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**RING IN 2020 WITH ENDLESS FUN FROM DAY TILL NIGHT
AT THE MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN 2020**

Singapore, 19 December 2019 - As we approach the end of 2019, Marina Bay and the Civic District are getting ready to welcome 2020 with a bustling countdown celebration lined up with exciting activities for all from day to night. From foodies to music enthusiasts, from animal lovers to thrill-seekers, as well as those in search of novelty experiences and free activities for the whole family, there is something for everyone! Presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the 15th edition of Singapore's biggest countdown event ***Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020*** will offer a festive atmosphere for everyone to usher in the New Year together.

Welcoming 2020 with hopes and dreams

Revellers will be treated to a visual spectacle as the three iconic facades of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands and the Merlion are adorned with colourful and dazzling light projections reflecting the hopes and dreams of our community. These projections are adapted from some 50 artworks by over 40 individuals from four social service organisations, and showcase the artists' aspirations for the future. This is part of the *Build a Dream* initiative by ***Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020*** in partnership with the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC).

Starting from 26 December, the facade of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore will light up with artworks created by the beneficiaries from Beyond Social Services and SHINE Children and Youth Services, providing an imaginative glimpse into their future through the creative minds of our next generation. Journey through various whimsical worlds, exploring a starry universe, underwater seascape and even a candy factory! Catch the nightly light projections between 8pm and 10.30pm from 26 to 30 December and between 8pm and 11.30pm on New Year's Eve.

Joining in the visual extravaganza from 29 December, the facades of the Merlion and ArtScience Museum will come alive with a kaleidoscope of dancing colours. The light projection on the façade

of the Merlion will showcase artworks co-created by the elderly patients and volunteers of the Yishun Community Hospital. These artworks are part of the patients' expression therapy with the volunteers, and reflect the volunteers' hope for the elderly to age actively. The light projection tells the meaningful story of the community's shared experiences and values passed down from past generations. The public can catch the nightly light projections on the Merlion between 8pm and 10.30pm from 29 to 30 December, and between 8pm and 11.30pm on 31 December.

Over at the ArtScience Museum, beneficiaries of the Dyslexia Association of Singapore will share how people with dyslexia relate to the world, and their hope to create an even more inclusive society. The public can catch the nightly light projections between 8.15pm and 10.30pm from 29 to 30 December, and between 8.15pm to 10.15pm on 31 December.



"Patterns" shares the dream of six-year-old Nursyahran of serving the community by becoming a police officer when he grows up. (Beyond Social Services)



"The Brightest Star" is an expression of 14-year-old Jia En's hope for every child to be able to achieve their dreams in a universe full of possibilities. (SHINE Children and Youth Services)



“Co-creating the heART” (left) is the Japanese pastel artwork co-created by the elderly patients and volunteers as a platform for seniors to express their emotions through the use of colours. “A Community of Care” (right) tells the heartwarming story of families and our community in Singapore, with bonds that transcend age and race.
(Yishun Community Hospital)



“Reaching for the Star” (left) by 11-year-old Tang Jia Rui tells her brave tale of overcoming her difficulties in life, drawing strength and guidance from the help of the stars in her life such as DAS, while “The Wonderful Dream of Merlion City” (right) by 11-year-old Xuan Ying reflects her hope for Singapore to continue supporting students with different learning needs. (Dyslexia Association of Singapore)

Besides viewing the projections, the public can also show their support for the respective social service organisations by donating or volunteering their time. More information can be found on [Giving.sg/mbssc-build-a-dream](https://giving.sg/mbssc-build-a-dream).

Please refer to Annex A for the full schedule of the light projection timings.

Endless fun to kick-start the party even before the sun sets on New Year’s Eve

Come 31 December, Marina Bay is set to come alive with countdown celebrations from as early as 1pm. Kicking off the celebrations is the **Voice of My Generation (VOMG) Rock Band NYE Party** at the Singapore Flyer waterfront promenade. Join the 1,000-strong group comprising local youth musicians, which will be attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the Largest Performing Rock Band! Stay on for a special countdown concert at 10pm featuring lively performances from various local schools all the way till past midnight.

Visitors looking to start the year-end celebrations early can also head over to the Civic District, where St Andrew's Road, part of Fullerton Road and Connaught Drive will be closed to traffic as an extension of the celebrations around the bay.

From as early as 4pm, Connaught Drive will be transformed into a pets' carnival where pet lovers can bring along their furry loved ones to ring in the New Year together at **Unwind @ Civic District: Pets Pawty**. There will be an all-day picnic area and a line-up of pet activities and competitions for pet owners to have fun with their furry friends such as an agility park, obstacle race and a doggy free-run area. Visitors may also visit the bazaar to interact with animals such as the famous SG Polish Chicken and Persian Meowdels.

Those looking to grab some bites, mingle and party can head to **Unwind @ Civic District: Eats & Beats** where a variety of food and drink options, including pop-up bars, will be available at the Empress Lawn from 4pm. Gear up for the countdown at midnight by dancing the night away with Silent Disco Asia from 8pm, or mingle with fun-loving individuals at the MIX Bar¹ over a free cocktail² while engaging in interactive activities. Arts and culture lovers can sip champagne while enjoying a special performance by The Philharmonic Orchestra at the Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall; or check out the exhibitions at the Asian Civilisations Museum and The Arts House, which will be extending their opening hours for the evening.

Back at Marina Bay, a special New Year's Eve performance at **The Great Circus of Europe**, which is coming to Singapore for the first time ever, awaits. Presented by Uncle Ringo, the first show on New Year's Eve will start at 4pm at the Bayfront Event Space. Other than jaw-dropping circus acts and stunts, one can indulge in family-friendly carnival games and rides, and check out some 50 food and retail stalls at the Escapade Festival Village. From 5pm onwards, families can also enjoy an array of activities such as bouncy castles, arts and crafts booths, roving performances and magic shows at **Starlight @ The Lawn**.

¹ Entry to the MIX Bar is for ages 18 and above.

² To redeem a free cocktail, visitors will have to fill in a profiling survey and follow @SGSparkSquad on Instagram. Limited to one free cocktail per person on a first-come, first-serve basis. While stocks last.

Music lovers can party it up at The Promontory @ Marina Bay with Mediacorp's brightest stars and local talents such as Jarrell Huang, Fang Rong, Aisyah Aziz, Benjamin Kheng and Jasmine Sokko at the **Let's Celebrate 2020** countdown concert from 7pm or groove to an evening of live performances at **Esplanade Presents: Come Together** by local favourites such as Joe and the Soul Express and MOTUS.

Over at The Float @ Marina Bay, the audience at **STAR ISLAND SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN EDITION 2019-2020** will be awed by its 90-minute fireworks musical show titled *2019: A SPACE ODYSSEY*. The exciting synchronisation of fireworks, pyrotechnics and 3D surround sound as well as action-packed stage performances featuring unicyclists, fire acts, ballet dancers and more, will create an immersive and unique New Year's Eve experience. Doors open from 5pm at The Float @ Marina Bay with live DJ sets, a family-friendly entertainment zone, and appetising delights at the food village.

Lighting up a new decade in the heart of our city

The non-stop entertainment and fun will culminate in a stunning eight-minute long fireworks display at the stroke of midnight. Merrymakers around the bay will be able to watch the magnificent fireworks and usher in the New Year with their family, friends and loved ones. Those who are unable to be at Marina Bay can also join in the celebration through the live broadcast of the countdown fireworks on the URA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/urasingapore).

Please refer to Annex B for the map featuring the activities around Marina Bay and the Civic District, and Annex C for the full line-up of **Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020** events.

For more details on the **Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020**, visit:

<https://www.marinabaycountdown.sg/>

Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020 is presented by the URA and supported by the Singapore Tourism Board. Organised in collaboration with various agencies and event partners, Marina Bay Singapore Countdown is Singapore's signature event to usher in the New Year. It is part of a calendar of exciting events that adds to Singapore's distinctiveness as a vibrant city and leisure destination.

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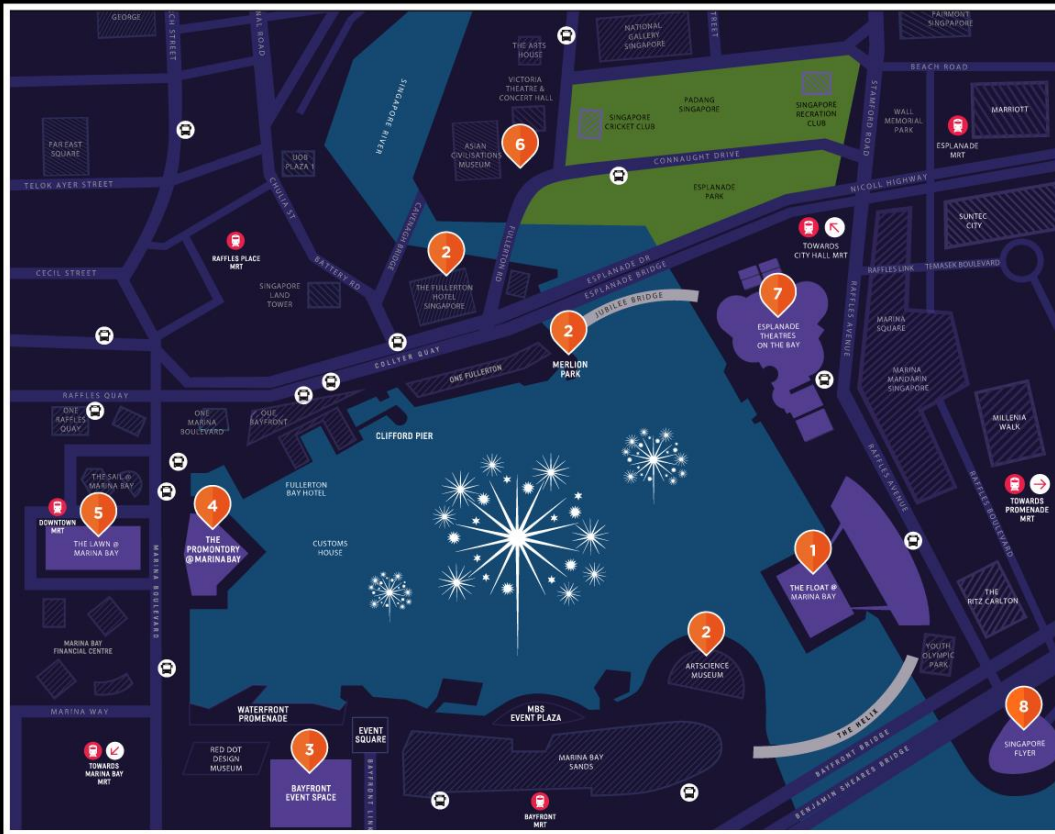
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Annex A: Timings of light projection shows

	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec	30 Dec	31 Dec
The Fullerton Hotel Singapore	8pm to 10.30pm (every 15 minutes)					8pm to 11.30pm (every 15 minutes)
The Merlion				8pm to 10.30pm (every 15 minutes)		
ArtScience Museum				8.15pm, 8.30pm, 8.45pm, 9.15pm, 9.30pm, 9.45pm, 10.15pm, 10.30pm		

Annex B: Map of activities around Marina Bay and the Civic District



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| <p>1 STAR ISLAND SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN EDITION 2019-2020 @ The Float
10.30pm - 12.10am
(Doors open at 5pm; pre-show F&B and activities)</p> <p>2 Build a Dream Light Projection Shows @ The Fullerton Hotel Singapore & The Merlion
8pm - 11.30pm
@ ArtScience Museum
8.15pm, 8.30pm, 8.45pm, 9.15pm, 9.30pm, 9.45pm, 10.15pm</p> | <p>3 Uncle Ringo Presents The Great Circus of Europe @ Bayfront Event Space
4pm, 7.30pm, 10pm</p> <p>4 Mediagroup Let's Celebrate 2020 @ The Promontory
7.30pm - 12.30am
(Doors open at 7pm)</p> <p>5 Starlight @ The Lawn
5pm - 1am</p> | <p>6 Unwind @ Civic District
4pm - 1am</p> <p>7 Esplanade Presents: Come Together @ Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay
4pm - 12.50am</p> <p>8 VOMG Rock Band NYE Party @ Singapore Flyer
1pm - 1am</p> |
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Annex C: Programmes at Marina Bay and the Civic District

Marina Bay

Build a Dream light projections



Build a Dream returns to bring cheer to four social service organisations this festive season! Be inspired as beautiful artworks from these non-profits are projected on The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, the ArtScience Museum, and the Merlion. Come see their artworks light up our city skyline as Marina Bay transforms into a delightful bay of hopes and dreams. Count down with us to a more inclusive Singapore! Together, let's Build a Dream.

The Fullerton Hotel Singapore

Date: 26 - 30 December 2019

Time: 8pm - 10.30pm (at 15-minute intervals)

Date: 31 December 2019

Time: 8pm - 11.30pm (at 15-minute intervals)

ArtScience Museum

Date: 29 - 31 December 2019

Time: 8.15pm, 8.30pm, 8.45pm, 9.15pm, 9.30pm, 9.45pm, 10.15pm

The Merlion

Date: 29 - 30 December 2019

Time: 8pm - 10.30pm (at 15-minute intervals)

Date: 31 December 2019:

Time: 8pm - 11.30pm (at 15-minute intervals)

VOMG Rock Band NYE Party @ Singapore Flyer



Singapore Flyer

1pm to 1am

<https://vomg.sg/GWR/>

Let's break old traditions and new records as VOMG presents the largest performing rock band to hit our sunny shores! With the 1,000-strong band comprising local youth musicians taking the stage, watch as they attempt to break a Guinness World Record with a medley of songs and fireworks to usher in the New Year, showcasing the next generation of empowered youths in Singapore.

Uncle Ringo presents The Great Circus of Europe



Bayfront Event Space

4pm, 7.30pm, 10pm

Tickets range from \$100 to \$150

www.uncleringo.com/circus

The Great Circus of Europe is coming to Singapore to entertain you with a sensational, mind-blowing show, with never before seen acts that are sure to light up the night. Coming directly from the UK, every act will be appearing for the very first time in Singapore! The producers have toured the world to find this spectacular array of international circus superstars to wow everyone with their performances.

Esplanade Presents: Come Together



Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay

4pm onwards

Admission is free

<http://esplanade.com/cometogether>

Celebrate friendships old and new as artists and kindred spirits *Come Together* for a time of collaboration, reflection and revelry. On 31 December, enjoy free live performances at the Esplanade Concourse, before coming together with Hillary Francis, Joe & The Soul Express and MOTUS from 7pm, as they ring in the New Year with celebrity host Timothy Nga. Special weekend pop-up performances around the centre also await you at *Come Together*.

Starlight @ The Lawn



The Lawn @ Marina Bay

5pm to 1am

www.marinabayalliance.com

Round up 2019 with some quality time alongside your kith and kin at Starlight @ The Lawn in Marina Bay! With tons of family-friendly activities and delicious grub aplenty, your New Year plans just got a whole lot better! Bouncy castles, live performances and fringe activities amidst a charming food village teeming with liveliness.

STAR ISLAND SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN EDITION 2019- 2020



The Float @ Marina Bay

Doors will open at 5pm, pre-show F&B and activities

Show starts from 10.30pm to 12.10am

Tickets range from \$88 to \$468

www.star-island.sg

Fireworks musical extravaganza, STAR ISLAND Singapore returns this New Year's Eve as part of the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020. Sold out in its first year, STAR ISLAND is back even bigger and grander.

Step into the centre of a grand multi-sensory fireworks musical show that marries the latest technologies with the most stunning Japanese-designed fireworks, larger-than-life pyrotechnics, 3D surround sound and a stellar cast of artists into a single, seamless performance.

Complete with pre-show activities for the whole family, live DJ performances and delectable delights at the food village, STAR ISLAND is the ultimate fuss-free one-stop venue to countdown to the New Year.

Let's Celebrate 2020



The Promontory @ Marina Bay

Doors open at 7pm

Admission is free

www.toggle.sg/letscelebrate2020

Celebrating one of the biggest nights of the year, Singapore talents will take centerstage at Mediacorp's *Let's Celebrate 2020* to present an exciting night of non-stop entertainment for revellers in Singapore to ring in the New Year together.

Storming fresh into their first public performance after a third-place win at the annual dance showcase competition Super 24, local dance troupe BLVCKARMY will present an explosive and energetic item, also featuring percussionists from one of Singapore's largest cajón schools Arthur Choo and BEAT'ABOX.

Sustaining the momentum are next-gen stars like Dru Chen, Glen Wee, Astronauts, Shak & The Baits, Yung Raja and Fariz Jabba, Azura Goh and Joshua Marc, who will bring a palette of groovy tunes ranging from R&B, funk to pop. Mediacorp artistes Ayden Sng, Daryl-Ann, Jarrell Huang and Fang Rong will also join the stage to serenade music fans. There will be sizzling performances from actor-singer Benjamin Kheng, songbird Aisyah Aziz and "Papa Rock" Ramli Sarip before the night reaches its dramatic climax with electronic music singer-songwriter Jasmine Sokko, the first home-grown act to win the Best Southeast Asia Act award at the 2019 MTV Europe Music Awards.

For more information, refer to:

<https://www.marinabaycountdown.sg/events/whats-on/marina-bay>.

Civic District

Unwind @ Civic District: Pets Pawty



Connaught Drive

4pm to 1am

Visitors to bring their own picnic mats

<https://petspawty.sg/>

Join us as we count down to the New Year together with our beloved companions be they furry, feathery, scaly or slimy! Pawty-goers can look forward to an evening picnic together with your pet(s) and various programmes and contests including an agility trial, obstacle race, frisbee competition and even a doggy “beer” drinking contest. Everybody put your paws up and ring in 2020 with a pet-centric night!

Unwind @ Civic District: Eats & Beats



Empress Lawn

4pm to 1am

Admission is free for the F&B zone (visitors to bring their own picnic mats)

Tickets to Silent Disco Asia: <https://silentdisco-countdown2020.peatix.com/>

Silent Disco Asia tickets: \$35 (for Standard), \$40 (Last Few Tickets)

Eat, drink and be merry with your loved ones at the Civic District! For one night only, Empress Lawn will be transformed into a chill out zone, replete with delicious treats, and capped with a Silent Disco Asia party to dance in the New Year! You can also customise a complimentary cocktail according to your mood at the MIX bar, as you mingle with fun-loving individuals and enjoy exciting games!

New Year's Eve @ Asian Civilisations Museum



Asian Civilisations Museum

10am to 10pm

Admission fees to the galleries apply

Bid goodbye to the old and ring in the new! End the year by exploring ACM's galleries of exquisite Asian art, step into the shoes of a Chinese scholar, and get hands on with the artistic skills they had to pursue. Take a peek into the special exhibition *Living with Ink: The Collection of Dr Tan Tsze Chor* then customise your own special Chinese art canvas bag inspired by the exhibition. Round off 2019 at the museum by catching the New Year's Eve fireworks from ACM Green. Families and kids, young and old, all are welcome!

The Philharmonic Orchestra presents New Year's Eve Countdown Concert 2020



Victoria Theatre and Concert Hall

10pm to 12mn

Standard Tickets: \$42 | Concession Tickets: \$32 (exclusive of SISTIC ticketing fee)

<https://www.sistic.com.sg/events/nye1219>

Enjoy lush tunes and exciting melodies with The Philharmonic Orchestra – led by Lin Juan and Edward Tan. There will be champagne in Victoria Concert Hall, and fireworks over Empress Lawn, so dance and sing, and ring in 2020 with us!

The Arts House



The Arts House

Exhibition opens from 10am to 12mn

Free admission

What better way to usher in the New Year than to experience Singapore through the lens of the pioneer local photographer, Marjorie Doggett. The Arts House's opening hours have been extended to midnight on 31 December 2019.

For more information, refer to:

<https://www.marinabaycountdown.sg/events/whats-on/civic-district>.