

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Fright Night Descends On The Asian Civilisations Museum**

**[24 October 2008, SINGAPORE]** The Asian Civilisations Museum welcomes visitors to the dark side as it celebrates Halloween for the first time. Together with the Singapore Paranormal Investigators (SPI), the museum is presenting ***Fright Night!***, from **8pm to midnight on 31 October 2008 (Friday)**. **Admission to the museum and all event activities is free.**

Museum galleries will be open till midnight for a gallery tour with a difference. SPI volunteers dressed in their spooky best will prowl the galleries to give visitors a thrilling spin on artefacts such as the towering Black and White Faces of Impermanence, underworld guardians from Chinese popular religion. Visitors can expect to learn about the tragic deaths of the two friends, commonly identified by their terrifying expressions and long tongues. Other artefacts include a carved human skull from the Dayak community from Borneo and ancestral carvings from Nias Island in Indonesia, which are said to contain the last breaths of the dead!

Visitors with an interest in the supernatural will also have a chance to take a sneak peek into the case files of the Singapore Paranormal Investigators as they present a **talk and slideshow of real-life case studies** from **9pm to 10pm**.

Prizes will be awarded to visitors who come in the best Halloween costumes, and free ice-cream and candy will be available, while stocks last.

*For more information on this event, please log on to [www.acm.org.sg](http://www.acm.org.sg) or call 63323284 or 63327798.*



### **About the Asian Civilisations Museum**

*The Asian Civilisations Museum's mission is to explore and present the cultures and civilisations of Asia, so as to promote awareness and appreciation of the ancestral cultures of Singaporeans and their links to Southeast Asia and the World. The Asian Civilisations Museum first began its operations at Armenian Street in 1997, which closed at end-2005, and re-opened on 25 April 2008 as the Peranakan Museum. The ACM's flagship at the historic Empress Place Building opened on 2 March 2003.*

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### **Opening Hours**

Mondays : 1pm – 7pm

Tuesdays – Sundays : 9am – 7pm (to 9pm on Fridays)

## Annex: Sample Artefacts for Fright Night Tour

Image	Caption
	<p><b>Black and White Faces of Impermanence</b>            Taiwan, Republic of China            Contemporary            Silk, satin, metal and wood            Each over 2m tall            Gift of the Xiahai City God Temple, Taiwan            Collection of the Asian Civilisations Museum</p>
	<p><b>Nias Ancestral Carvings</b>            Nias Island, Indonesia            c. 1900            Wood            30 x 20cm            Collection of the Asian Civilisations Museum</p>