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WAN QING CULTUREFEST 2017 WORKS WITH NEW PARTNERS TO PRESENT CHINESE CULTURE AND TRADITIONS ANEW

New programmes on offer include Wing Chun martial arts performances, Chinese opera with a twist, and a showcase of Mandarin songs by a Malay ethnic orchestra

Singapore, 27 October 2017 – *Wan Qing CultureFest*, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall's (SYSNMH) annual signature festival, will once again see the memorial hall buzzing with energy from 4 to 12 November 2017. Visitors can look forward to more than 40 fun and family-friendly programmes that will present different aspects of our Chinese heritage and culture, led by youth and various community groups.

New partners showcase the diversity of Chinese heritage

2 This year, *Wan Qing CultureFest 2017* is welcoming on board new partners and rolling out fresh programmes that visitors of all ages can look forward to. These partners include Daryl Yeo Wing Chun Kuen Training Centre (WCKTC), Orkestra Sri Temasek (OrST), and Chinese Opera Society (Singapore) (COSS). Beyond presenting performances in their various areas of expertise, Daryl Yeo WCKTC and COSS will also be organising workshops for a more hands-on and immersive experience for participants.

3 Mr Alvin Ting, General Manager of SYSNMH, said, “Wan Qing CultureFest has always been a wonderful opportunity for SYSNMH to work with different stakeholders, such as community and precinct partners, to celebrate the diversity of Chinese heritage and culture. With the help of our partners, we hope that the festival will allow visitors to explore and re-think what they perceive to be Chinese heritage and culture today. We are also very encouraged that many youth groups have stepped forward this year to promote aspects of Singapore’s intangible cultural heritage, such as multi-cultural musical performances and Chinese martial arts.”

4 One young performer at this year’s festival is local Wing Chun master Daryl Yeo, a fourth-generation disciple of Grandmaster Ip Man. At the young age of 26 years old, Daryl is not only dedicated to perfecting the ancient technique that dates back over 300 years, he is



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also the owner of Daryl Yeo WCKTC – a centre that aims to further promote the art of Wing Chun in Singapore, and comprises mostly of youths. Daryl and his team will be holding a Wing Chun Martial Arts Show during the evening concert segment on 4 November, and, in addition, a mass Wing Chun martial arts class, where the young and old are invited to learn basic moves of the ancient martial art form that originated from the Qing Dynasty.

5 COSS, a group of passionate individuals who are nurturing a new and young audience for Chinese opera, will be holding various programmes on 11 November. These include a public talk on various types of opera, an interactive workshop on the traditional art form, as well as a traditional Cantonese Opera performance, with a twist. Fret not if you do not understand Cantonese as the performances will feature line-by-line subtitles in Mandarin, English and even the occasional Japanese.

6 Members of the public will also get to learn more about other cultures through music. Bringing together musicians from different ethnic groups and all walks of life, OrST will be using traditional Malay and Western instruments to perform timeless Chinese tunes such as Teresa Teng's 'The Moon Represents My Heart' and popular Hokkien hit, 'You Gotta Fight To Win'. Director Mr Muhammad Firdaus Mohd, said, "We not only want to promote Malay heritage music among the Malays, but also for all Singaporeans to come to know and appreciate it. It is exciting to be part of this year's *Wan Qing CultureFest*, and we hope our music will resonate strongly with the audience and draw a connection to our multi-cultural heritage that we enjoy here in Singapore."

Delve into and rediscover Chinese arts and culture

7 In addition to the special programmes, visitors to SYSNMH will also enjoy perennial festival favourites such as guided tours of the galleries, traditional games, film screenings, talks, carnival booths and more. Visitors can also look forward to other programmes that feature Chinese arts and culture in more contemporary ways. These include keeping fit and grooving to energetic Mandarin pop songs with mass Zumba classes on the lawn of SYSNMH; exploring heritage sites in Balestier while indulging in local delights as part of the Balestier Heritage & Food Trail; and getting crafty with traditional Chinese knot-making workshops.



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8 The appreciation of language and culture are never separate, and hence the Speak Mandarin Campaign is collaborating with SYSNMH for the second year, on a slew of programmes that allow visitors to experience Mandarin as a relevant, fun and enjoyable language. These include a series of storytelling sessions by local authors and veteran storytellers; a cross-talk performance by Anglo-Chinese School (Junior); and a parent-child skit performance.

9 For more information on *Wan Qing CultureFest 2017*, please refer to **Annex A and B**. Entry to SYSNMH and all activities are free unless otherwise stated.

Annex A: Highlights of *Wan Qing CultureFest 2017*

Annex B: Full programme line-up of *Wan Qing CultureFest 2017*

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About the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall

Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH), a heritage institution under the National Heritage Board, traces Dr Sun's revolutionary activities in the Southeast Asian region and highlights the impact of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on Singapore as well as Singapore's contributions to the Revolution.

The SYSNMH was re-opened to the public on 9 October 2011. The revamped Memorial Hall features a new storyline that introduces key community leaders in the early 20th century; highlights Nanyang as a base for Revolution; and explores the impact and influences of the 1911 Chinese Revolution on the Singapore Chinese community. It will also continue to promote the understanding of our history through research and publication; work with the community in outreach and education programmes as well as organise Chinese cultural events for all Singaporeans and visitors.

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.



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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.

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ANNEX A

Highlights You Shouldn't Miss At Wan Qing CultureFest 2017



Wing Chun Martial Arts Class

4 November | 11am – 12pm

Learn the traditional art of Wing Chun that dates back 300 years, from local Wing Chun master, Daryl Yeo, a fourth generation of Grandmaster Ip Man. Join us for some fun and pick up some moves at the martial arts class or be awed by Daryl at one of his live performances.

No registration required. Suitable for children 5 years and above.



Public Talk: The Influencers of Modern Cheongsam in Singapore: 1920s to 2000s

4 November | 11am – 12.30pm

Visitors can learn more about the heritage of the classic Cheong Sam and its significance from the early twentieth century to the 2000s in this talk conducted by Ms. Chung May Khuen, Deputy Director of Heritage Conservation Centre.

Conducted in English. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.



Zumba Class

5, 12 November | 11am – 12pm

A great way to make new friends, groove to a playlist of energetic Mandarin pop songs while sweating it out at this family-friendly Zumba mass class!

No registration required. Suitable for children 5 years and above.



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Orchestra Sri Temasek

11 November | 8pm – 8.30pm

Audiences can groove to evergreen and top 40s Mandarin songs performed by Orkestra Sri Temasek (OrST) using a mix of traditional Malay and Western instruments.



Public Talk: The Fascinating World of Chinese Opera

11 November | 11am – 12.30pm

Delve into the colourful world of Chinese opera, more commonly known as *wayang*, and learn more about this fascinating art form and its various styles. They can also catch a live demonstration of operatic movements in this talk conducted by the Chinese Opera Society (Singapore).

Conducted in English. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.



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ANNEX B

Full programme line-up of *Wan Qing CultureFest 2017*

Saturday, 4 November 2017	
Time	Item Description
10.30am – 11.30am	Special Exhibition Guided Tour (CH) 特展导览(中)
11am – 12pm	Wing Chun Martial Arts Class 咏春拳武术班
11am – 12.30pm	Public Talk (EN): The Influencers of Modern Cheongsam in Singapore: 1920s to 2000s 公开讲座(英): 引领时尚: 新加坡女性与旗袍的不解之缘(1920年代—2000年代)
12.30pm – 8.30pm	1. Carnival Games 嘉年华 2. Fortune-telling 命理测试亭
12.30pm – 9.30pm	3. Old-school Biscuits Booth 童年小吃站 4. Ice-cream Cart 彩虹冰淇淋 5. Traditional Chinese snacks 传统美食小吃
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Special Exhibition Guided Tour (EN) 特展导览(英)
2pm – 3pm	Parent-Child Crosstalk Workshop 亲子互动-相声艺术教学讲座
	Monument Tour (EN) * 古迹建筑之旅(英)
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (CH) 常设展厅导览(中)
3pm – 4pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (EN) 常设展厅导览(英)
	Storytelling (CH): A Visit to Grandma's House 讲故事工作坊(中): 《去阿嬷家》
3pm – 5pm	Movie Screening: Big Shot's Funeral 户外花园电影: 《大腕》
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Parent-Child Crosstalk Workshop 亲子互动-相声艺术教学讲座
3.30pm – 5pm	Balestier Heritage & Food Trail (EN, CH) * 马里士他美食与文化之旅(英, 中)
5pm – 6pm	Storytelling (CH): The Day We Woke Up Early 讲故事工作坊(中): 《早起的一天》



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6pm – 7.30pm	Public Talk (CH): A Dream Come True – Filming Of "Road To Dawn" 公开讲座(中): 《夜.明》的拍摄: 一个梦想成真的故事
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Movie Screening: The Road to Dawn 电影播放: 《夜明》
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Evening Concert
	LED Lion Dance Performance 灯光舞狮表演
	Crosstalk Performance by Anglo-Chinese School 相声表演(英华自主中学)
	The Nursery Rhyme Project: Imagine Our Songs 《儿歌新唱计划: 我们的儿歌说故事》
	Wing Chun Martial Arts Show 咏春拳武术表演
	Chinese Acrobatics Performance 杂技表演
9.30pm	End of Programme

Sunday, 5 November 2017

Time	Item Description
11am – 12pm	Zumba Class 热情森巴舞教学
11am – 12.30pm	Public Talk and Book Launch: Wan Qing Yuan and the 1911 Revolution 公开讲座: 《晚晴园与中国革命史略》新书发布会
12.30pm – 8.30pm	1. Carnival Games 嘉年华 2. Fortune-telling 命理测试亭
12.30pm – 9.30pm	3. Old-school Biscuits Booth 童年小吃站 4. Ice-cream Cart 彩虹冰淇淋 5. Traditional Chinese snacks 传统美食小吃
2pm – 3pm	Monument Tour (EN) * 古迹建筑之旅(英)
	Storytelling Techniques Workshop: Session 1 (CH) 讲故事技巧教学坊
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (CH) 常设展厅导览(中)
3pm – 4pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (EN) 常设展厅导览(英)
	Storytelling (CH): Planting a Pear Tree, Finding Mr. Giraffe 讲故事工作坊(中): 《种梨》, 《找长颈鹿先生》



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	Afternoon Concert NUS CAC Voices 国大 CAC 乐队 Sino Wushu 新秀武术 Musical Calligraphy 古典音乐书画
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Storytelling Techniques Workshop: Session 2 (CH) 讲故事技巧教学坊
3.30pm – 5pm	Balestier Heritage & Food Trail (EN, CH) * 马里士他美食与文化之旅(英, 中)
5pm – 6pm	Storytelling (CH): I Will Always Love You 讲故事工作坊(中): 《永远永远爱你》
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Movie Screening: Kung Fu Panda 3 户外花园电影: 《功夫熊猫 3》
9.30pm	End of Programme

Saturday, 11 November 2017

Time	Item Description
10.30am – 11.30am	Special Exhibition Guided Tour (CH) 特展导览(中)
11am – 12.30pm	Public Talk: The Fascinating World of Chinese Opera (EN) 公开讲座: 迷人的传统戏剧世界
12.30pm – 8.30pm	1. Carnival Games 嘉年华 2. Calligraphy Booth 书法命名亭
12.30pm – 9.30pm	3. Old-school Biscuits Booth 童年小吃站 4. Ice-cream Cart 彩虹冰淇淋 5. Traditional Chinese snacks 传统美食
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Special Exhibition Guided Tour (EN) 特展导览(英)
2pm – 3pm	Workshop: Discovering Chinese Opera * 探索传统戏剧工作坊
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (CH) 常设展厅导览(中)
3pm – 4pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (EN) 常设展厅导览(英)
	Storytelling (CH): Grandpa's Little Room 讲故事工作坊(中): 《外公的小房间》
3pm – 5pm	Movie Screening: Sing 户外花园电影: 《欢乐好声音》
3.30pm – 4.30pm	Workshop: Discovering Chinese Opera * 探索传统戏剧工作坊



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3.30pm – 5pm	Balestier Heritage & Food Trail (EN, CH) * 马里士他美食与文化之旅(英, 中)
5pm – 6pm	Storytelling (CH): What Grandpas and Grandmas Do Best 讲故事工作坊(中): 《爷爷爱我, 奶奶爱我》
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Evening Concert
	Cantonese Opera Performance 传统越剧表演
	Orkestra Sri Temasek “Orkestra Sri” 马来乐团演奏
	Parent-Child Skit Performance 亲子短剧表演
	Unplugged Music with Vee 易薇倪迷你音乐会
	LED Water Drums 灯光动感水鼓表演
9.30pm	End of Programme

Sunday, 12 November 2017

Time	Item Description
11am – 12pm	Zumba Class 热情森巴舞教学
11am – 12.30pm	Public Talk: The Art of Tea Appreciation (EN) 公开讲座: 茶文化的起源(英)
12.30pm – 8.30pm	1. Carnival Games 嘉年华 2. Calligraphy Booth 书法命名亭
12.30pm – 9.30pm	3. Old-school Biscuits Booth 童年小吃站 4. Ice-cream Cart 彩虹冰淇淋 5. Traditional Chinese snacks 传统美食小吃
2pm – 3pm	Chinese Knot-making Workshop * 中国结制作坊
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (CH) 常设展厅导览(中)
3pm – 4pm	Permanent Galleries Guided Tour (EN) 常设展厅导览(英)
	Storytelling (CH): Tale of Majie's Goldfish Lantern 讲故事工作坊(中): 《妈姐的金鱼灯笼》
	Afternoon Concert Sino Wushu 新秀武术表演 NUS Chinese Dance 国大华族传统舞表演 Young Voices Choral Society 青声音乐学会



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3.30pm – 4.30pm	Chinese Knot-making Workshop * 中国结制作坊
3.30pm – 5pm	Balestier Heritage & Food Trail (EN, CH) * 马里士他美食与文化之旅(英, 中)
5pm – 6pm	Storytelling (CH): The Bird of Wisdom 讲故事工作坊(中): 《智慧鸟》
7.30pm – 9.30pm	Movie Screening: Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon 户外花园电影: 《卧虎藏龙》
9.30pm	End of Programme

* Registration fee applies. Pre-registration required via <http://sysnmh.org.sg>.