

MEDIA RELEASE***For immediate release*****DISCOVER OUR HERITAGE ANEW WITH SINGAPORE HERITAGEFEST 2022**

The annual festival will return for its 19th edition with a slew of immersive programmes that anchor on the themes of travel history and natural heritage



Singapore, 20 April 2022 – The 19th edition of ***Singapore HeritageFest (SHF)*** returns over four weekends from 2 to 29 May 2022. Presented by the National Heritage Board (NHB), *SHF 2022* will offer more than 120 on-site and online heritage experiences that beckon Singaporeans from all walks of life to explore the lesser-known stories of our local heritage and culture.

2 *SHF 2022* will commemorate Singapore’s vibrant travel history and rich natural heritage, which is fitting as this year also marks the 75th anniversary of Singapore Airlines (SIA), 50th anniversary of Sentosa Development Corporation, 50th birthday of the Merlion statue and 10th anniversary of Gardens by the Bay. This year’s programme line-up includes heritage and cultural trails, hands-on workshops, video documentaries, tours, exhibitions and digital programmes that illuminate the evolution of travel to and within Singapore, and uncover hidden aspects of the flora and fauna native to the region.

3 *SHF* Festival Director David Chew said, “We are excited to offer more physical programmes this year compared to the past two years, and this ties in well with our festival themes of nature and travel which are best experienced in-person. Through creative interpretations of our festival themes, many of which were conceptualised together with our festival partners and

members of the community, we hope to bring heritage alive, enabling festival-goers to uncover lesser-known aspects of our history in refreshing ways. It is also my hope that our programmes can help to seed certain conversation starters to set people thinking about Singapore’s history and heritage, which are as important as the festival experiences themselves.”

An island-wide exploration of Singapore’s travel history, natural heritage, and more

4 Presented in a hybrid format, this year’s *SHF* brings heritage and culture to the fore with physical programmes that festival-goers can enjoy in-person, as well as a selection of digital programmes that they can enjoy from home. With more than 80 community partners involved this year, from passionate members of the community to cultural institutions such as Nagore Dargah Indian Muslim Heritage Centre, Siong Leng Musical Association and Orang Laut SG and first-time festival partners including Capitol Singapore, Changi Airport Group, Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, Mandai Wildlife Group and Singapore Aviation Academy, a plethora of exciting activities await, with something suitable for Singaporeans of all ages and interests. Festival highlights include:

- **A closer look into the lives of everyday Singaporeans**

- An avid fan of our national carrier, Jason Ang has more than 100 SIA memorabilia in his collection – this includes a series of limited-edition items such as a harmonica and in-flight menus amongst many others. He is one of several Singaporeans being profiled in the *Home Museum: Collections of Travel and Natural Heritage* video series for their unique hobbies this *SHF*, alongside Blackcrow Taxidermy & Art artist Vivian Tham, who helms Singapore’s first and only commercial taxidermy studio, and plant collector Ethan Lim, whose flourishing home garden is a sight to behold.
- The *Open Business* videos feature two Singapore business owners who run Abba’s Department Store and Bee Amazed Garden respectively, who share their inspirations and journeys in the areas of tourism heritage and natural heritage. Abba’s Department Store has been making tailored suits since 1979, and has seen and benefitted from the influx of tourists from when its stores used to be at Orchard Road and Change Alley. Bee Amazed Garden is a local and unique farm that appeals both to tourists and

locals, which introduces the knowledge and importance of honey bees in our ecosystem.

- An Orang Pulau/Laut descendant, Firdaus Sani, will be sharing lesser-known stories from the community and its traditions, through a guided tour and a video under the four-part *Community Association Video Series*.

- **Explorations of Singapore's scenic natural landscape**
 - From the thriving mangrove ecosystems to the serene nature reserves and parks, Singapore is home to abundant greenery and a wealth of nature experiences even within our urban cityscape, which has made us a City in a Garden. Through guided explorations of Lower Khatib Bongsu, a community garden or urban farms Bee Amazed Garden and Insectta, city-dwellers will find that there is truly more than meets the eye in the roads less travelled in our small island.
 - In addition, *SHF 2022* will also feature a series of workshops and programmes that illuminate the beauty of nature such as *Blue Pea Wonder Workshop*, inspired by the butterfly pea plant that is native to Asia and known for its healing properties, or *Singapore's Natural History in 3 Plants*, which consists of a tour of Fort Canning Park's Spice Garden and a themed workshop that explores the history of three cash crops: coffee, pineapple and coconut, and examines sustainable ways of living to help preserve Singapore's natural heritage.

- **Tours and heritage offerings featuring iconic landmarks integral to the development of Singapore's world-class tourism and travel landscape**
 - Take a closer look at the stories behind our luxury hotels such as Fullerton Hotel, PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay, and Goodwood Park Hotel, and delve deeper into each building's architecture as well as how they have transformed over the years and adopted unique concepts in the evolution with Singapore's tourism landscape.
 - Festival-goers may also celebrate Sentosa's golden jubilee as a leisure destination with the *SentoSights Tours* or the newly launched *Sentosa Heritage Trail*, which unveils hidden gems and insights into the island's nature, heritage and marine life.

- The Singapore Aviation Academy, the training arm of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, is opening its doors to public for the first time, and participants can learn more about the academy and discover what it takes to be an air controller or airport fire-fighter.
 - The *Merli-Go-Round to Singapore HeritageFest* game, both online and on-site, invites locals and visitors of all ages to go on an adventure to uncover hidden tales of Singapore's colourful history in four of our cultural precincts.
 - The second edition of *Cinema Reclaimed: Travel and Tourism in Singapore Cinema* casts a spotlight at how Singapore has been depicted in stories of travel, through the perspectives of outsiders coming into Singapore and also of Singaporean characters who are themselves portrayed as travelers, tourists and adventurers.
- **Interactive workshops conducted by local heritage craftsmen**
 - Get in touch with Singapore's rich heritage through a repertoire of hands-on workshops available as part of this year's *SHF*. Whether it's weaving *ketupat* with practitioner Anita Tompong or creating *rangoli* art with veteran Vijaya Mohan, participants can try their hand at some of Singapore's diverse traditional crafts as part of the *MasterCraft Series*, while gaining a deeper appreciation of our country's intangible cultural heritage.
 - Another highlight is Roger&Sons' furniture making craft workshop, where participants are invited to create their own pieces and witness how the Yeo brothers of the company are modernising the woodworking industry, with sustainability at the core of their business.

Other festival signatures

5 In addition to *SHF 2022* programmes, this year's festival will also feature *Homeground*, where a life-sized recreation of the classic Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) train awaits all at the National Museum of Singapore's Stamford Gallery. The specially curated installation is an intersection of the festival's two themes, bringing us back to the days of train travel while featuring

our natural heritage with scenes of the Rail Corridor in the background. *Homeground* will also feature drop-in activities and content by students from the NAFA Youth Panel.

6 The festival's signature *Ride & Discover* programme will also return this year to accompany Singaporeans on their daily commute with informative content panels on the festival's two themes of Singapore's travel history and natural heritage. Available at four different MRT stations, these everyday spaces will be transformed to tell the stories of Singapore landmarks that we know and love. Please refer to **Annex A** for more information on *SHF 2022* programmes.

7 *SHF 2022* programmes will be open for registration from **21 April 2022, noon**. Members of the public may visit www.sgheritagefest.gov.sg for more information on the programmes, and how to register.

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About the National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. As the custodian of Singapore's heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit.

NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the national collection. Through the national collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.

About Singapore HeritageFest

The Singapore HeritageFest (SHF) is the National Heritage Board's signature annual outreach event that celebrates the many facets of Singapore's diverse heritage and culture. SHF works with individuals, groups and communities to co-create programmes and offerings. This allows the festival to uncover lesser-known stories and narratives, engender a greater sense of ownership, and empower Singaporeans to safeguard and promote our shared heritage. The inaugural edition of SHF was staged in 2004, and since then, the festival has continued to provide on-site and online experiences with yearly themes that focus on different aspects of Singapore's heritage.

SINGAPORE HERITAGEFEST 2022 PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**Physical programmes**

- **Homeground** Natural Heritage Travel & Tourism Heritage

Dates: 29 April to 5 June 2022

Venue: National Museum Singapore

The *Singapore HeritageFest* presents *Homeground* – an installation that explores the intersections of the festival’s two themes of travel and tourism history and natural heritage. Reflecting on the simple joys of travelling, the installation features a life-sized train inspired by the Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM) train that used to run from Tanjong Pagar Railway Station. It also features video content of how the former railway line has now been transformed into a Railway Corridor – a corridor where community nodes are established and for communities to appreciate our nation’s rich and diverse natural heritage. *Homeground* will also feature drop-in activities and content by students from the NAFA Youth Panel.

- **Ride & Discover** Natural Heritage Travel & Tourism Heritage

Did you know that there was once a zoo in Punggol? Also, do you know which hotel in Singapore was once a court venue for war crimes trials in the post-World War II period? Hop on board a train and embark on a learning journey to uncover the lesser-known facts surrounding Singapore’s travel and tourism, and natural heritage such as the Goodwood Park and Singapore Zoo through *Singapore HeritageFest 2022’s Ride & Discover* programme – a content series which reimagines MRT stations as exhibition spaces. Come and relive the stories that connect us at these stations: Somerset, Bayfront, Kent Ridge and Clementi MRT Stations. Snap a picture with our Ride & Discover panels and tag us on our socials @sgheritagefest #OurStories!

- **SentoSights (Sentosa’s Signature Tours)** Natural Heritage Travel & Tourism Heritage
Registration required via www.sentosa.com.sg/sentosights/

Venture into another side of Sentosa through Sentosa Development Corporation’s new sustainability-themed and heritage-themed *SentoSights* tours! Featuring more than 10 unique guided tours, explore Sentosa’s hidden gems such as Fort Siloso, Fort Serapong, Tanjong Rimau and the Imbiah and Coastal Trails. Or encounter unique experiences like game-based explorations, magic demonstrations and night-time forest

walks that let you delve into the island's heritage in a fun and engaging way, and gain insights into the importance of sustainability and conservation.

- **Garden-in-a-Hotel** Natural Heritage Travel & Tourism Heritage

Dates: 10, 17, 24, 31 May

Time: 2pm to 3pm

Venue: PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay

Fee: \$30 per pax (Tour + Mocktail); \$78* per pax (Tour + Afternoon Tea) | Up to 10 pax per session *Note: Minimum of 2 registered persons

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

This guided walking tour aims to showcase how nature, sustainability, green innovations and architecture converge in PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay, the country's first 'Garden-in-a-Hotel'. Featuring a showcase of the hotel's iconic architecture and green innovations, as well as the biophilic design containing over 2,400 plants from more than 60 varieties of flora, the tour is bound to delight as it even concludes with a refreshing craft mocktail session enlivened with fresh herbs from the hotel's very own Urban Farm, one of the Central Business District's largest. Participants will also get to visit the rooftop Farm, which forms the backbone of the hotel's farm-to-table, farm-to-bar and farm-to-spa concepts, and be introduced to the hotel's live songbirds.

- **Lower Khatib Bongsu Trail** Natural Heritage

Dates: 14, 15, 28 May

Time: 7.15am to 12.30pm

Meeting point: Sembawang Park

Fee: \$115 per pax; \$75 (age 12 & below) | 30 pax per session

Suitable for age 4 years and above

Registration: <https://wa.me/message/QJCSHHRJIZQKM1>

Khatib Bongsu is one of Singapore's largest mangrove riverine ecosystems. There are many sections to explore and this river trail will take you on an adventure along the Old Trees Ways, Perepat Hunt, Albizia Lagoon, and The Seletars of Sungei Khatib Bongsu, our almost forgotten natural river.

Things to note for the trail:

1. Level: Beginners/ No kayaking experience / Minimum age 4 years & above
2. Start/End: Sembawang Park
3. Provided: Double kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices, guides, & complimentary late breakfast
4. To bring: Sun protection (UPF 50 long pants & shirt, gloves, hat, sunglasses),

wear covered shoes, 1L water, change of clothes (will get wet!).

5. Optional: Bino for bird watching, cameras, field book, waterproof your phone & camera
6. Toilets/showers are available in the area. Participants can leave their things in the company's vehicle and pick them up after the trip.

- **Wheels On The Bus: Bee One Happy Family** Natural Heritage

Dates: 7, 8, 14, 21, 22, 28, 29 May

Time: 11am

Venue: Bee Amazed Garden

Fee: \$50* per pax | Up to 10 pax per session

Suitable for age 5 and above

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Bzz.. would you like to be a friend of the bees? For this edition of *Wheels on the Bus*, we explore the theme of natural heritage through the art of beekeeping culture at Bee Amazed Garden. Bee Amazed is a local and unique farm that's not only a tourist destination but the perfect place for family bonding. In this interactive tour, you will get to learn all about the behaviour of honey bees in Singapore and learn to differentiate what good honey is.

Highlights of the tour include:

1. Mission of Bee Amazed Garden: Making Singapore bee-friendly.
2. How not to get stung by bees.
3. What is the difference between wasps, hornets and honey bees?
4. What are the types of Singapore honey bees?
5. Who wants to be a Superhero?
6. Who are the inhabitants of a bee colony?
7. How is honey made & what is good honey?
8. Honey Tasting.
9. Photo-taking session with the bees.
10. BEE the solution to Greater Biodiversity, Environmental Friendliness, Climate Change and Food Security
11. Learn how to be brave and a person of influence
12. MY HONEY Theme song.

- **Wheels On The Bus: Go Green, Go Buggy! Insect Farm Tour** Natural Heritage

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 May

Time: 10am to 11am

Venue: Insectta, 60 Jalan Penjara, Singapore 149375

Fee: \$20 per pax | Up to 15 pax per session

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sqheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Curious to find out more about how an insect farm works? Now you can get right into the heart of the action with this exciting farm tour! Learn more about the superheroes of Singapore's first black soldier fly farm located in the middle of Queenstown, and try your hand at insect farming activities. Get ready to get your hands grubby and discover how insect farms are revolutionizing sustainable agriculture. Every participant signed up via *Singapore HeritageFest* will get a free packet of edible veggie seeds to bring home after this special edition of the tour and participate in a fun chicken feeding activity!

Highlights of the tour include:

1. Tour Singapore's first black soldier fly farm and learn more about the day in the life of an insect farmer - right next to millions of live insects!
2. With 7 highly interactive stations to visit, you can be sure that every moment you spend at Insectta will have all your senses engaged!
3. Perfect for mixed aged groups, this tour is designed to delight young and old with easy-to-understand explanations of the science and heart behind insect farming.

- **Blue Pea Wonder Workshop** **Natural Heritage**

Date: 21 May

Time: 1.30pm to 4pm

Venue: 420 Pasir Ris Drive 6

Fee: \$90 per pax

Suitable for age 10 and above

Registration: www.eattodraw.com

Inspired by the exquisite blue pea flowers, this 2.5-hour culinary and craft workshop in Pasir Ris is centered on appreciating the butterfly pea plant, or *Clitoria ternatea*, that is native to Asia and known for its healing properties. Helmed by artist Carlyn Law and educator Janna Hussain – two neighbours who bonded over the blue pea, this unique workshop will take participants back to the days of the kampong where they can harvest a variety of blue pea flowers, lemongrass and pandan leaf from the home garden to the kitchen table. Participants will discover the cultural significance and culinary uses of the humble blue pea around the world. The workshop comprises an immersive cooking demo experience with Janna who will demonstrate how to prepare two traditional kampong dishes using blue pea – *nasi lemak* and *kuih dadar*, as well as a printmaking craft activity at Carlyn's home, where participants will get to take home their blue pea seeds, 1 hand carved stamp, 1 ink pad, 2 cards and enjoy the kampong dishes.

- **Singapore's Natural History in 3 Plants** **Natural Heritage**

Dates: 7, 14, 21 May

Time: 9.30am (Pineapple Theme), 10.30am (Coffee Theme*), 2.30pm (Coconut Theme)

Venue: Spice Garden at Fort Canning & National Museum of Singapore

Fee: \$96 per pax

**Coffee Theme is only applicable for families*

***Note: The family option will have a special portrait session before the start of the workshop.*

Registration: Link will be available on sgheritagefest.gov.sg from 21 April, 12noon

Join us on a historian-led tour of the gardens at Fort Canning Park to explore the history of Singapore's three cash crops - coffee, pineapple and coconut - that were once key drivers of Singapore's economy. Learn about their impact on Singapore's nature, how they shaped our landscape and lessons we can draw on to promote a better understanding of sustainable ways of living.

For the respective workshops:

Pineapple Theme	The fun and learning continue in a workshop to explore the use of pineapple in our Singapore food culture. But what happens to the peels and core after cutting up the fruit? In this pineapple themed workshop, we will discover ways we can use pineapple byproducts and waste. It is hands-on to make an eco-enzyme that we can use for gardening and as a general household cleaning solution.
Coffee Theme (Family Edition)	The coffee themed edition includes a special family edition, where you and your child can experience a complimentary family portrait session featuring traditional film photography but with an environmentally friendly twist.
Coconut Theme	The fun and learning continue in a themed workshop. Have you cooled down with a fresh coconut drink in Singapore's sweltering heat? Do you wonder what happens to the inedible husks after finishing your drink? We will find out what by products coconut husks can be made into, followed by a hands-on activity using cocopeat as a medium to grow microgreens.

- **MasterCraft: Ketupat Weaving with Anita Tompong** **Natural Heritage**

Dates: 21, 22, 28, 29 May

Time: 11am to 12:30pm

Venue: National Museum of Singapore

Fee: \$10 per pax

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Ketupat holds a significant role in the popular dishes during Hari Raya Aidilfitri, but did you know that they come in various shapes and sizes? The method of weaving the *ketupat* may look similar, but the difference lies in the complexity of each weave, particularly the *kepala* (head) and *ekor* (tail). In this workshop, learn more about the history of *ketupat* and its different versions from around the world – both traditional and modern. Put into practice what you learned in a fun hands-on activity to weave your very own *ketupat* just in time for the Hari Raya season!

- **MasterCraft: Rangoli Making with Vijaya Mohan** Natural Heritage

Dates: 21, 22, 28, 29 May

Time: 2pm to 3:30pm

Venue: National Museum of Singapore

Fee: \$25 per pax

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Rangoli is a multi-coloured floor decoration that symbolises wealth, joy, and prosperity, as well as thanksgiving to deities. The art of *rangoli* originated from India and was brought to Singapore by Indian migrants who settled here. Join Ms Vijaya Mohan, a veteran who currently holds the Guinness World Record for the largest *rangoli* pattern ever created, in this interactive workshop to learn about the history, ingredients and evolution of *rangoli* in Singapore. You'll even get the chance to make your own *rangoli* art and bring it home!

- **MasterCraft: Conversations and woodworking workshops with Roger&Sons** Natural Heritage

Dates: 7 May

Time: 10am to 11.30am; 11.30am to 1pm; 2pm to 3.30pm; 3.30pm to 5pm

Venue: 115 King George's Avenue, #01-01, S208561

Fee: \$100 per pax | Up to 20 pax per session

Registration: <https://rog-chopstickspencil.peatix.com>

Dive into a fun-filled afternoon of conversations about The Local Tree Project and woodworking workshops with the team at Roger&Sons as they illuminate the landscape of the woodworking industry with stories of our local trees and their efforts in utilising local resources and reducing wastage. To experience the process behind the craft of

turning local wood into products and furniture in Singapore, you will also get the unique chance to produce your very own pair of wooden chopsticks and pencils through a hands-on workshop!

- **Sentosa Heritage Trail** **Natural Heritage**
Self-guided

Co-created with NHB and Sentosa Development Corporation, the *Sentosa Heritage Trail* is presented over three short trail routes: *Kampongs and Barracks*, *Forts* and *Memories of Sentosa*. The trail will serve to bring back fond memories for those who have worked, lived, played or witnessed the historical changes the island underwent through the years, as well as serve as a useful source of information for visitors and younger generation Singaporeans.

- **Tour of Fullerton Hotel** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 May

Time: 10am to 11am; 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Fullerton Hotel

Fee: \$5 per pax; \$3 (for senior citizens and students only) | Up to 10 pax per session

Registration: <https://peatix.com/user/1025688>

Go on a tour to explore the unique architectural features of this impressive Neoclassical structure and uncover the many stories of people who had worked in the historic building. Designed to house the General Post Office and other government departments, The Fullerton Hotel has been a witness to several events significant in Singapore's history – in the colonial, war, and independence years. Today, as a grand hotel with a rich heritage, the building continues to inspire and delight.

- **Tour of Goodwood Park Hotel** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Dates: 13, 14, 28 May

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Venue: Goodwood Park Hotel

Fee: \$35 per pax | Up to 10 pax per session | Suitable for age 7 and above

Registration: <https://peatix.com/user/1025688>

Nestled in the heart of Singapore's shopping district lies the historic Goodwood Park Hotel. Once the German Teutonia Club in 1900, it is today a luxury heritage hotel. Join us on a guided tour to discover stories about the building and learn about its transformation over the years, with special access to view the magnificent Rose Marie Suite! Participants will also get to enjoy teatime treats* after the tour: A durian trio platter

comprising one piece each of D24 Mousse Cake, D24 Puff, D24 Strawberry Mascarpone Filo Tart with a choice of coffee or tea, worth \$48++!

**Only applicable for dine-in at Coffee Lounge and takeaway is not allowed. The durian pastries are not vegetarian and are not halal-certified.*

- **Air Traffic Control - We guide you home** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Dates: 7 & 14 May

Time: 10am to 11am; 1pm to 2pm

Venue: Singapore Aviation Academy

Fee: Free (15 pax per session) | Suitable for age 13 and above

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Get up close with the people who keep our skies safe and efficient round the clock and learn about their journey as an Air Traffic Controller at one of the world's busiest airports. Discover how the Singapore Aviation Academy, the training arm of Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, has been the nation's training ground for some of the most dynamic and challenging professions in aviation for more than 60 years and plays a vital role in their training and development. You will also get to experience an exclusive day and night view from the 'control tower', through a specialised training simulator.

- **Fire-fighting- No Flame Too High** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Dates: 7 & 14 May

Time: 10am to 11.30am; 1pm to 2.30pm

Venue: Singapore Aviation Academy

Fee: Free (12 pax per session) | Suitable for all ages

Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Discover what it takes to be an airport fire-fighter at the world's best airport and how the Singapore Aviation Academy plays a vital role in their training and development. Experience a day in the life of an airport fire-fighter through interactive station activities and a visit to our fire-fighting simulators and foam-tenders. You will get to practice target shooting with a charged water hose and even save a casualty.

- **Merli-Go-Round to Singapore HeritageFest** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Dates: 2 - 29 May 2022

Available via the VisitSingapore mobile app and in Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Gelam and Katong-Joo Chiat

In celebration of the Merlion statue's 50th anniversary this year, join Merli on an adventure to explore hidden gems and learn about Singapore's colourful history and heritage in Chinatown, Little India, Kampong Gelam, and Katong-Joo Chiat! The *Merli-Go-Round to Singapore HeritageFest* game invites you to embark on themed quests, earn in-game coins and win exclusive Merli-themed prizes. Spend "Weekends with Merli", with special games at Little India and Chinatown. In addition, participate in "Spot the Merli" activities in the four cultural precincts to win exclusive prizes. Don't miss this chance as Merli brings you on a journey through Singapore's cultural precincts, and share your photo memories by tagging the VisitSingapore and *Singapore HeritageFest's* social platforms with #merligoround and #MerliGoSHF.

Download the VisitSingapore mobile app to start your *Merli-Go-Round to Singapore HeritageFest* adventure and win exclusive prizes.

- **Cinema Reclaimed** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**

Join us for a series of curated film screenings and a live dialogue session the curators behind the second edition of *Cinema Reclaimed*. They will shed light on their chosen theme of travel & tourism.

- **Temptations of Travel: Singapore and Tourism On Film** | By Ben Slater & Toh Hun Ping
Date & Time: 15 May, 2pm to 3pm
Venue: Oldham Theatre
Fee: \$10 per pax
Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

This talk lifts the curtain on *Cinema Reclaimed: Temptations of Travel*, a programme of films exploring how international films make use of Singapore as an exotic locale, as well as how Singapore films depict travellers at home, overseas and the travel industry itself. Armed with clips, images and background knowledge on the locations, intrepid film historians and researchers Ben Slater and Toh Hun Ping take you on a journey from a Singapore stop-over in Hitchcock's *Rich And Strange*, to Hayley Mills' long stay in Noel Coward adaptation *Pretty Polly*, from the anarchic tourism of European superspies in 1960s, to romance-inflected visits from Hong Kong tourists (*Tropicana Interlude*, *The Orchid*), Japanese tourists (*Raffles Hotel*, *Love from Temasek*) and visitors from India (*Avanthan Manithan*, *Priya*). Travel and tourism in these films are markers of progress and modernity, as well as danger and transgression.

This programme is presented in collaboration with Asian Film Archive for Singapore HeritageFest.

- **Rasa Sayang Eh (1959)** | Directed by L. Krishnan. Starring Wahid Satay, Kasma Booty, Puteh Lawak, Shariff Medan, Dollah Sarawak
98 mins / Malay with English subtitles
Date & Time: 15 May, 5pm
Venue: Oldham Theatre
Fee: \$10 per pax
Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

Named after the classic folk song played, hummed and sung throughout the film, this feather-light comedy-thriller produced by Cathay-Keris showcases the charm of comic star Wahid Satay. He plays Baning, a travelling entertainer on tour in Penang before he flies commercial to Kuala Lumpur and then takes a private plane to Singapore, where most of the story unfolds. Unbeknownst to him, secret and valuable maps are hidden in his luggage, making him the Hitchcockian 'wrong man' target for wicked villains, while romancing a doctor he met on the plane. Wahid stumbles and bumbles through a thoroughly modern urban Malaya - a world of hotels, room service, plane travel, dead bodies, sleeping pills, alcohol and lots of smoking.

This programme is presented in collaboration with Asian Film Archive for Singapore HeritageFest.

- **Hawaii Five-O: The Year of the Horse (1979)** | Directed by Don Weiss. Starring Jack Lord, Barry Bostwick, George Lazenby, Victoria Principal, Osman Jilani
97 mins / English
Date & Time: 22 May, 2pm
Venue: Oldham Theatre
Fee: \$10 per pax
Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

The most famous TV detective in the world Steve McGarrett travels to Singapore to investigate an international drugs cartel, leading to adventures amidst Singapore's biggest tourist attractions in 1978, notably the Mount Faber-Sentosa cable car and Chinese Gardens, Jurong. McGarrett's touristic detachment is

contrasted with his nemesis, a rogue American soldier played by Barry Bostwick who has 'gone native', leading a squad of local thugs and doing tai chi by the water. This special *Hawaii Five-O* double episode, which plays as a feature-length movie, was shot in Singapore at the same time as Peter Bogdanovich's infamous *Saint Jack*, and shares some of the cast, including (former James Bond) Lazenby and Malaysian actor Osman Jailani, however the TV production worked closely with the Ministry of Culture in the depiction of Singapore for an international market.

This programme is presented in collaboration with Asian Film Archive for Singapore HeritageFest.

- **Crazy Bumpkins in Singapore 阿牛下南洋 (1976)** | Directed by John Law Ma.
Starring Wang Sha, Ye Feng, Ai Ti, Rita Chao, Bai Yan, Chen Shucheng
100 mins / Mandarin with English subtitles
Date & Time: 29 May*, 1.30pm; 5 June, 2pm
Venue: Oldham Theatre
Fee: \$10 per pax
Registration: Link will be available at <https://sgheritagefest.peatix.com> from 21 April, 12noon

The fourth and final installment of the highly successful *Crazy Bumpkins* comedy series, produced by Shaw Brothers in the 1970s, is notable in finally bringing comedian-stars Wang Sha and Ye Feng 'home' to Singapore. The double-act, who performed in multiple languages and dialects, gained popularity on local TV and radio, before their fame spread to Malaysia, Taiwan and Hong Kong, where the *Bumpkins* films were produced. Here, they travel to the Lion City to escape gangsters (of course!) and much slapstick mayhem ensues on their travels around the island, including hi-jinks with a baby. Unshown in Singapore since its original release, this is a precious record of the legendary comedians as well as a wide-ranging tour of mid-1970s Singapore in colour.

**Note: The screening on 29 May will be followed by a talk in Mandarin by Su Zhangkai, film researcher, memorabilia collector and author of the book *Agak-Agak - 90 stories of Wang Sha and Ye Feng* (2019).*

This programme is presented in collaboration with Asian Film Archive for Singapore HeritageFest.

Digital programmes

All digital programmes will be available on <https://www.sgheritagefest.gov.sg/>

- **Home Museum: Collections of Travel and Natural Heritage** **Natural Heritage** **Travel & Tourism Heritage**
Online

If your home was a museum, what would you collect, archive and display? Join our three collectors as they share about their collections that are centred around *Singapore HeritageFest* (SHF) 2022's theme of travel and natural heritage. From Singapore Airlines memorabilia to animal taxidermy – what inspired them to do so? Do you have your own collection of items? Share it with us and tag us on our socials @sgheritagefest - we love seeing new contributions!

- About Jason Ang's Collection
An avid fan of our national carrier, Jason has more than 100 Singapore Airlines memorabilia in his collection – this includes a series of limited-edition items such as a harmonica and in-flight menus amongst many others. Hear more about what sparked his passion in collecting and learn more about these items.
- About Vivian Tham's Collection
Passionate about both animals and art, Vivian decided to combine both her passions into the art of taxidermy – the practice of preserving dead wildlife. In this episode, we visit her home to find out more about her collection and the inspiration behind her practice helming Singapore's first and only commercial taxidermy studio. To enjoy \$20 off the workshops by Black Crow Taxidermy & Art, use the code HERITAGE20. Promo is valid till 31 December 2022.
- About Ethan Lim's Collection
From a young age, Ethan has been fascinated by nature and plants, over the years that grew into a passion from watching plants grow and eventually into gardening. A doctor by profession – Ethan finds purpose in caring for human patients and nurturing his plants at home and find many similarities in both pursuits. In this episode, we visit his garden-in-a-home and find out more about what inspires his collection and tips on how to kickstart your very own garden!

- **Open Business @ Abba's Department Store** **Natural Heritage**
Online

Meet Prakash, the owner of Abba's Department Store at Smith Street Chinatown. They

have been making tailored suits since 1979. Find out the business owner's inspirations and development journeys in keeping their local business going. Support Singapore businesses and create our Singapore heritage!

- **Open Business @ Bee Amazed Garden** **Natural Heritage**
Online

Meet John, the Founder and educator at Bee Amazed Garden. They have been providing bee education and team building experiences since 2017. Find out the business owner's inspirations and development journeys in keeping their local business going. Support Singapore businesses and create our Singapore heritage!

- **Community Association Series: Who Are We?** **Natural Heritage**
Online

Who Are We? is a hosted series that follows our host on a journey to find out how different ethnic groups preserve their traditions as she attempts to make sense of her cultural identity in modern day Singapore. In each episode, the host learns about the challenges in keeping such cultural practices alive as she picks up a traditional skill from the craftsmen who fight tooth and nail to keep them alive. For many who belong to minority communities, their heritage has been kept alive through food, music and traditional customs. Without which, who would they be?

- Episode 1: Fishing with the last indigenous descendants of Singapore's Semakau island
Before Semakau became a landfill, it used to be an island where the aboriginal people, Orang Lauts, called home. In this episode, host Amrit searches for the remaining descendants of Orang Lauts, Firdaus and his family, who had to relocate to the Singapore mainland in the 1970s. Amrit sails out to sea on a night fishing trip with the family to catch squids to make *Sotong Hitam*, one of Orang Laut's traditional dishes. She learns about how the family continues to preserve the spirit of the sea or "*Jiwa Laut*" even after leaving the island for 50 years.
- Episode 2: Reviving a 184-year-old traditional British dish within the family
Host Amrit follows Christine, a 5th generation Moss, and Steven, her son, on a journey of preparing Shepherd's Pie, a traditional British recipe. To reconnect with her British identity since her forefathers stepped ashore 180 years ago, Christine learnt how to make Shepherd's Pie using localised ingredients so that future generations, like Steven, will stay connected to both their Eurasian and Asian roots. Amrit also learns about the complexity behind the Eurasian identity



as well as the challenges behind passing down these family recipes.

- Episode 3: Day with the oldest frame-makers of Singapore

Host Amrit visits Mr Yoosuf, a 2nd generation frame maker, and learns about how the Indian-Muslim community came to dominate the frame industry in Singapore. Mr Yoosuf teaches Amrit about how a humble piece of Jelutong wood is transformed into a precious piece of furniture used by various religions. Amrit tries her hand at making an “instant” frame, does a round of delivery, installation and spends the day hanging out with Singapore’s tight-knit community of frame-makers.

- Episode 4: The 14-year-old Indian girl pursuing her interest in ancient Chinese music

Nanyin (南音) is a music genre which originated as court music during the Han Dynasty in China, more than 2,000 years ago. The style of music subsequently took root in the South province of Fujian in China. How did such an ancient form of Chinese music pique the interest of a 14-year-old girl of a different race? Host Amrit meets up with Nadya, learning alongside her to see what a typical day of practice is like, the religious and cultural significance behind the performances and how it evolves to remain relevant today. At the end of the practice, Amrit is given the opportunity to participate in a simple performance.