

## **Message from Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay**

Hello everyone!

As our Mall and public spaces re-open under Phase 2, all of us at Esplanade want to say a big Thank You. Like you, we are grateful to the workers in medical services, F&B, logistics and other sectors who are ensuring most of us can continue our lives safely at home. We are grateful also to donors who continued to support the work of artists and Esplanade during this time.

The arts may not heal someone with the virus. But the arts can heal persons or even society, whose wounds are perhaps emotional, mental or deeply etched into culture and prejudices. In this pandemic, the arts also help keep many of us entertained, comforted or engaged at home. At Esplanade, we have been busy these past months doing exactly this.

I hope you've had the chance to explore the rich online line-up of videos, podcasts, essays and other DIY educational guides on [Esplanade Offstage](#), YouTube and our social media channels. We are committed to continue meeting the needs of families and seniors, and to shine the spotlight on our Singapore artists. I invite you to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#); visit [Offstage](#); or sign up for [Esplanade&Me](#) to never miss out on anything from our programmes or Mall tenants.

We experimented with ways to present the arts digitally. For instance, we introduced ticketed online content on SISTIC Live (thank you for those of you who chose to pay for your ticket as the proceeds went directly to the artists involved). We also developed entirely online seasons or festivals. This month, we come to the end of [The Studios Online](#), a season of Singapore theatre and launch the online edition of [Pesta Raya – Malay Festival of Arts](#). In the coming weeks, we will be releasing a series of online screenings of Chinese-American maestro Tan Dun's [The Martial Arts Trilogy](#) concert from our *Huayi – Chinese Festival of Arts 2012*.

In the coming months, we continue developing new ways to bring the joy, comfort and inspiration of the arts to you, online and—hopefully, in time—live in our performance venues. This includes a series featuring Singapore's jazz community in *Jazz in July Online*, a celebration of stories and people that make Singapore special in *Red Dot August*, an entirely online edition of *Baybeats* in August as Singapore's largest alternative music festival goes digital; a celebration of Chinese traditional arts in *Moonfest* during mid-autumn festival in September; and by October, we promise an *Octoburst!* festival for children and *da:ns festival* like none before.

As we re-open, your safety will remain a priority. The following are measures we are taking, and I hope we all also contribute to keeping each other safe by taking care of our own health and hygiene.

- Safe access practices at all entrances to Esplanade will include temperature screening and the use of the SafeEntry application for health and travel declarations, and obtaining contact details.
- Increased frequency of cleaning and sanitisation of common areas, washrooms, contact surfaces and countertops. There will also be hand sanitisers around the centre.
- Safe distancing practices at the Esplanade Mall, with patrons seated or standing in queue at least one-metre apart from one another. Seating capacity will also be limited according to government advisories.
- Staff safety is also a priority as everyone working at Esplanade is taking their temperature twice daily and where necessary, will don face shields and gloves.

For more information on how to get to Esplanade during Phase 2 and our safety measures, please click [here](#). If you would like to give to our efforts in the arts, or to explore more about how Esplanade has sought to bring the arts to touch as many lives as possible, please click [here](#).

I look forward to welcoming you back into our venues. The sense of community a live arts performance can create is irreplaceable. Until then, we can still share the power of music, theatre, dance, stories, poetry and the visual arts online and in our homes. And you can, from 19 June, patronise the many Singapore F&B and retail outlets at the Esplanade Mall and find some brief respite in our waterfront and garden spaces.

On behalf of everyone at Esplanade, stay safe and strong.

Warm regards,

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