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A DIGITAL DISCOVERY OF OUR ISLAND'S LESSER-KNOWN STORIES WITH THE SINGAPORE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

*The festival's 17th edition goes fully digital for the first time, spotlighting Singapore's multi-
faceted history and heritage*



Singapore, 11 June 2020 – Travel back in time to a Tanjong Pagar where shophouses rather than skyscrapers were bustling with diverse communities living and working in the area; discover the opulent past of Pasir Ris when it was home to extravagant beach resorts; or listen in to accounts by former police coast guards of the well-loved Kallang Basin before it became the sporting hub it is today! From 19 June to 5 July 2020, the **Singapore Heritage Festival 2020: Digital Edition** (*SHF 2020*) will be presenting lesser-known narratives of these places as it returns for its 17th edition with more than 80 free programmes hosted on the SHF website (www.heritagefestival.sg).

2 Held over three weekends, festival-goers can look forward to enjoying a line-up of fun and interactive online programmes organised together with both new and long-time community partners. These offer insight into the colourful histories of these neighbourhoods, and reveal lesser known facets of our tangible and intangible cultural heritage. *SHF 2020* is moving its festivities online for the first time since its conception in 2004 – allowing for more

people to access heritage content from the comfort of their homes as part of the ongoing #SGCultureAnywhere movement.

3 SHF Festival Director, Mr David Chew, said, “Despite the ongoing COVID-19 situation, and probably even more so because of it, we wanted to work with our community partners to still deliver the festival to Singaporeans to provide some ‘respite’ from all that is going on. And this is only possible because of the strong support of our community partners who have gamely adapted their programmes for a digital festival.”

4 “SHF has always brought people together to discover and experience our heritage, and this year, we hope to continue this tradition, albeit digitally. A lot of effort was invested in creating opportunities for our festival-goers to interact and have conversations with our partners, as well as with one another, as they would at a physical festival. I hope festival-goers will go away with a greater interest and curiosity in our heritage to want to dive deeper into discovering more of Singapore’s lesser-known history,” added Mr Chew.

Three familiar neighbourhoods to rediscover

5 Festival-goers can look forward to over 80 free programmes from virtual guided tours to live-streamed demonstrations, online dialogue sessions, podcast tours, short films and activities that they can enjoy from home – all of which celebrate Singapore’s rich and diverse heritage. In particular, SHF 2020 will spotlight three neighbourhoods across three weekends this year:

- **Weekend One | Tanjong Pagar (19 – 21 June)**

“The story of Tanjong Pagar is another wonderful chapter in the Singapore story. Within it are many sub-plots, including that of how those who came from near and far – coolies, rickshaw pullers, dock workers and traders – breathed life into the district. We hope to highlight some of these fascinating historical tidbits in the online documentaries.” – Jerome Lim, blogger and researcher

SHF 2020 kicks off with an exploration of the Tanjong Pagar district. More popularly known today for its many dining and nightlife options, Tanjong Pagar was once home to nutmeg plantations and many communities from all walks of life, and continues to be home to several places of worship. Rediscover this historic district through the *Hello Tanjong Pagar!* mini documentary series which spotlights the former St Andrew's Mission Hospital at 5 Kadayanallur Street, or pay a virtual visit to Singapore's oldest tea house and a well-loved confectionary store through an intimate live dialogue with local brands Tea Chapter and Ji Xiang Ang Ku Kueh.

Festival-goers can also dive deeper to learn about the communities that lived, worked and played there through the years – such as the Indian Muslim community who settled in the Telok Ayer area through an online video documentary, *Stories of the Sea*, by Hazel Lim. Also discover tales of everyday heroes in Tanjong Pagar with a digital storytelling and animation work titled *Dear Tanjong Pagar* by local theatre group Sweet Tooth.

- **Weekend Two | Pasir Ris (26 – 28 June)**

I found out that my dad had visited the Golden Palace Holiday Resort in his early 20s. Popular for fishing, boating and picnics, it was located at the Old Tampines Road, where the fishing pond is at Pasir Ris Town Park now. My dad and his friends paid \$2.50 for the entry fee and a lunch box – which in those days was quite expensive for youngsters like him who earned about \$100 a month. He said it stood out with its chalets, pavilions, golden pagoda and a night club that featured many local and overseas performers.” – Carlyn Law, Pasir Ris resident

The idyllic coastal neighbourhood of Pasir Ris takes the spotlight for the second weekend, with hidden stories of this former resort town. Festival-goers can step back in time to the coastal town's colourful past from its kampong days to the establishment of the historic Golden Palace Resort – through the *Hello Pasir Ris!* mini documentary series led by Pasir Ris resident Carlyn Law; a five-part *Pasir Ris, Rise and Shine* online theatrical experience by ACT3 International, and more. Local nature communities BES Drongos and Herpetological Society Singapore have also curated activities that will

transport participants from their homes to the luscious Pasir Ris mangroves and up close to wildlife from the cackling kingfisher to the elusive shore pit viper!

- **Weekend Three | Kallang (3 – 5 July)**

“I joined the Marine Police in 1977 and spent about 20 years working at the Kallang base headquarters. In addition to keeping the waters of Singapore safe and secure, I trained batches of officers to initiate them into the duties of a Marine Police officer. I also enjoyed the camaraderie of working with a close-knit group of officers. I fondly remember the tranquil view of Kallang Basin from the canteen of the headquarters. It is a scene that is close to my heart, and something that I miss dearly.” – Deputy Superintendent of Police (RET) Sebastian Yeo

The present-day Kallang is known as Singapore’s premier sporting hub, but did you know that it was also home to some of Singapore’s most iconic buildings? From the Former Police Coast Guard headquarters which protected Singapore’s shores, to Singapore’s first civilian airport that opened in 1937, explore how the district and its architecture has evolved over the course of history.

Revisit Kallang’s history through the *Hello Kallang!* mini documentary series, or immerse in theatrical production *Kallang: The View from Fire City*, which weaves together the landmarks and stories of Kallang through digital storytelling, animations, soundscape and interactive game experiences. Festival-goers can also relive Singapore’s sporting triumphs with a screening of *Kallang Roar the Movie*, or enjoy a digital tour by Kway Guan Huat Joo Chiat Popiah about the history of *popiah* that ends with a live demonstration of making *popiah* dough and skin!

Other highlights to discover

6 SHF 2020 will also explore our nation’s heritage through a medium all Singaporeans know and love – food! Festival-goers can relish in a feast of programmes that feature our intangible cultural heritage. Watch ‘live’ as heritage pastry-makers Tong Heng Delicacies and Chuan Ji Bakery Hainanese Delicacies knead their signature egg tarts and Hainanese

mooncakes, or put your culinary skills to the test with interactive demonstrations led by heritage practitioners and culinary experts as they share their recipes for *tiam tor kueh* (a Teochew sweet glutinous rice kueh), *rendang* and *sambal* chilli.

7 Festival-goers can also expect to deep dive into lesser-known festivals of our ethnic communities such as the Durga Puja and Nine Emperor Gods Festival, as well as discover extraordinary stories behind seemingly ordinary objects found in historic places of worship . Find out about these rituals and customs, and the communities that celebrate them, through research done by history students from the Nanyang Technological University. Also, delve into the stories of hospitality and traditions surrounding betel-chewing with the Asian Civilisations Museum's #HomeAndAwayACM photo essay, or embark on an adventure with Lala, our young festival guide, as she explores the different SHF neighbourhoods this year in our family-friendly #StayAtHome Activity Kit. Please refer to **Annex A** for more information on SHF 2020 programmes.

8 The full SHF 2020: Digital Edition #SGHeritageFest experience is available on the SHF website, www.heritagefestival.sg. The website will be 'live' from 15 June 2020, noon. All programmes are free and new ones will be added progressively to the website at the start of each weekend.



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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.

About Singapore Heritage Festival

The Singapore Heritage Festival (SHF) is the National Heritage Board's annual signature outreach programme. A festival for the people, by the people, SHF is a fun and meaningful celebration of Singapore's shared heritage and culture. SHF also brings together different individuals and communities to co-create programmes for the festival, thus strengthening community ownership over our shared heritage.

SHF was launched in 2004, and is currently in its 17th year. Over the years, the festival has offered Singaporeans a platform to explore and discover lesser-known aspects of Singapore's heritage and culture through specially-curated exhibitions, heritage trails, open houses, and more.

Singapore Heritage Festival 2020: Digital Edition

19 June – 5 July 2020

Say “Hello!” to the Singapore Heritage Festival 2020: Digital Edition! 17 years on, this will be the first time we won't be able to meet festival-style, but fret not, you will still get to uncover lesser-known stories of our heritage through heritage and culture demonstrations, webinars, documentaries, podcast tours and animated theatrical performances.

This year, get acquainted with a Tanjong Pagar, Pasir Ris and Kallang not many know of – from vignettes of Tanjong Pagar's early bustling rickshaw scene, to tales of the grand resort vacations Singaporeans used to have at Pasir Ris, as well as adventures told by Police Coast Guard retirees who were based in the Kallang Basin. Also, take this time at home to hone your pastry-making, tea-brewing and *belachan*-pounding skills with online workshops conducted by our community partners. We look forward to bringing the SHF experience to you at home!

For the full list of events on SHF 2020, please visit www.heritagefestival.sg

Programmes

HELLO, Tanjong Pagar!

- **Hello Tanjong Pagar! Mini Series**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Discover the multi-layered history of the district of Tanjong Pagar – where so much of Singapore's urban (re)development took place over the centuries. Join us as we explore how the ports in the area shaped the settlements in this district and the variety of communities that came to live, work, and play here. Not forgetting the former St Andrew's Mission Hospital at 5 Kadayanallur Street – where many women and children received much needed medical support in the 20th century – and how one of Singapore's earliest examples of modernist architecture still stands relevant today.

- **A Dance of Lions**

Date: 21 June

Time: 3pm – 3.30pm

Kreta Ayer is the birthplace of lion dance troupes in Singapore. Since the oldest lion dance troupe was formed in 1920 till this day, traditional lion dance is still very active in this heritage precinct.

Join us for a live dialogue with researcher Mr Lee Kok Leong as he shares his knowledge about the historical development of lion dance and the various styles of lion dance in Singapore. Together with representatives from the Singapore Hok San Association and the Singapore Chin Woo Athletic Association, we invite you to dive deeper into the world of lion dance with us.

- **A Tale of Two Communities in Chinatown**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Although predominantly occupied by Chinese immigrants, Chinatown saw the harmonious coexistence between the different ethnic groups since the early colonial years. *A Tale of Two Communities in Chinatown* explores the stories of the early Muslim and Hindu immigrants from South India through our two National Monuments – Jamae Mosque and Sri Mariamman Temple. A journey through time awaits you!

- **Cantonese Confectionaries with Tong Heng**

Date: 20 June

Time: 2pm – 2.30pm

Many would be familiar with the iconic diamond-shaped egg tart made by Tong Heng Delicacies since 1935, and the fourth-generation family business has expanded its offerings to include various well-loved Chinese pastries and desserts.

For the first time, Tong Heng Delicacies and Chuan Ji Bakery will share their experiences managing their traditional bakeries, each rich in their own dialect culture. In this session hosted by Ana – a fourth-generation member of the family business – you can get a peek into how this iconic pastry is made. Try your hands at a recipe for Tong Heng's Peach Gum dessert as well and let us know how it tastes!

- **Dear Tanjong Pagar**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Dear Tanjong Pagar weaves the tales of rickshaw coolies treading the streets; nurses of St. Andrew's Mission Hospital caring for poor women and children; teachers of Umar Pulavar, Singapore's first Tamil-medium high School; opera singers hailing from popular opera theatre, Lai Chun Yuen; and the Baweanese community of Pondok Peranakan Gelam Club; into a chronicle of everyday heroes. This series of anthropomorphic tales depict triumph, resilience and hope; shedding light on moments in our history that remind us how we arrived to where we are today whilst inspiring us to create a just and meaningful future.

- **Hainanese Delights with Chuan Ji Bakery**

Date: 20 June

Time: 3pm – 3.30 pm

Have you ever heard of the Hainanese salt-and-pepper biscuits (盐酥饼)? They were a signature item of Nam Tong Lee – a Hainanese confectionary along Purvis Road in the 1920s.

For the first time, Chuan Ji Bakery and Tong Heng Delicacies will share their experiences managing their traditional bakeries, each rich in their own dialect culture. In this session hosted by Suan – a grandson of the original proprietors – you can get a peek into how this iconic pastry is made. Try your hands at a recipe for Suan’s family kaya as well and let us know how it tastes!

- **Learn to Cook our Heritage Food**

In this hands-on virtual cooking class, we will guide you through the traditional techniques of cooking up heritage Singapore snacks from soon kueh to epok-epok and samosa at the comfort of your own home! So, even in this difficult Covid-19 pandemic situation, you can still hone your cooking skills and learn more about our food heritage.

- **Session 1: Soon Kueh**

Date: 20 June

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm

Registration required at <http://ptix.at/2bZW55>

Soon Kueh is a popular Teochew snack that makes a great breakfast or afternoon treat. It is made with handmade translucent rice skin stuffed with vegetables such as carrot and turnip

- **Session 2: Epok Epok (Karipap/Curry Puff)**

Date: 27 June

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm

Registration required at <http://ptix.at/cvMR6l>

Epok Epok (or *Karipap/Curry Puff*) is a traditional Malay snack that most Singaporeans are familiar with. Available all-day round, this bite-size deep-fried pastry with spicy fillings of potato is convenient as a quick snack and has now become multi-racial.

- **Session 3: Samosa**

Date: 4 July

Time: 3.30pm – 5pm

Registration required at <http://ptix.at/6qpQpe>

Samosa is a mouth-watering Indian snack well-loved by many people in Singapore, especially during festive occasions. Learn how to make these much-loved and tastefully packed triangles filled with potatoes in a few simple steps.

- **Lesser-known Stories of Maxwell Food Centre**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

An icon of Chinatown, Maxwell Food Centre has been popular with tourists and locals alike, but besides the delicious dishes what do you know about the history of this 92-year-old structure which opened as a market in 1928? Let food blogger Tony from Johor Kaki bring you through some of his favourite picks of Maxwell Food Centre and share the lesser-known stories behind the hawkers and history of the Maxwell Food Centre.

- **Nanyang Tea Challenge Finals**

Date: 21 June

Time: 11am – 12pm

Join us for the final round of the Pek Sin Choon Nanyang Tea Challenge and watch the 8 finalists express their creativity, using Nanyang tea blends with food pairings you may not have thought of before. Tune in to this live stream and vote for your favourite tea challenger to become the champion of this 3rd edition of the Nanyang Tea Brewing Challenge.

- **Old School @Tanjong Pagar/Chinatown**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Tanjong Pagar and the adjacent Chinatown precinct are arguably two of the oldest parts of Singapore. Although much of the area has been developed into bustling hubs for Business and Tourism, there are still little nooks that we love - areas that are like time capsules from a yesteryear. Rediscover Tanjong Pagar and Chinatown with us as we show you around some of our favourite old-school food places and long-running family owned businesses.

- **Open Business @ Ji Xiang Confectionery**

Date: 20 June

Time: 1pm – 1.45pm

Open Business @ Ji Xiang Confectionery invites you to an intimate sharing by Kelvin

Toh, the second generation of one of Singapore's most well-known *ang ku kuehs* (red tortoise cake) family brands. How did the traditional food transform to become such a popular snack?

How did the Everton Park Ang Ku Kueh business grow to become a household name? What does one need to do to keep the business going in challenging times? Come spend the afternoon with Kelvin to find out!

- **Open Business @ Tea Chapter**

Date: 21 June

Time: 1pm – 1.45pm

Open Business @ Tea Chapter invites you to an intimate sharing in Singapore's oldest tea house! Let Mr Fund Lee, the second-generation owner and Mr Tay, a long-time staff share their journeys growing with the teahouse. Trace their journey with tea and how they have grown with time, creating new chapters of life with Tea Chapter.

- **Ordinary Objects with Extraordinary Stories**

Date: 21 June

Time: 2pm – 2.30pm

Discover the extraordinary stories of historic places of worship in Singapore through a series of ordinary everyday objects! Be sure to join the Singapore Heritage Society in this enriching session to learn more about these fascinating sites, the roles they have played and continue to play in society!

- **Rediscover Telok Ayer**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Once a settlement along the coastline, Telok Ayer is closely interconnected with the notions of arrival and identity. Come experience the artistic confluence of cultures and histories at *Rediscover Telok Ayer*, which features contemporary artists Shirley Soh, Hazel Lim, Dylan Chan and Sarah Lin. Together, they uncover tales of the area drawing on former residents' memories and historical accounts to produce site-specific artworks that engage with the space it occupies. Journey safely through the trail of artworks without leaving home and see how these artists have interpreted the tales of Telok Ayer. This initiative was project managed by LASALLE's BA(Hons) Arts Management programme in collaboration with the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

- **Remembering the Old Waterfront**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Singapore has progressed rapidly over the years and not much of its original waterfront exists today. However, we can see markers of its past through historic landmarks still standing there. Join us on this tour to discover more about the waterfront story near Telok Ayer, with visits to Yueh Hai Ching temple, Former Telok Ayer Market (Lau Pa Sat) and Former Clifford Pier. Find out more about our monuments' history and uncover the secrets of our past through tours led by our volunteer guides.

- **Still Standing (15 Shorts – Stories From Our City of Good)**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Tan Cheng Siong believed in the potential of a vertical *kampong* in Singapore, where a 'C' shaped high-rise building could foster a sense of community. This film tracks the pioneer architect's journey with Pearl Bank Apartments, from its very start to its final days when the development was finally sold. Now aged 83, Tan Cheng Siong continues to combat social isolation with architectural solutions that are inclusive and community-oriented.

- **Tanjong Pagar: Parks, Plantations and Pinnacles**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Since its 14th-century origins as a fishing village with a name inspired by local legend, Tanjong Pagar has evolved into a fascinating district that combines heritage, industry and bustling contemporary living and working spaces.

Our tour moves you through the various eras of Tanjong Pagar's development. We will be taking you on an exploration of the Everton and Spottiswoode Park estates. On this walk, you will be navigating the changes that have transformed Duxton Hill from plantation land to quaint shophouse blocks and soaring pinnacles of the modern high-rise.

- **Tanjong Pagar: Their Views, Our Lenses by River Valley High School**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

A picture speaks a thousand words – be it the history, architecture or culture. *Tanjong Pagar: Their Views, Our Lenses* will show you how three Secondary 4 students from River Valley High School view Tanjong Pagar. From this photo essay, we hope photographs taken from our perspective will showcase how the landmarks in Tanjong Pagar and its surroundings continue to be of interest to both young and old.

Tanjong Pagar houses both historical and modern buildings, and holds the stories of many Singaporeans, past and present. During our walk throughout Tanjong Pagar, we encountered people from all walks of life – from tourists and working adults to the elderly congregating together and conversing with each other – part of the hustle and bustle in the heart of Tanjong Pagar. We are fond of hearing the daily chatters of people in the street to the sounds of zooming vehicles. We can even smell the aroma of local delicacies such as the famous oyster pancake from Maxwell Food Centre!

Explore the photo essay by students from River Valley High School as they present Tanjong Pagar, through their lenses. Find out more on Instagram: [@tanparison](#)

- **That Split Second: Black-and-White Photography by Hor Kwok Kin**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Photography as an art form fell off the radar of Singapore's arts narrative, despite the burgeoning of both local and regional photographic societies and salon exhibitions during the post-war epoch. Many photographers who were active between the 1960s and 1980s, especially ones from the working class, were overlooked as a result.

This June, artcommune gallery is thrilled to put the spotlight on self-taught photographer Hor Kwok Kin. Through our online presentation which features selected photographers of former sights and sites in Tanjong Pagar, Chinatown and Kallang, we survey Hor's prodigious oeuvre to find out more about what informs his style and techniques.

- **Trades and Occupations in Tanjong Pagar**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Listen and embark on a virtual walk around Tanjong Pagar as we pay homage to the history of early immigrants and our ethnic diversity. Located between the docks and the town, the area was a hub of activity from dock workers, rickshaw pullers and merchants. While Tanjong Pagar today has transformed into an area populated with cafes, bars and boutiques, there are still remnants of its history that can be seen.

- **Where We Come From: Stories and Memories of Cantonment, Keong Saik, Tanjung Malang and the Tanjong Pagar area by Ethos Books**

Date: 20 June

Time: 10.30am – 11.45 am

Imagine when with people, you have the ability to peer into their memories of past

places and times. Some of these memories overlap; some diverge. In your mind, they come together and form an intricate pattern, offering you a glimpse into the times your grandparents and your parents have lived through.

This ability is yours to have, when you join this digital conversation with our three speakers. Charmaine, Sarafian, and Wai Han bring together their childhood memories of the 1970s and 80s: businesses in Chinatown, family visits to the mosque and *makam* (tomb) at Bukit Palmer, the way of life in Keong Saik Road, memories of stories as told to them by their parents.

HELLO, Pasir Ris!

- **Hello Pasir Ris! Mini Series**

Date: 26 June

Available from 12pm

Explore Pasir Ris through the eyes of Carlyn Law, an artist, nature lover and former journalist who has lived in Pasir Ris for almost three decades. Learn about what life was like during *kampong* days, discover the story behind the area's key landmark, the fishing pond that was once a popular holiday resort, and find out more about the Green Volunteers community group and their initiatives in Pasir Ris.

- **Connect, Check-in and Dance**

Date: 28 June

Time: 11 am - 12 pm

Pasir Ris is known as an area of recreational and leisure – but why not bring Pasir Ris home to you for this SHF edition? Embrace nature from the comfort of your own home with a special nature-inspired dance fitness class. Inspired by the sound of nature, imagine yourself at Pasir Ris Beach, listening to the waves or even the sounds made by the inhabitants of the nearby mangrove forest. Let's take the time to be mindful of our surroundings and enhance our physical, mental and social well-being. It is time to connect, check-in and dance.

Things you need:

Face towel, water bottle and shoes (optional)

- **Connect to Nature**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Nature is closer to our urban jungle than we might think! Singapore's nature sites and biodiversity are even older than some local traditions or historical buildings. Join

Heiqal and June from the World Wide Fund Singapore (WWF – Singapore) on this podcast and find out how you can connect to nature. Discover nature's importance to us and what you can do to conserve our natural heritage.

- **Eat Play Love @ Pasir Ris**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

The idyllic beach-front setting and relatively removed location of Pasir Ris has shaped its identity as a holiday resort town. It is where Singaporeans go to get away from it all. Many Singaporeans would probably have memories of going to Pasir Ris for class chalets and family picnics. Older Singaporeans might even remember the exclusive beach resorts and the extravagant cabarets that used to take place here in the 60s and 70s.

This seaside resort theme is built into the DNA of Pasir Ris town. Join us on this tour that is curated by a long-term resident of Pasir Ris. We will find out more about the town's history as we walk along the gorgeous coastline, through the serene parks and lush mangroves, and of course, dining at our favourite makan places.

- **Growing up in Kampong Tampines: A Photo Essay of Mr Samat Sulaiman**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Through a personal account of Mr Samat Sulaiman, former resident of Kampong Tampines, this photo-essay takes a peek at his life growing up in a simple attap hut, how this fisherman family survived on their catch and answers what *kampong* spirit means to the villagers of Kampong Tampines.

- **Pasir Ris, Rise and Shine**

Date: 26 June

Available from 12pm

Pasir Ris, a place filled with seaside memories, adventures and fun. But what lies beyond the sand and sea?

Explore this coastal town's colourful past and discover untold stories of coconut plantations, beaches, rivers, *kampongs* and sand quarries through a five-part online mini series. Stay tuned!

- **Sambal Food & Art Workshop**

Date: 27 June

Time: 11am – 11.30am

Join this unique *Sambal Food & Art Workshop* that is helmed by two Singaporean

ladies who are passionate about their food and art.

Fareena Mehr Omar is well versed in traditional Malay cooking and will guide you to pound your very own fresh *sambal*. She will demonstrate how 3 different delicious *sambals* can be made in 15 minutes and paired with some *keropok* and accompaniments.

The second part of the workshop is led by artist and illustrator Carlyn Law who is also a food lover. She will guide you to sketch basic shapes of chillies and create a vibrant *Sambal* Recipe Art poster in watercolours! Recipes and a list of art materials will be provided beforehand.

- **Shaping of Pasir Ris**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Listen and embark on a virtual walk around Pasir Ris as we take you back to simpler times in Singapore, *kampong* life. In the 1800s, the village of Pasir Ris was home to Malay and Chinese settlers. It soon became a popular place for fun and recreation, home to the historic Pasir Ris Hotel, a popular venue for many parties. Pasir Ris Park is also home to an extensive mangrove forest which is a crucial habitat in our tropical ecosystem due to coastal protection from waves. Overall, the area has always been popular for unwinding, reconnecting with nature, and making memories with loved ones. Pasir Ris represents a more carefree, relaxed, and fun-loving side of Singapore.

- **The Tattling Toad**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

In an effort to promote an awareness of Singapore's natural and historical heritage, the Herpetological Society of Singapore (HSS) has created our very first podcast. Join us on a virtual tour around Pasir Ris Park as we meet various sorts of animals in our exciting night walk. While amphibians and reptiles are often labelled as scary and malicious, they are deeply misunderstood creatures that are integral to the ecosystem. Here's your chance to explore the trails of Pasir Ris Mangroves and find out more about this unique place and its inhabitants.

- **Walk Through our Mangroves**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

The mangroves are an exciting place to be! From the cackling kingfisher to the elusive shore pit viper, there is nothing better than spending an afternoon walking among the swampy habitat. Join us on this nature walk through the Pasir Ris

mangrove boardwalk. We'll bring you closer to some of the important mangrove plants and animals that have shaped our world, the atmosphere and even our diet out podcast!

HELLO, Kallang!

- **Hello Kallang! Mini Series**

Date: 3 July

Available from 12pm

There are so many things named after Kallang – but do you know the origins of its name? Discover Kallang through this 3-part mini-series to look at different facets of the area's development. You will also get to see the former Police Coast Guard HQ at 5 Stadium Lane in a new light – through the eyes of a Police Coast Guard retiree and discover landmarks that powered the whole nation!

- **Grandfather Stories**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Local author and speaker, Shawn Seah, reflects on the value of local “*grandfather stories*”, such as the story of Seah Liang Seah's Bendemeer House, before it was acquired by the government for the development of the Kallang Basin housing and industrial project. He shares about other prominent historical members of his family, highlighting their contributions to society. These reflections are made in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitating the Singapore Seah Clan Association's first online celebration in the 70th anniversary of its founding.

- **Kallang Roar the Movie**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Armed with legendary players like Quah Kim Song, Rajagopal, Samad, Mat Noh, Dollah Kassim. Uncle Choo sets out an impossible journey to remind his fellow countrymen of what it meant to be a Singaporean. This is a tale about sheer grit, unbreakable will and his deep passion, unyielding struggle with society and oneself, to finally achieve glory for one's nation through football and coined one legacy unwittingly, known to all as 'The Kallang Roar' which is of nothing to himself at the end of it.

- **Kallang: Highways, Byways and Waterways**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

The Kallang area has undergone a tremendous amount of transformation over the

course of its history, which dates back as early as the 17th century. Its coastlines and riverbanks have shifted, landmarks have been built up and torn down, and communities have come and gone.

On this tour, we move from the intersecting arteries of Nicoll Highway and its MRT station to the Golden Mile of Beach Road. We then follow the Rochor and Kallang Rivers on our way to the newest developments around the Kallang Basin. Our journey will uncover stories about people, places and ways of life that have already vanished or may soon disappear, while also looking forward to future plans and possibilities.

- **Kallang: The View from Fire City**

Date: 3 July

Available from 12pm

Take a journey with *Kallang: The View from Fire City* and explore two sides of Kallang; one giddy and innocent, the other sober and sometimes crooked. Choose your path and discover Kallang, a neighbourhood superstitiously nicknamed *huay sia* in the Hokkien dialect to mean “fire city”, in the event that Kallang Gaswork exploded! One path unfolds with whimsical re-imaginings of Wonderland Amusement Park and The Oasis; the other path unfolds with exciting adventures from our Police Coast Guard and Kallang Airport. Enjoy *Kallang: The View from Fire City* as we recall places and spaces of the past to reflect upon and cherish the present ground on which we stand.

- **Kway Guan Huat’s Live Popiah-making Demonstration**

Date: 5 July

Time: 2pm – 2.20pm

The iconic Singapore wrap, *popiah*, is well-loved throughout the generations, and looks similar to a burrito at first glance. However, *popiah* is rolled up with a much thinner piece of dough skin with completely different local ingredients within.

As one of the *popiah* pioneers in Singapore, Kway Guan Huat has been serving this local delight for the past 80 years. The food demonstration will share more about the history of the *popiah* and the shop’s heritage. Different techniques of the trade were honed and passed down through generations to ensure the *popiah* you eat today is as good as the one eight decades ago. A *popiah* master will also demonstrate the traditional art of making the dough and *popiah* skins, recommend the fillings of a good *popiah* and how to best wrap up that perfect roll!

- **Letterpress Printing and the Typesetting Process**

Date: 4 July

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Letterpress printing, the main commercial method of printing, has been in Singapore since 1823. Join Yao Yu, letterpress educator as he talks about the history and demonstrates the process of the different areas of the printing method. There will be poster printing with movable wood types with selected quotes from the live stream.

- **Majid The Legend (15 Shorts – Stories From Our City of Good)**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Uncle Choo spots a young Majid practising football and is struck by the teenager's passion. The film is inspired by legendary coach Choo Seng Quee who groomed football greats including Majid Ariff. The latter, in turn, inspired a new generation of footballers including Fandi Ahmad.

- **Our Home by the Kallang River: Past, Present & Future**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Experience the Kallang River through the eyes of the Kolam Ayer community! Embark on "*Our Home by the Kallang River: Past, Present and Future*", a heritage trail produced in conjunction with a publication by the Kolam Ayer Citizens' Consultative Committee as part of Singapore's Bicentennial Celebration in 2019.

- **The Kallang Story: A Sports, Arts and Heritage Trail**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Discover the rich history of Kallang, sporting achievements and art through 18 heritage markers, artefacts, architecture and artworks.

Take your pick of three trails – the Waterfront Trail, the Stadium Trail and the Park Trail. Each trail tells the Kallang story by highlighting prominent landmarks in the area, both past and present. There's something for the art enthusiast too. Spot artworks such as 14 unique benches made from timber seats of the Old National Stadium.

Explore the trails with our online booklet and uncover a Singaporean story through the heritage of Kallang. This outdoor heritage trail spans 3km (approximately 4000 steps).

- **Through Years of Sports in Kallang**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Listen and embark on a virtual walk around Kallang that is home to many landmarks significant to our nation's rich sporting history. Before, sporting activities were a leisurely activity by the privileged elite in Singapore. Over time, its growing reach, accessibility and popularity included Singaporeans from all of life. Our achievements in sport have not only brought us to international recognition but helped foster a sense of national identity and pride, key during the early years of independence. Areas like Kallang have been at the epicentre of this change, even inspiring the famous "Kallang Roar" cheer cherished by locals.

Other programmes

- **Heritage in Your Hands**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Would you like to play a part in shaping Singapore's longest-running Heritage Festival? This year, you get a chance to do so!

Join us to find out what kind of festival goer you are and discover new possible ways to explore the lesser-known yet timeless stories of Singapore! At the same time, learn more about how students from the SMU Arts and Culture Management Programme responded to a call to develop proposals on how to feature overlooked local narratives in meaningful yet delightful formats, and vote for your favourite proposal.

Be inspired, get to know the motivations and tastes of youths today, and shape what heritage means in Singapore.

- **Home, and Away by the Asian Civilisations Museum**

Date: 19 June – 5 July

In conjunction with Singapore Heritage Festival this year, ACM presents Home, and Away, to showcase histories and personal stories of people who have crossed borders and relocated from one home to another. Explore exchanges of ideas and cultures via trade and migration as Singapore grew and developed as a multicultural society. Discover and share stories of home and away, here.

- ***ramah-tamah* by Alecia Neo**

Date: 19 June – 5 July 2020

Take a closer look at the unassuming betel box. Perhaps you or one of your relatives has one at home? It might be used as a decorative item today, but



it probably holds many stories of comforts and customs throughout the years. Alecia Neo explores the evolution of hospitality rituals of women in this region using betel leaf and areca nut (*pinang*). Who were these women? How did they create a welcoming, respectful environment in their homes? How did they reclaim space for themselves? Follow Alecia on a journey of reflection and contemplation in her video project *ramah-tamah*, which means “a friendly atmosphere.”

- **Artist Talk**

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2020

Time: 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Get insights from artist Alecia Neo as she shares her inspiration and experience conceptualising and producing *ramah-tamah*. Alecia will be accompanied by guests G T Lye and Dr Geoffrey Pakiam, who will share their views on betel chewing and other hospitality and food rituals.

Registration is required.

- **A Memoir**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Hear stories from ACM staff and docents whom you may have seen at the museum. Which objects in the galleries remind them of home? What objects have they been thinking about during our Circuit Breaker? Appreciate ACM through their eyes in this series of personal accounts. Perhaps you will look at some things differently afterwards?

- **Stories of Home**

Everyone has a story to tell, and we are giving you a platform to tell yours. What is that one item that reminds you of home while you're away from home? It may be an everyday object that you take on your journey, or something intangible like a distinctive way of speaking that you overhear while travelling, or even the aromas of cooking that make you crave for the warmth of home. Let us know your story @acm_sg and tag it #HomeandAwayACM and #sgheritagefest – and we'll share it with the world. Come tell us your story of home!

Follow these steps to share your story:

1. Post a photo or video of your item on Instagram.
2. Write a short description of about 100 words on how it reminds you of home when you're away from home.

3. Make your profile public and tag us @acm_sg – and be sure to tag it with #HomeandAwayACM, and #sgheritagefest.
4. Get featured on our Instagram Story.

- **Whispers from the Past**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Be one of the first to listen to ACM's new audio descriptions of highlighted objects from our galleries. Get to know ACM artworks in a new way, and discover their origins and past journeys around the world. What do the designs on these objects mean? Who were they made for? How were they used? Discover all this and more as we bring objects from ACM to your home through whispers from the past.

- **Indian Heritage Centre's "IHC Celebrates" Series**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Indian Heritage Centre's #IHCCelebrates series looks at various festivals celebrated by the diverse Indian community and the different types of food they consume during these special occasions!

- **IHC Celebrates: Masala Thosai Recipe Video by the Tamil Community**

Masala thosai is a rice pancake originating from South India and made from fermented batter. Typically *masala thosai* is sold at food stalls and restaurants. If you are wondering how to cook one of the most popular Indian delicacies at home, we've got you covered! Watch Chef Albert Rayan and his mum teach you how to prepare this delicious recipe and you can pair this dish with a whole range of curries and chutneys.

- **IHC Celebrates: Saag Paneer Recipe Video by the Sikh Community**

Vaisakhi is an important festival for Sikhs, marking the Solar New Year and also celebrating the spring harvest! In the spirit of Vaisakhi festivities, we have prepared an easy-to-cook #stayhome *saag paneer* (spinach with Indian cheese) recipe for you to try and enjoy with your family! This healthy dish pairs well with basmati rice and also Indian rotis like *naan* and *chapati*.

- **IHC Celebrates: Spicy Pepper Chicken Recipe Video by the Telugu Community**

Food is a big part of all Indian celebrations! This weekend, our beautiful guests from the Telugu community prepare a very special #stayhome recipe while sharing more about their festive celebrations! This spicy pepper chicken dish pairs well with rice and also Indian rotis like *naan* and *chapati*.

- **IHC Celebrates: Mee Siam Biryani Recipe Video by the Indian Muslim Community**

Did someone say *mee siam biryani*? Get a taste of Indian Muslim food heritage with a very special recipe shared by this cool mother and daughter duo! *Mee siam biryani* is a unique home-made dish prepared in a similar way to *dum biryani*, but the rice is replaced with noodles.

- **Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital: Since 1910**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Medicine and western medicine on its premises? Since its founding, the hospital has stood through various milestones in Singapore's history and contributed significantly to society, including treating infectious diseases during colonial rule to World War II and offering maternity services between 1910 and 1965. The hospital has since redeveloped into a Community Healthcare Hub focusing on geriatric care. Along with its progress and development, the hospital seeks to preserve its history and architectural heritage. Today, four of its buildings (dating back as early as 1857) are conserved by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). KWSH also houses a heritage gallery within its site. Get a glimpse of its history through KWSH's heritage microsite [here](#)

- **Malay Heritage Centre's OnxOnRayaFest**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

This programme is part of Malay Heritage Centre's OnxOnRayaFest to celebrate Hari Raya. The two-month-long OnxOnRayaFest features a diverse line-up of online programmes that will showcase the food, fashion, culture and performing arts of the Malay/Muslim community. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/malayheritage

- **Selera Warisan: Chicken Curry with Marina Yusoff**

Work up a *selera* (or appetite) for yummy Ramadan and Raya must-haves as local personalities share their recipes! Join our very first guest, Marina Yusoff, as she takes you through her recipe of chicken curry. This aromatic Ramadan favourite will feed the entire family for *iftar* (breaking of fast) and still have leftovers for *sahur* (pre-dawn meal)!

- **Selera Warisan: Sambal Tumis Udang dan Petai with Fir Rahman**

Work up a *selera* (or appetite) for yummy Ramadan and Raya must-haves as local personalities share their recipes! Fir Rahman, a local actor, teaches you how to make *sambal tumis* (fried chilli paste) with prawn and *petai*.

Sambal tumis is a dish that is essential to Malay cuisine and is a versatile dish that can be cooked with different ingredients such as squid or eggs.

- **Selera Warisan: Kuih Tart and Kuih Makmur with MP Amrin Amin**
Work up a *selera* (or appetite) for yummy Ramadan and Raya must-haves as local personalities share their recipes! Member of Parliament (MP) Amrin Amin took some time off his busy schedule to spend some time with his mum by baking some Raya *kuihs* – *kuih makmur* and *kuih tart*. *Kuih makmur* has Middle Eastern origins and *kuih tart* was believed to originate from the Portuguese in the 16th century. MP Amrin Amin will also share his nostalgic childhood memories in this special edition of Selera Warisan.
- **Selera Warisan: Soto Ayam with Maria Mahat**
Work up a *selera* (or appetite) for yummy Ramadan and Raya must-haves as local personalities share their recipes! Maria Mahat will teach you how to make *soto ayam*! *Soto ayam* is a spicy chicken soup dish which can be enjoyed during any occasion. It is a unique dish that you can whip up if you have some leftover *lontong* (compressed rice cakes) from your Hari Raya meal!
- **Projek Ujong Tanjong Raya Performance**
Enjoy a melodic Raya performance by Projek Ujong Tanjong. Be serenaded by this talented group of musicians as they perform their special digital rendition of *Pulang di Hari Raya* together even while apart.

- **Stay at Home Activity Kit for Families (5 to 6 years old)**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Embark on an adventure with Lala, our young festival guide as she explores the different SHF neighbourhoods this year in our family-friendly #StayAtHome Activity Kit. You and your family can discover hidden gems in Tanjong Pagar, document your nature experiences in Pasir Ris, and unleash your creative side in Kallang! What do you say – are you in on this adventure?

- **Stay at Home Activity Kit for Families (Above 7 years old)**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Embark on an adventure with Lala, our young festival guide as she explores the different SHF neighbourhoods this year in our family-friendly #StayAtHome Activity Kit. You and your family can discover hidden gems in Tanjong Pagar, document your nature experiences in Pasir Ris, and unleash your creative side in Kallang! What do you say – are you in on this adventure?

- **Stay at Home Colour Your Neighbourhood Activity**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Unleash your creativity and bring some colour to our SHF-special illustrations by @tobyato! From the street scenes of Tanjong Pagar to the iconic playgrounds of Pasir Ris, and even the former National Stadium. Show us your interpretation of those scenes and share it with us on our facebook.com/SingaporeHeritageFest with the hashtag #SGHeritageFest.

- **Singapore Heritage Festival at the National Museum**

Look forward to online talks on Singapore's food heritage and stand a chance to savour the local dishes featured. In conjunction with this year's Singapore Heritage Festival (SHF), the National Museum will be presenting a series of programmes celebrating our heritage, traditions as well as inter-generational stories of local businesses.

- **A Dance with my Father: An Era Dance Theatre Showcase**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Watch a dance performance unique to Hari Raya and hear about Era Dance Theatre's founder Osman Abdul Hamid! Journey from his beginnings as a dancer in 1979, to starting Era in 1992, and to how his son Dinie is still carrying on the dance legacy.

- **Paper Quilling Craft Activity**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

In this DIY video, all you need are coloured papers and glue to create unique heritage-related designs such as a mosque, ketupat, and pineapple tarts! These art pieces can then be used to beautify gift boxes, picture frames, or cards.

- **Celebrating Hari Raya with Chef Bob!**

Date: 20 June

Time: 1pm

Join celebrity chef Sharizal Salleh, better known as Chef Bob, as he shares his unique *rendang* recipe, and recounts his memories of celebrating Hari Raya growing up and how his family rings in the festive day. Participate in the quiz at the end of the video and the first 40 correct answers will receive his delicious *rendang** sent right to your doorstep!



*Items contain no pork or lard. Limited to 1 set per address. Details of delivery will be provided closer to the date. Terms and conditions apply.

- **A Tradition in Making Zongzi (Dumpling) with Chef Shih**

Date: 25 June

Time: 11am

Join Chef Shih from Palate Sensations as she shares the history of *bak zhang* (dumplings) and demonstrates the making and art of wrapping this delicacy, which is usually eaten during Duan Wu Jie (dragon boat festival). The first 20 viewers who provide all correct answers to the quiz at the end will win a set of 3 *zhangs** (Hokkien, Nyonya, and Kee with gula melaka dip) delivered fresh to their homes!

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- **Dragon Boat Stationery Craft Activity**

Date: 25 June

Time: 2pm

Do something fun with your little ones in celebration of Duan Wu Jie (Dragon Boat Festival). Watch our video to create your very own stationery trays using milk cartons and craft materials that can easily be found at home. These trays are great for storing letters, stationeries, and knick-knacks.

- **A Love for Kueh: Preserving Teochew Delights with Yoon' Traditional Teochew Kueh**

Date: 27 June

Time: 11am

Yoon's Traditional Teochew Kueh was started by a mother-daughter duo who endeavour to preserve Teochew delights. In this talk, learn how *tiam tor* (traditional sweet kueh) and *kueh dousha* (Teochew version of *ang ku kueh*) are made, starting with an introduction on kueh heritage, to making the filling, cooking the skin, "*kupping*" techniques, and steaming. The first 40 viewers to submit all correct answers to a quiz at the end will receive a doorstep delivery of a special goodie bag* containing 5 pieces of *tiam tor*, 1 traditional kueh mould, and a recipe sheet!

*Food items used are safe for vegetarians and will be made fresh on delivery day. Limited to 1 goodie bag per address. Kueh is best consumed within 2 hours of delivery. Details of delivery will be provided closer to the date. Terms

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- **Growing Up with Briyani: Geylang Briyani Through Three Generations**

Date: 27 June

Time: 2pm

Hear the stories from the family of the Geylang Briyani stall as they share their experience of running and maintaining this third-generation business legacy and what makes their briyani so well-loved by locals. Established in 1964, Geylang Briyani Stall serves authentic chicken and mutton briyani at the iconic Geylang Serai market. Started by Mr Hamid, this stall spans over three generations and is now run by his grandson, 31-year old Hannan, who has been chosen to continue the family business over a career in mechatronics. Participate in a quiz at the end of the video and the first 40 viewers with all correct answers will get to taste this delicacy right at home.

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- **Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall's Wan Qing Dumpling Festival**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

This programme is part of Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall's Wan Qing Dumpling Festival. The Dumpling Festival, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival, is an important festival celebrated by Chinese communities all over the world. Wan Qing Dumpling Festival invites the public to celebrate and acquaint themselves with the rich historical and cultural significance of the festival as part of the memorial hall's efforts to promote Chinese arts, culture and heritage. For more information, visit facebook.com/sysnmh.

- **Animated Storytelling: Origins of Dumpling Festival**

Do you know why we eat yummy rice dumplings during the Dumpling Festival, or how the practice of dragon boat racing came to be? Uncover the legends and myths behind the Dumpling Festival through an animated short story and learn more about this much-loved Chinese festival!

- **Cooking with Kim Choo: Bakzhang & Nonya Zhang**

Kim Choo Kueh Chang's rice dumplings have been a mainstay in Singapore's diverse epicurean tapestry since 1945, withstanding the test of time to preserve its rich taste and unique fragrance owing to the use of traditional recipes and culinary techniques. Embark on a culinary adventure in this exclusive online cooking tutorial by Kim Choo Kueh Chang and get step-by-step instructions on how to prepare Kim Choo's famous *bak zhang*

and nonya zhang from the comfort of your own kitchen!

- **DIY Craft Activity: Mini Dragon Boat**

Building a real dragon boat can take up to a week of hard work by a skilled master craftsman, but you can now create your very own origami dragon boat by following the instructions in this fun craft tutorial. Be creative and use bright colours to make your masterpiece stand out!

- **DIY Craft Activity: Origami Rice Dumpling**

Unleash your inner crafter in this family-friendly DIY tutorial, as you learn how to paint and fold your own origami rice dumpling. Create your very own festive art pieces by following these step-by-step photos. Challenge yourself by using recycled materials and save the earth while having fun at the same time!

- **Infographic: What Makes A Dragon Boat Race?**

Did you know that a typical dragon boat race team consists of 20 paddlers, one steerer and a drummer? Learn more about the historical significance and origins of dragon boat racing, the anatomy of a dragon boat race team, and the roles and responsibilities of each position through this fun and educational series!

- **Multiphoto: What Type of Dumpling Are You?**

Rice dumplings come in a variety of shapes, sizes and fillings – much like people with our unique personalities and traits! Are you a savoury hokkien zhang, full-flavoured and packed with wholesome ingredients? Or are you a sweet and simple nonya zhang, well-loved by people of all ages? Find out more about the different types of rice dumplings and which dumpling best suits your own personality in this humorous and light-hearted series.

- **Swipe and Discover**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Swipe and discover hidden stories in the neighbourhoods of Tanjong Pagar, Pasir Ris and Kallang in this year's SHF! This year, we encourage you to learn snippets of your neighbourhood's story, as we enjoy heritage from the comforts of our own home.

- **The Durga Puja among the Bengalis in Singapore: History, Tradition and Ritual**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Singaporeans are well acquainted with Hindu festivals such as Deepavali,

Thaipusam and Pongal, but are you familiar with Durga Puja?

Durga Puja is a festival that takes place across a span of ten days and is thus also known as Navaratri viz. 'Nine Nights' among Hindus of South Indian origin. Drawing upon ethnographic and anthropological fieldwork from 2018 to 2019 at the Bengali Association of Singapore (BAS), this project examines organisation, practices and networks of the Durga Puja to shed light on its social and religious role in Singapore.

This programme is based on research done by students from the History Programme based in the School of Humanities at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

- **The Nine Emperor Gods Festival: Community and Communitas**

Available from 19 June, 12pm

Curious to find out more about Nine Emperor Gods Festival, an annual nine-day Taoist festival?

This photo-essay delves into one of the greatest highlights of the entire festival - the sixth day of the festival where temples conduct *yew keng* (游境 *yóu jìng*) and *yew kampong* (游甘榜 *yóu gān bǎng*). In the past, this religious spectacle involved the touring of the palanquins carrying the Nine Emperor Gods around the kampong to visit kampong residents. With the relocation of kampong residents to HDBs, this religious procession has been reinvented by Charn Mao Hern Kew Huang Keng. Annually, families from different housing estates host this unique procession in collaboration with the temple, also known as praying stations (香安站 *xiāng ān zhàn*); discover more about the symbolic meaning of this procession and the state's influences on the Nine Emperor Gods Festival.

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