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Usher in a new decade with Singapore's biggest countdown celebration at Marina Bay

**Singapore**, **4 November 2019** - Celebrate in the city with a plethora of activities happening at Marina Bay and the Civic District as we get set to usher in the new year. Singapore's biggest countdown event, *Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020*, will light up the city skyline and bring people from all walks of life together to celebrate the occasion with an exciting line-up of events and experiences.

#### Something for everyone on New Year's Eve

Presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the *Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020* offers revellers a whole host of experiences for a great night out in the heart of our city. Extending from Marina Bay to the Civic District, the New Year's Eve celebration will feature spectacular fireworks that can be viewed from around the bay, dazzling light projection displays, multi-sensory musical, riveting international circus acts, music performances, an array of family-friendly outdoor activities and more - there is something for everyone!

Coming to Singapore for the first time is **The Great Circus of Europe** presented by Uncle Ringo. On New Year's Eve, the Bayfront Event Space will play host to a thrilling line-up of international circus acts where visitors can get up close to acrobats, gravity-defying motorbikes, contortionists, clowns and more. Visitors can also indulge in carnival games, thrill rides and delicacies at the food street.

**STAR ISLAND SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN EDITION** will return to The Float @ Marina Bay for its sophomore edition, whisking visitors off on an intergalactic adventure with a new theme -A

Space Odyssey. The show will see Japanese fireworks, pyrotechnics, 3D surround sound and stage performances, all interfused into a single, seamless immersive experience.

Music lovers can look forward to Mediacorp's **Let's Celebrate 2020** countdown concert at The Promontory that will bring the best of music, dance and fashion together, shining a spotlight on the top talents from Singapore. As we count down to new beginnings, come and enjoy live performances as our favourite artists reunite at **Esplanade Presents: Come Together**.

Visitors can also drop by **Starlight** @ **The Lawn**, an array of family-friendly and fun activities with bouncy castles, roving and stage performances, food and beverage options and more, presented by the Marina Bay Alliance<sup>1</sup>.

The streets at the Civic District will be closed once again to create a special car-free zone as an extension of the celebrations around the bay. **Unwind @ Civic District** will feature a variety of activities for visitors at the Empress Lawn and along Connaught Drive, allowing them to enjoy the night with their friends and loved ones while indulging in a wide variety of food and drinks.

#### Light projections of hopes and dreams for Singapore

In partnership with the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre and Giving.sg, *Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020* will bring back the *Build a Dream* light projection shows featuring artworks by individuals from selected social service organisations, including SHINE Children and Youth Services, Beyond Social Services, Dyslexia Association of Singapore and Yishun Community Hospital. The illustrations, representing their hopes and dreams for Singapore, will transform the facades of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands and the Merlion with nightly light projections in the last week of December. The public can

<sup>1</sup> Marina Bay Alliance comprises stakeholders of the upcoming Marina Bay pilot Business Improvement District. The incorporation of Marina Bay Alliance is currently in progress.

also do their part to support the social service organisations and their beneficiaries by donating or signing up as a volunteer via Giving.sq from 4 November to 31 January 2020.

Mr Lim Eng Hwee, Chief Executive Officer of the URA said, "More than just a celebration of the New Year, the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown this year also marks an exciting fresh beginning as we welcome a new decade. We hope the line-up of activities put together with the support of our partners and stakeholders will draw visitors, young and old, locals and tourists, to all come together and enjoy the New Year's Eve at Marina Bay. As we welcome the New Year, we hope that the public will also help to play a part to support the social service organisations and their beneficiaries through the *Build a Dream* initiative."

#### Celebrate in the City from this week

From this week, public can start to head over to Marina Bay to join in the year-end festivities as part of *Celebrate in the City*, an exciting line-up of events and experiences put together by the Marina Bay stakeholders and the community. Explore the wide variety of family-friendly programmes around the bay including the popular **Poinsettia Wishes Floral Display**, **Christmas Wonderland** and **#futuretogether** at Gardens by the Bay, **Christmas at ArtScience Museum**, free live performances at the Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, as well as the display of 200 specially-designed physical and digital Christmas trees within the Marina Bay precinct in celebration of our community heroes as part of **ChariTrees 2019**.

More information about the year-end programmes can be found in Annex A.

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

https://www.marinabaycountdown.sg/

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This press release is also available at URA-Online at http://www.ura.gov.sg/



### ANNEX A: EVENT DETAILS FOR CELEBRATE IN THE CITY AND MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN 2020



#### **Poinsettia Wishes Floral Display**

Gardens by the Bay, Flower Dome

8 November 2019 to 5 January 2020 | 9am to 9pm daily

Admission charges apply

www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/poinsettia

Embark on a whimsical journey through the Nordic countries at Gardens by the Bay's Poinsettia Wishes floral display this Christmas. With creative direction by the Ambassador of Denmark to Singapore, Her Excellency Dorte Bech Vizard, this year's yuletide display lends a Christmas twist to iconic landmarks in the Nordic region. See if you can spot the distinct architecture of the Bolgen building in Denmark, Santa Claus Village in Finland, Hallgrimskirkja church in Iceland, Vennesla library in Norway and Triangeln train station in Sweden, ingeniously interwoven into each scene - from Santa's post office to the reindeer station. Amidst a landscape of poinsettias and winter blooms in shades of red, blue, yellow and white,

a charming choir of Nordic gnomes called Nisse adds to the festive cheer.



#### ChariTrees 2019

Across Marina Bay area: Marina Bay waterfront promenade, Marina Bay Financial Centre, Marina One, OUE Bayfront, The Fullerton Heritage

15 November 2019 to 26 December 2019

Admission is free

https://www.facebook.com/BTBAF

ChariTrees is an annual celebration of our community heroes whose contributions have improved and empowered various segments of Singapore's society.

This year, over 200 specially-designed physical and digital Christmas trees will be displayed at the Marina Bay waterfront promenade and surrounding precinct for six weeks to celebrate the spirit of giving and encourage all of us to do something good for our community.



#### **Christmas Wonderland 2019**

Gardens by the Bay

29 November 2019 to 26 December 2019

Monday - Thursday | 5pm to 11pm

Friday - Sunday, Christmas Day (25 December) and Boxing Day (26 December) | 4pm to 11pm

Christmas Eve (24 December) | 4pm to 12.30pm

Admission charges apply

www.christmaswonderland.sg

Singapore's most popular year-end event, Christmas Wonderland, returns to Gardens by the Bay featuring exciting new highlights with plenty to amaze visitors of all ages. Its sixth edition will mark the debut of the Christmas Parade, a brand new interactive Santa's Workshop, a riveting mix of international theatrical productions, and more three-dimensional light installations, in addition to the event's traditional games and rides as well as shopping and dining spaces.

#### **Christmas at ArtScience Museum**

ArtScience Museum



30 November 2019 to 5 January 2020, 10am to 7pm daily | 31 December 2019, 10am to 7pm

Admission charges apply

www.marinabaysands.com/artsciencemuseum

Led by his trusted reindeer, Santa Claus will be flying his magical sleigh into *FUTURE WORLD:* Where Art Meets Science! Bask in the festivity cheers as the iconic Sketch Town installation transforms into Sketch Christmas, a virtual Christmas Wonderland.

Bring your favourite Santa Claus to life and he will deliver special gifts to everyone in the winter wonderland!

Touch Santa in *Sketch Christmas* and watch him deliver presents!



#### **Esplanade Presents: Come Together**

Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay

1 - 5, 9 - 31 December 2019 | Various timings, refer to website

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. In the spirit of our theme for December, one can look forward to fresh collaborations between artists and reunion shows, before joining in the celebrations as we count down to new beginnings.

Apart from free live performances every day at the Esplanade Concourse, there will be free shows at the Esplanade Outdoor Theatre on weekends, public holidays and eve of public holidays. Special weekend pop-up performances around the centre also await you at *Come Together*.



### Esplanade Presents: Voices - A Festival of Song 2019

Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay

6 December 2019 to 8 December 2019

Various timings, refer to website

Admission charges apply to the ticketed workshops

#### www.esplanade.com/voices

The seventh edition of Voices – A Festival of Song is a three-day celebration of vocal music. Voices invites all to connect with one another

through the shared experience of song. It is through the coming together of music and words that we create song—a beautiful weave of two different elements. Similarly, when we all join our voices, we create magical connections with the fellow singers around us.

Voices 2019 will continue to feature a diverse range of forms and styles of singing, including choral, a cappella, musical theatre, show and pop choir, classical singing, jazz and more.



#### Sneak preview of #futuretogether

Gardens by the Bay, Bayfront Plaza

15 December 2019 to 14 January 2020

7pm to 12am daily

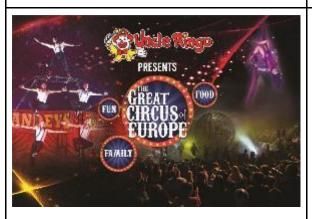
31 December 2019, 7pm to 1 am

Admission is free

www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/futuretogether

Take a peek into the #futuretogether – an immersive art exhibition jointly presented by Gardens by the Bay and GIC, and designed by teamLab in support of the Singapore Bicentennial. From 15 December, the public will be able to catch a glimpse of three out of the

seven exhibits ahead of its public opening on 16 January next year. Expect the magical interactivity that art collective teamLab is renowned for through the simple means of touch, which will trigger aural and visual shifts in the hundreds of spheres floating on Dragonfly Lake, and spur the blooming and scattering of flowers over the lattice structure at Bayfront Plaza. Following the reflections drawn from our storied past, this exhibition will also showcase the hopes and aspirations for Singapore's future, shared throughout the bicentennial year, via the Message Pillar installation.



#### The Great Circus of Europe

Bayfront Event Space

20 December 2019 to 1 January 2020 | 1.30pm onwards | Tickets from \$70 to \$150

31 December 2019 | 4pm onwards (Special NYE show at 10pm) | Tickets from \$100 to \$150

www.uncleringo.com/circus

Presented by Uncle Ringo, enter the Big Top and get up close and personal with acrobats and gravity defying motorbikes, contortionists and clowns. Soak in the spectacular sights, sounds and the excitement in the air as you witness

near-impossible routines and jaw-dropping performances. Don't forget to indulge in the carnival games, thrill rides and the food street - all of which will only add to making your family fun day a treasured and memorable experience. Admission to the carnival is free. STAR ISLAND SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN **EDITION 2019-2020** The Float @ Marina Bay 31 December 2019 Doors will open at 5pm, pre-show F&B and activities Show starts at about 10.40pm Tickets range from \$88 to \$468 www.star-island.sg Fireworks musical show, STAR ISLAND Singapore returns this New Year's Eve as part of the Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2020. 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, roving acts and delectable delights at the food village.



#### Let's Celebrate 2020

The Promontory @ Marina Bay

31 December 2019

Doors open at 7pm

Admission is free

www.toggle.sg/letscelebrate2020

Count down to the New Year with Singapore's brightest stars at the biggest party in town at The Promontory @ Marina Bay! *Let's Celebrate* 2020 by Mediacorp will be a celebration of music, dance and fashion, spotlighting the top talents from Singapore.

From 7.30pm, the Republic Polytechnic's Electronic Music Production will spin music and get the party going. And from 10pm, revellers

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can groove to performances by next-generation Singapore talents such as Dru Chen, Glen Wee and Astronauts. The exciting lineup continues into the night which will include sizzling performances from electronic music singer-songwriter Jasmine Sokko, Benjamin Kheng, as well as singer Aisyah Aziz, "Papa Rock" Ramli Sarip and Mediacorp artistes, to usher in the new year.
Starlight @ The Lawn
The Lawn @ Marina Bay
31 December 2019   5pm – 1am
Starlight @ The Lawn promises a night of family-friendly fun with a line-up of children activities, roving and stage performances, food and beverages and more!
Unwind @ Civic District
Empress Lawn and Connaught Drive
31 December 2019   4pm - 1am
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once again to create a special car-free zone as an extension of the celebrations around the bay!
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along Connaught Drive, and enjoy a night with friends and loved ones while indulging in a wide
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