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On Wednesday 12 October 1887 at 5pm, the 14th Governor of the Straits Settlements, Sir Frederick Weld, ceremoniously opened the Raffles Museum at 93 Stamford Road. The oldest of its kind in Singapore, the museum was then established to spur intellectual inquiry in the region. It grew alongside the country, survived the Japanese Occupation and has transformed into a socio-history and cultural institution that is well-loved by many. Today, the National Museum of Singapore continues to excite and inspire visitors with its innovative ways of presenting history and the national collection.

This October, celebrate the 130th birthday of one of Singapore's beloved and iconic cultural institutions! Come discover the National Museum's fascinating history, the building, its galleries and people behind it though art installations and guided tours led by our curators and docents. Enjoy live music performances, craft activities for children, giveaways, some retail therapy, food and more as you reacquaint yourself with the National Museum of Singapore.

## **Birthday Cake Cutting**

Sat, 14 Oct | 2.45pm Glass Passage, Level 2

Sing "Happy Birthday" to the National Museum and witness the cake-cutting ceremony with staff and volunteers of the museum!

Special "Happy Birthday to You" singing and choir performance by The Joyful Voices.

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# Anniversary Celebrations

Fri – Sun, 13 – 15 Oct 2017 | 10am – 10pm Free admission

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## DON'T MISS!



# **Immersive Scent-sations at the Glass Rotunda** As part of the museum's 130th anniversary celebrations, three special scents have been introduced to *Story of the Forest*, an interactive art installation by teamLab that is housed within the museum's unique Glass Rotunda.

The first scent, *Welcome Flowers*, greets visitors as they enter the upper rotunda, bringing to life the constellation of flowers that cascade from the top of the dome structure. As visitors make their way through the passage, they will encounter the second scent, *Story of the Forest*, as they interact with the flora and fauna within the virtual forest. The digital landscape comes to life at the base of the Glass Rotunda, where visitors will experience the third scent, *Relaxing Forest*, as they witness trees flourishing before their eyes, as well as playful animals coming out of their hiding places amid the foliage.

#### Birthday Cupcakes Giveaway

Sat & Sun, 14 & 15 Oct | 4pm Gallery Theatre Foyer, Basement Level

Enjoy a National Museum 130th Anniversary cupcake by Cedele when you visit the museum on our birthday weekend! Here's how:

- **1** Follow the National Museum of Singapore on Facebook or Instagram.
- 2 Snap and post a photo of yourself in the museum with your birthday wishes and #happy130nms.
- 3 Show us your post at the giveaway booth to get your cupcake, while stocks last.

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## Free admission to all galleries. All weekend!

Thu, 12 Oct | 10am – 7pm (last admission 6.30pm) Fri – Sun, 13 – 15 Oct | 10am – 10pm (last admission 9pm)

Enjoy free admission to all galleries during our birthday weekend.

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## **Artisanal Retro Market**

Fri, 13 Oct | 5pm – 10pm Sat, 14 Oct | 2pm – 10pm Sun, 15 Oct | 10am – 6pm The Concourse, Level 1, Glass Atrium & Coach Bay, Level 2

Indulge in some retail therapy at this specially curated flea market. Bring home one-of-a-kind handicraft, creative knick-knacks and locally-made produce. Find brand new and pre-loved items at a car boot sale or take a break at a pop-up cafe.

## Live Music Performances

Fri – Sun, 13 – 15 Oct | Various timings Coach Bay and Platform in front of escalators, Level 2

Enjoy live music performances by talented local musicians at the museum!

## MUSEUM TOURS

## **Director and Curator Tours**

Fri – Sun, 13 – 15 Oct | Various timings

Meet the director and curators of the National Museum through various themed tours and get to know about more about its collection and how the galleries were put together.

Director and Curator Tours are ticketed and require pre-registration. Visit nationalmuseum.peatix.com for registration.



**Encounters at the National Museum** Fri – Sun, 13 – 15 Oct | Various timings

Let our experienced docents take you on special journeys around

the museum and discover more about this 130-year-old institution. Visit nationalmuseum.sg for details on: Docent's Choice Encounters.

Dramatised Tour, National Museum Historic Tours\*, National Museum Historic Tours for Families\*, Singapore History Gallery Tours\*, Life in Singapore: The Past 100 Years Tour\* and Witness to War: Remembering 1942 Tours\*.

Conducted in English. Selected guided tours in Mandarin and Japanese are also available.

\*Limited capacity for each tour. On-site registration at the museum's Visitor Services counter is required and will commence 30 minutes before the start of each tour.



## An Art Trail

Embark on a special journey in and around the museum through a suite of art installations. Relook the various sites and spaces of the museum, reacquaint yourselves with the museum as a building and social space, and re-examine the stories told in its galleries.

- 1 La Bétonnière Boule à Facettes by Benedetto Bufalino and Benoît Deseille
  - 12 22 Oct | 6.30pm 11pm | Front of Museum
- 2 Constellation of One\* by Kirsten Berg 12 Oct - 31 Dec | Rotunda, Level 1
- 3 SONICconversation by Zul Mahmod 12 - 22 Oct | Grand Staircase, Level 1
- 4 Pondok Irama by NADA

12 – 22 Oct | Glass Atrium, Level 2

## 5 Basha\* by Gerald Leow

12 Oct - 31 Dec | Stamford Green, access from Level 2 Coach Bay

\* Constellation of One and Basha were previously presented as part of the exhibition Lock Route at Gillman Barracks.

La Bétonnière Boule à Facettes (image above), a quirky concrete mixer truck art installation, is supported by



### National Museum Historic Trail From Thu, 12 Oct 2017

Take the National Museum Historic Trail to locate marked sites, learn how the museum building has changed over the years with several redevelopment works, and appreciate key architectural features in Singapore's most loved and iconic cultural institution.

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# **CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

## **Light-up Birthday Card**

Sat & Sun, 14 & 15 Oct | 10.30am - 1.30pm Glass Atrium, level 2

Work with your child to create a special birthday card that lights up for the museum's 130th birthday!

Donations appreciated. 45 mins each session. Limited to the first 20 children (with accompanying adults) each session. Please register on-site in advance.

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## **Cedele Playdough Activity**

Sat & Sun, 14 & 15 Oct | 2pm - 4pm Glass Atrium, Level 2

Construct your own little museum using 100% natural food-derived moulding clay to celebrate the museum's 130th birthday.

Donations appreciated. On-site registration on a first come, first served basis required until all 50 moulding clay kits each day have been issued.

## **MERCHANDISE**



## **Anniversary Gift Set**

Produced in commemoration of the National Museum of Singapore's momentous 130th anniversary, this boxed gift set is a showcase of the museum's rich history and treasured collection. Designed by renowned local designer Theseus Chan and his agency WORK, the exclusive gift set features reproductions of 50 significant photographs, postcards and building plans, some published for the first time. The selection traces the museum's evolution into a National Museum, bearing the memories, hopes and dreams of the people of Singapore.

**Cedele Cupcake Decoration** 

Activity Space, Level 3

museum's birthday!

Sun, 15 Oct | 11am, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm

Sat, 14 Oct | 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Decorate an exclusive cupcake with a variety of

45 mins each session. \$25 per pair (child accompanied by an

adult, or two adults), pre-registration required. Limited to the first 25 pairs each session. Visit nationalmuseum.sg for details.

naturally dyed cake icing and sprinkles for the

Retail Price: \$60 (Special price of \$50 till 31 Dec 2017)

## (Re)Presenting Histories: Experiences and Perspectives from the National Museum of Singapore

In celebration of the nation's Golden Jubilee, the National Museum of Singapore re-opened in September 2015 after an extensive revamp of its permanent galleries. Featuring interactive, contextual displays and immersive experiences, the updated galleries seek to both represent and re-present Singapore's rich culture and history, and encourage meaningful connections and conversations with its visitors.

(Re)Presenting Histories is an intimate glimpse into the experiences and perspectives of the National Museum's curatorial team, as they undertook this ambitious project over the course of one year.

Paperback, 160pages | Retail Price: \$25 | ISBN: 978-981-11-3935-2

## Dome in the City: The Story of the National Museum of Singapore

Dome in the City: The Story of the National Museum of Singapore looks at the museum's transformation over the years, with a focus on its history, collection and building. Through photos from the museum's collection and intriguing lesser-known stories, the book provides a refreshing take on the oldest purpose-built museum in Singapore and celebrates its special role in the nation's cultural and heritage scene.

Paperback, 124 pages | Retail Price: \$25 | ISBN: 978-981-11-0887-7

The merchandise are on sale at the MUSEUM LABEL shop located on the ground floor of the National Museum.





DOME IN THE CITY





## TRAIL MAP



