam's history, as depicted in a showcase of rare film posters from the Vietnam Film Institute. Gain interesting insights into Vietnamese society while marvelling at the artistry of this unique medium. Highlights include a special screening of films from the Vietnam Film Institute including the historical epic "*Dien Bien Phu* Victory" (1954) which marked an important phase in the growth of Vietnamese cinema. This film marvellously portrayed the how the Vietnamese people won the resistance war against the French, culminating in the famous battle of *Dien Bien Phu*.

ACMFRIENDS VIET MINI FILM SERIES

in collaboration with New York University TischAsia

Asian Civilisations Museum

26 May to 28 May

Shows begin at 7pm or 9pm

\$8 acmfriends & guests can be purchased from museum frontdesk

\$10 General Public

Tickets can be purchased from ACM front desk during museum opening hours

Sit back and experience Vietnam at this very special three-day programme featuring award-winning films, curated by Katherine Lindberg, Visiting Assistant Arts Professor for Graduate Film, New York University TischAsia School of the Arts.

Films and documentaries include *The Quiet American*, *Daughter from Danang*, *The Scent of Green Papaya* and *Three Seasons*.

For full programme of films with synopses, please log on to www.acmfriends.org.sg.

NATURE

FAUNA OF VIETNAM

Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research

April to Jul 2008

Mon - Fri: 9am - 5pm (Closed on Public Holidays)

{Free admission}

Vietnam is considered by many to the Eden of the East where new species of birds and animals are still being discovered. Journey with us to discover nature at its very best in the unspoilt lands of Vietnam. Guided tours are available for school groups or visitors. For details, go to: <http://rmbr.nus.edu.sg/visitor%20info/visitor%20information.htm>

VIETNAM FESTIVAL SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

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HUE RESTOBAR

The Amara Singapore Hotel
165 Tanjong Pagar Road S(088539)
Mon to Sun: 12pm–2.30pm (Lunch), 6pm – 10pm (Dinner)

Try our 1-for-1 authentic Vietnamese dinner bento set at \$48++ only on Saturdays and Sundays. Dinner is served from 6.00pm to 9.45pm. Promotion valid till 31 August 2008.

THE ORANGE LANTERN

Redemption outlets:
The Orange Lantern @ Killiney Road
73 Killiney Road S(239528) Tel: 6732 8032
The Orange Lantern @ Harbourfront Centre
1 Maritime Square Harbourfront Centre #01-98 S(099253)
Tel: 6274 1968

Mon to Sun: 11am – 10pm

Get \$5 off ala-carte orders when you present the admission ticket from participating National Heritage Board (NHB) museums at our restaurants.

Terms & Conditions:

Participating NHB museums: Asian Civilisations Museum, National Museum of Singapore, Singapore Art Museum and Singapore Philatelic Museum

Please present the museum admission tickets before ordering
Redeemable with minimum of \$30 spending on ala-carte orders in a single receipt

Promotion valid for dine-in only
Limited to one ticket redemption per visit only
Not applicable for other promotions, discounts, set meals, and vouchers
Promotion valid till 31 August 2008

PRECURSOR TO VIETNAM FESTIVAL

55 YEARS OF VIETNAM FILM

National Museum of Singapore

4 April 2008 to 14 April 2008

Presented by the National Museum of Singapore and the Singapore International Film Festival

Held in conjunction with the 21st Singapore International Film Festival (SIFF), *55 Years of Vietnam Film* presents rarely seen Vietnamese celluloid classics and contemporary Vietnamese films. Film buffs can look forward to specially subtitled wartime films, diasporic Vietnam films, engaging documentaries, as well as the premiere of new films.

VIETNAMESE COOKING DEMONSTRATION

HealthZone, Health Promotion Board

12 April, Sat

11.00am and 1.30pm

\$4.00 per visitor per session

(Fee includes a free game at *NutriFest 08* and complimentary admission to the new 'Exciting Eatery' area at HealthZone)

Calling all food lovers and health-food fans! Join us at HealthZone for a special Vietnamese cooking demonstration by a dietician on two healthy yet tasty Vietnamese recipes - the Vietnamese cold roll and crunchy Vietnamese chicken salad. The dietician will also share important information and tips on health, nutrition and cooking with the participants!

For more information, please call HealthZone at 1800 4353616.

BUI XUAN PHAI

Auditorium, Singapore Art Museum

1 May to 3 May 2008

1 & 2 May: 8pm, 3 May: 3pm & 8pm

Bui Xuan Phai is widely revered as one of the greatest Vietnamese painters. This monologue, set mainly in the period of 1945 to 1988 in Hanoi and based closely on Phai's diary, explores the artist's life and his philosophies in the period of transitions and upheavals in the country. This play also integrates scenes on Cheo theatre, performed by Eleanor Clapham, Australia.

Directed by Benny Lim with monologue performance by Richard Chua from Singapore.

VIETNAM FESTIVAL PARTICIPATING MUSEUMS, GALLERIES AND PARTNERS

PARTICIPATING NHB MUSEUMS/INSTITUTIONS

Asian Civilisations Museum 1 Empress Place S(179555)	Tel: 6332 7798
National Archives of Singapore 1 Canning Rise S(179868)	Tel: 6332 7973
National Museum of Singapore 93 Stamford Road S(178897)	Tel: 6332 3659
Singapore Art Museum 71 Bras Basah Road S(189555)	Tel: 6332 3222
Singapore Philatelic Museum 23-B Coleman Street S(179807)	Tel: 6337 3888

PARTICIPATING MUSEUM ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS

Healthzone Level 2, Health Promotion Board, 3 Second Hospital Avenue, S(168937) Tel: 1800-435 3616
Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research Block S6, #03-01, Science Drive 2, National University of Singapore S(117546) Tel: 6874 5082

PARTICIPATING ART GALLERIES

Art-2 Gallery 140 Hill Street #01-03 MICA Building S(179369)	Tel: 6338 8713
Ernst & Young Gallery One Raffles Quay Level 18 North Tower S(048583) Tel: 6535 7777	
Gajah Gallery 140 Hill Street #01-08 MICA Building S(179369)	Tel: 6737 4202

Red Sea Gallery

9 Dempsey Road, #01-10 Dempsey Hill S(247697) Tel: 6732 6711

PARTICIPATING F&B OUTLETS**Hue Restobar**

The Amara Singapore Hotel, 165 Tanjong Pagar Road S(088539)

Tel: 6879 2555

The Orange Lantern**Orange Lantern @ Killiney Road**

73 Killiney Road S(239528)

Tel: 6732 8032

Orange Lantern @ Harbourfront Centre

1 Maritime Square, Harbourfront Centre #01-98 S(099253)

Tel: 6274 1968