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ArtsEverywhere@CDC set to reach out to more Singaporeans with double the performances and three times more artists and arts groups

Singapore, 30 March 2025 – From April 2025 to March 2026, Singaporeans will enjoy double the number of monthly arts performances at heartland venues across Singapore. ArtsEverywhere@CDC is a collaboration by the National Arts Council (NAC), the five Community Development Councils (CDCs) and People's Association (PA). It has brought the arts closer to over 40,000 residents since its launch last July at Paya Lebar Quarter by Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Law, Mr Edwin Tong.

2 As ArtsEverywhere@CDC gains momentum over the next year, there will be over 200 diverse arts performances and activities by more than 80 artists and arts groups – an increase of nearly three times – comprising larger-scale arts groups, as well as smaller-scale street performers and artists. Through the expansion of ArtsEverywhere@CDC, this initiative is set to reach over 50,000 Singaporeans, as residents will have greater access to the arts and more opportunities to strengthen community bonds, while local artists and arts groups also have a platform to showcase their craft and reach new audiences.

3 Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade and Industry, and Adviser to Chua Chu Kang GRC Grassroots Organisations, Mr Gan Kim Yong, announced the expanded programme line-up at an ArtsEverywhere@CDC event at SAFRA Choa Chu Kang on 30 March 2025, that featured a performance by Brahmastra Multi-Ethnic Ensemble with multi-ethnic instruments such as the Tabla, Oud and Guzheng, as well as dancers from Flamenco Sin Fronteras and Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society (SIFAS).

Celebrating SG60 with ArtsEverywhere@CDC

4 As part of the SG60 celebrations, ArtsEverywhere@CDC's rich line-up of arts and culture activities will bring communities together and build greater inclusivity, as we collectively celebrate Singapore's unique shared values of multiculturalism in this special year.

5 The enhanced initiative will feature art groups and artists performing in a wider range of art forms. Under the line-up of larger-scale arts groups, there will be puppetry by Paper Monkey Theatre, hip hop dance by O School, inclusive performances by The Purple Symphony and a multi-cultural repertoire to enhance your wellbeing by the TENG Company. Each performance will also be accompanied by hands-on activities for people of all ages.

6 Complementing the larger-scale arts groups, will be an increased number of smaller-scale performances by street performers organised by PA's Community Arts and Culture Clubs (CACCs), which are grassroots organisations supported by volunteers with a passion for promoting community arts. The street performers will perform at community spaces, such as outside MRT stations and within hawker or food centres, so that more Singaporeans can experience the arts. Participating divisions and their CACCs schedule the street performers on a fixed day each month, creating a familiar cycle for residents to join the programme regularly.

7 Singaporeans will also get to experience ArtsEverywhere@CDC at more locations islandwide. In addition to the existing heartland venues located mainly at neighbourhood malls, the CDCs and PA have also planned for ArtsEverywhere@CDC to take place at more heartland venues over the next year, making the most of community spaces by transforming local parks, town squares, Community Clubs and Community Centres into pop-up showcases of arts and culture. Some of the new venues for April's programmes include Somme Park, Jurong Central, Canberra Park and Anchorvale Village.

8 In line with the strategic priorities in NAC's *Our SG Arts Plan (2023 – 2027)*, the ArtsEverywhere@CDC initiative promotes Singaporeans' engagement with the arts. It also seeks to create meaningful opportunities for artists and arts groups to showcase their work and reach new and diverse audiences.

GoWhere site launched for ArtsEverywhere@CDC

9 To help residents easily locate the expanded ArtsEverywhere@CDC programmes located islandwide, the CDCs, in collaboration with Government Technology Agency of Singapore, have launched a dedicated GoWhere platform at <https://go.gov.sg/artseverywhere-cdc>.

10 Residents can key in their postal code to receive information on the nearby performances. There are also options to filter the information based on timeframe, art form, or the respective CDCs. Residents can also visit the website for more information about the various artists and activities to plan their next ArtsEverywhere@CDC experience.

Residents bond over shared arts and culture experiences

11 Residents of all ages have embraced and enjoyed the ArtsEverywhere@CDC experience and come together as a community.

12 For Ms Tina Binte Samat, 59, the experience at an ArtsEverywhere event was particularly memorable. She says, “I came across the ArtsEverywhere@CDC by chance and it proved to be more than just an arts event for me. The event brought together different races and cultures, and I found the interactive performances interesting. I was especially excited to meet my neighbours at the event and being able to bond over meaningful conversations about the performances and art. This truly embodies the spirit of kampung living and I look forward to attending more ArtsEverywhere events.”

Providing a platform for local arts groups to reach new audiences

13 Local artists and arts groups such as Brahmastra Ensemble and yIN Harmony were able to share their performances with the wider community through ArtsEverywhere@CDC.

14 Says Niranjana Pandian, Creative Director of Brahmastra “Being part of ArtsEverywhere@CDC was more than just performing — it was about connecting with people. As we performed across neighbourhoods, we felt the warmth, energy, and enthusiasm of the community in a way that was truly special. It was a heartfelt reminder of how the arts bring artists, organisations, and communities together in meaningful ways.”

15 Added QingLun Tan, yIN Harmony, “ArtsEverywhere@CDC beautifully captures the spirit of sharing arts and culture with everyone, everywhere. I find it inspiring how people in the heartlands come together, freely enjoying performances at their doorstep, creating vibrant moments filled with laughter, music, and community bonding. This platform has also given me and my band the opportunity to tour Singapore, gain a better understanding of the city and bring our performances to more audiences.”

16 More information on ArtsEverywhere@CDC’s programme line-up can be found in the **Annexes**, and images of artists and arts group can be accessed in the digital media kit at this link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HYuS2LxjipMU5J5Km-UH9cWsDImza6GK>.

17 For the latest updates, please visit go.gov.sg/ArtsEverywhere-CDC and follow the social media pages of NAC, the five CDCs and PA. Members of the public may also use the official hashtag #ArtsEverywhereCDC to search for the latest content, and head to *Catch.sg* to learn more about the artists and arts groups performing at ArtsEverywhere@CDC, which includes featured interviews, behind-the-scenes content and more.

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About ArtsEverywhere@CDC

ArtsEverywhere@CDC brings arts experiences to communities where they live, work and play. In celebration of SG60 members of the public can look forward to more arts performances, workshops and activities around Singapore, and develop a greater appreciation for the arts through these shared experiences. This initiative is in line with our aspiration for *Our SG Arts Plan (2023 - 2027)* to build A Connected Society, where our social connections and national identity are strengthened through the arts.

ArtsEverywhere@CDC is a collaboration between the National Arts Council, People's Association, and the five Community Development Councils, and is supported by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, with Catch (catch.sg) as the official arts and culture media partner.

About the National Arts Council

The National Arts Council (NAC) is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community, and Youth that champions the arts in Singapore. The Council promotes artistic excellence by providing diverse opportunities for artists and arts organisations while expanding access for audiences to appreciate the impact of the arts in enriching lives. By working closely with the arts community and partners, the Council seeks to build a connected society, creative economy and distinctive city through the arts.

About the CDCs

Since 1997, the CDCs have been bridging communities by strengthening social infrastructure, building social resilience and social capital, and promoting a culture of giving back, through the following ways:

- (a) Aggregator of Needs and Resources
- (b) Builder of Capability / Capacity in Partners and Networks
- (c) Connector of Communities

There are five Community Development Councils (CDCs), namely, Central Singapore, North East, North West, South East and South West CDCs. Mayors of the Districts are Chairman of the respective CDCs. The Office of the Mayors comprises:

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| (a) | Ms Low Yen Ling | Chairman of Mayors' Committee &
Mayor of South West District |
| (b) | Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng | Mayor of Central Singapore District |
| (c) | Mr Desmond Choo | Mayor of North East District |
| (d) | Mr Alex Yam | Mayor of North West District |
| (e) | Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman | Mayor of South East District |

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov.sg and www.pa.gov.sg

Annex A – Media Programme

Time	Programme
6.15pm	Media Registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkthrough by PA-CDC/NAC media officer
6.30pm	Stage Performance and Fringe Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media could interview Art Groups and Artists, Street Performers or residents, facilitated by PA-CDC/NAC
7.15pm	Arrival of Mayors
7.30pm	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour, Mr Gan Kim Yong
7.35pm	Welcome Remarks by Mayor, Ms Low Yen Ling
7.45pm	Opening Address by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Gan Kim Yong
7.55pm	Stage Performance by Brahmastra Ensemble
8.30pm	End of Media Programme

Annex B - Line-up of ArtsEverywhere@CDC Programmes for April 2025

Larger-Scale Performances by Art Groups

<u>CDC</u>	<u>Date Time Venue</u>	<u>Programme</u>
Central Singapore CDC	12 April 2025 4.30pm – 7.30pm Somme Park	<i>A Basketful of Somethings</i> Presented by Rolypoly Family
	26 April 2025 11am – 6pm Bidadari CC	<i>The Tiger Hero</i> Presented by Paper Monkey Theatre
South West CDC	12 April 2025 8am – 12pm U Square	<i>The Tiger Hero</i> Presented by Paper Monkey Theatre
	19 April 2025 9.30am – 12.30pm Jurong Central	<i>Move Your World</i> Presented by O School
North West CDC	13 April 2025 4pm – 7.45pm Canberra Park	<i>My Heritage: Kampong Life Gotong Royong</i> Presented by Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts
North East CDC	18 April 2025 6.30pm – 9.30pm Our Tampines Hub	<i>My Heritage: Kampong Life Gotong Royong</i> Presented by Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts
	25 April 2025 5pm – 9.30pm Anchorvale Village	<i>Yesterday Once More</i> Presented by Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Smaller-Scale Street Performances

<u>Division</u>	<u>Date Time Venue</u>	<u>Street Performers</u>
Kolam Ayer	4 April 2025 6pm to 8pm Geylang Bahru Market and Food Centre	隔壁姐姐 (Sisters Next Door)
Zhenghua	4 April 2025 6pm to 8pm Event space at Senja Hawker Centre	BDE
Buona Vista	5 April 2025 10am-12pm Commonwealth Crescent Market & Food Centre	TBC
Bedok	12 April 2025 9am to 11am Pavilion beside The Marketplace @ 58	飞禽走兽.
Paya Lebar	12 April 2025	Staytuned

	10am to 12pm Kovan Hub	
Admiralty	12 April 2025 6pm to 8pm Open Space next to Vista Point McDonald's	飞禽走兽.
Telok Blangah	13 April 2025 10am to 12pm Blk 78B Telok Blangah, Open Space infront of SG50 Mural Wall	Mohammad Said Rahim
Radin Mas	18 April 2025 7.30pm to 9.30pm Open space between Block 79 and 85 Redhill Lane	TBC
Tampines Changkat	19 April 2025 10am to 12pm Tampines Round Market & Food Centre	TBC
Limbang	19 April 2025 11am to 1pm Limbang Shopping Centre (Level 1 Atrium)	TBC
Chua Chu Kang	19 April 2025 7pm to 9pm Choa Chu Kang Park	TJunction 紅綠燈
Pasir Ris East	26 April 2025 9.30am to 11.30am Open space next to Blk 440, Pasir Ris Drive 4	Uncle Tony
Queenstown	26 April 2025 11am to 1pm Open space between Margaret Drive Hawker Centre and Margaret Drive Marketplace	Staytuned
Geylang Serai	27 April 2025 9am to 11am Haig Road Food Centre	Nuradee
Mountbatten	27 April 2025 6pm to 8pm Old Airport Road Food Centre	Lee Yun En Theodora

Annex C – Profiles of Arts Groups and Artists

Larger-scale Performances by Art Groups and Artists

O School

Move Your World

Presented by O School

Step into an electrifying dance experience where the pulse of hip-hop culture meets raw artistic expression. O School brings you more than just a performance – it is your gateway to experiencing and learning about the heart of street dance. Watch as the dynamic performers ignite the stage with jaw-dropping moves and witness spectacular freestyle battles that showcase the spontaneous creativity that makes street dance unique.

Fringe Activities

Experience and explore dance from unique perspectives through these exciting fringe activities:

- “Virtual Reality Dance Experience” (offering a mesmerising virtual realm where movement meets innovation).
- “Cultural Dance 101” experience (discovering how different cultures express themselves through movement, and learning techniques that have been passed down through generations).
- “Beats & Rhythms: Music-Making Workshop” (creating your own beats, experimenting with sound, and understanding how music and movement are inseparably intertwined).

About O School

O School is a vibrant performing arts hub offering performances, dance classes, talent management, creative production, and space solutions. Our mission is to build dance communities, develop the dance economy through various programs and initiatives, and foster community engagement through interactive dance experiences.

Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre

A Tribute to Heritage, A Celebration of Diversity

Presented by Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre

Journey through Singapore's vibrant cultural tapestry in this spellbinding celebration of our shared heritage, and experience the magic as three of Singapore's major ethnic communities, Chinese, Malay and Indian, bring their most cherished dance traditions to life.

Fringe Activities

Continue your cultural exploration through hands-on workshops that connect you to time-honoured festive traditions. Learn meditative Chinese arts that carry centuries of meaning and symbolism, design unique Indian crafts that illuminate our celebrations, and try your hand at cherished Malay art forms, using traditional techniques and motifs that tell stories of our heritage.

About Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre (SCDT)

Established in 2014 under the artistic direction of Jenny Neo, SCDT is a performing arts organisation that maintains a strong international presence, performing across Asia and North America to critical acclaim, while working to make Chinese dance more accessible to the wider public and nurturing emerging dancers.

Flamenco Sin Fronteras

Camino Flamenco

Presented by Flamenco Sin Fronteras

This mesmerising performance unravels the extraordinary cultural odyssey of flamenco's fascinating journey from the sun-baked plains of Rajasthan to the passionate heart of Andalusia. It is a history that connects ancient traditions across continents, revealing how the wandering spirit of the Gypsies wove together the artistic tapestries of India, the Middle East, and Spain to form the flamenco.

Fringe Activities

Immerse yourself in the shared rhythms and unique expressions of kathak, Arabic dance, and flamenco in this engaging hands-on dance workshop, told through the common time signature of the tango. Learn the elegant hand gestures of kathak storytelling, try the mesmerising turns of Middle Eastern dance, and explore flamenco's zapateado (footwork) basics.

About Flamenco Sin Fronteras

Founded in 2009, Flamenco Sin Fronteras promotes flamenco beyond borders through collaborative projects, blending various art forms and exploring flamenco's diverse roots, while incorporating modern and multicultural influences.

Paper Monkey Theatre

The Tiger Hero

Presented by Paper Monkey Theatre

Enter a world where wood and cloth transform into living, breathing characters through the mesmerising art of Chinese hand puppetry. Watch as the legendary tale of Wu Song springs to life in this spellbinding adaptation of the classic Chinese novel Water Margin. This is not just a puppet show – it's a celebration of Chinese storytelling tradition where small hands create epic adventures, and ancient tales celebrate timeless themes of courage, compassion and the triumph of the underdog.

Fringe Activities

Step into a fascinating world where tradition meets artistry in this interactive exhibition and workshop:

- Explore four distinct styles of traditional Chinese puppetry, each with its own magical charm: Shadow Puppets (皮影戏), Teochew Rod Puppets (潮州铁支偶), String Puppets (提线偶), and Rod Puppets (杖头偶).
- Immerse yourself in the art of potehi puppetry, discovering the secrets behind expressive gestures and authentic movement.

About Paper Monkey Theatre

Paper Monkey Theatre is a non-profit theatre company established in 2008, led by Artistic Director Benjamin Ho. The company's mission centres on creating engaging, imaginative experiences through puppetry while promoting Asian values and cultural awareness.

Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

My Heritage: Kampong Life Gotong Royong

Presented by Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

Step back in time to experience the warmth and vibrancy of traditional kampong life, where community spirit and gotong-royong (mutual cooperation) turned everyday moments into celebrations. From the traditional warisan seni to the vibrant and energetic zapin, discover the heart of Malay culture through dance, music, and shared experiences.

Fringe Activities

From the graceful asli to the lively joget, discover how each traditional Malay dance style tells its own unique story through movement and rhythm. Join the workshop to learn these beautiful dances and become part of the grand finale! No previous dance experience needed. Come dressed comfortably for movement and dance.

About Sri Warisan Som Said Performing Arts

Sri Warisan is a performing arts company established in 1997 by renowned Cultural Medallion recipient Madam Som Said. Their distinctive approach combines traditional Malay dance forms with contemporary techniques, and takes a multidisciplinary approach to the performing arts.

Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Yesterday Once More

Presented by Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Take a heartfelt journey down memory lane with “Yesterday Once More”, a captivating music showcase by Rudy Djoe and Kenchana Jazz, that breathes fresh life into the beloved songs that have shaped Singapore's musical heritage. This event features beloved folk, jazz, and Latin pop melodies, including favourites like *Chan Mali Chan*, *Burung Kakak Tua*, *Tian Mi Mi*, and *Rose, Rose I Love You*.

Fringe Activities

Let's Cha Cha Cha!

Join dance maestro Eddy Rosdi for a delightful journey back to the golden age of social dancing, with “Let's Cha Cha Cha!”, an interactive activity for all ages. Learn the basic steps of the cha cha, a vibrant and rhythmic dance style that is easy to learn and so much fun to perform, and which brought great joy to dance floors across Singapore in years past.

About Rudy Djoe & Kenchana Jazz

Rudy Djoe is a versatile Singaporean crooner celebrated for his soulful vocals and his ability to seamlessly transition between genres such as jazz, pop, traditional Malay, and keroncong. Since launching his career nearly two decades ago, Rudy has performed at numerous events both in Singapore and around the region.

Kenchana Jazz is a Singapore-based quartet celebrated for their diverse musical influences and their distinctive fusion of Western jazz with Malay and Indonesian flavours. The band's mission is to reconnect audiences with the golden classics of the archipelago.

Smaller-scale Street Performers

Hayley Ho

Hayley is a 14-year-old local musician who specialises in playing pop music on Guzheng. Her song repertoire includes English, Chinese, Hokkien and K-pop Guzheng pieces. She has performed in numerous 'live' community events and hopes to bring joy to everyone with her performance.

Mohammad Said Bin Rahim @Buskrsaid

Mr Mohammad Said Rahim has been busking since 2014. Busking allows him the freedom to express himself and share his talent with the community, while giving him joy from lifting the spirits and mood of others. He hopes to pursue busking for as long as he can, and believes that it would be a rewarding activity to pursue especially in his golden years. During his performances, he enjoys playing contemporary and evergreen top-40 ballads and easy-listening tunes.

T-Junction 紅綠燈

T Junction 紅綠燈 is a multi-lingual duo made up of vocalist Jia Rui and keyboardist Alina. Formed in 2015, they aim to bring music to people, in hope that their tunes can accompany them at every junction of their lives. They have a versatile repertoire which includes Mandopop, English classics and dialect songs such as Cantonese and Hokkien.

In 2023, they participated in MediaCorp's "Battle of the Buskers 游走的歌王" and emerged as one of the Top 3 finalists.

BDE

Jesse and Ching Yi are a keyboard-singer duo who first met a decade ago in their University Jamband. Today, they have fun busking on the streets of Singapore as 'BDE', and playing for local events and weddings. Their aim is to have fun while sharing their music.

Annex D – Quotes from Mayors

Ms Denise Phua Lay Peng, Mayor of Central Singapore District, said

"Supporting the growth of our local artists and arts workers is essential for fostering a dynamic and innovative arts scene in Singapore.

ArtsEverywhere@CDC creates a platform where artists can engage the community, bringing the arts closer to residents and enriching our cultural landscape."

Mr Desmond Choo, Mayor of North East District, said

"Through ArtsEverywhere@CDC, we're transforming everyday spaces in North East District into vibrant areas for arts and creativity. With more diverse performances and music in our neighbourhoods, we're creating meaningful ways for residents to connect and share experiences together while supporting local talents."

Mr Alex Yam, Mayor of North West District, said

"Since last year, North West residents of all ages have enjoyed refreshing arts performances and activities, embracing Singapore's diversity by immersing in different cultures and artforms. Over the next year, residents can look forward to more ArtsEverywhere@CDC programmes at various community spaces in the North West District, adding vibrancy to our local neighbourhoods and bringing the arts even closer to the community."

Mr Mohd Fahmi Aliman, Mayor of South East District, said

"South East District especially Geylang Serai, is rich in heritage and culture. With arts brought directly to our heartlands, our residents can stay connected with their multicultural heritage while experiencing and enjoying arts experiences right where they live. Through ArtsEverywhere@CDC's increased number of events and the wider genre, we can get inspired by diverse artistic expressions. This initiative reflects our commitment to making the arts an integral part of community life, enriching our neighbourhoods and supporting our local creative talents."