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CHILDREN'S SEASON 2011 – IT'S PLAYTIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART!

Take your pick from over 80 activities at museums and outdoor play spaces this Children's Season

Singapore, 18 May 2011 – The young and the young-at-heart are in for a treat this school holiday as the fourth run of *Children's Season* returns – bigger, bolder and better. Jointly presented by the National Heritage Board (NHB) and Museum Roundtable, *Children's Season 2011* will involve more than 20 participating museums and offer over 80 activities to inspire, engage and educate children.

This year's events will feature two anchor events at the National Museum of Singapore and Singapore Art Museum (SAM) as well as larger-than-life adventures and family-sized fun at participating museums island-wide. The new children's exhibits and installations, and the sheer number and diversity of programmes have been developed to inculcate an appreciation of heritage amongst the young while facilitating bonding between participating families.

Children's Season 2011 will kick off with the launch of *The PlayDome* at the National Museum where kids can create their own artistic works while learning more about Singapore's heritage through activities inspired by the Museum's iconic Dome and collection in its Singapore Living Galleries. The launch at the National Museum will also feature the international debut of *Museum of Dreams* – an enchanting performance that promises to transport the young on flights of fantasy.

To add to the excitement, SAM will transform its grounds into an *Art Garden* that has blossomed with more installations compared to its inaugural edition last year. From June – August 2011, visitors to SAM will be treated to an array of interactive contemporary artworks specially created for children by local and international artists to explore and appreciate the world in new and different ways. Kids can welcome the return of *Walter*, the curious colossal bunny, shop at *Fruits*, a lively paper fruit market or watch fun animations from around the world.

Other *Children's Season* offerings include the Malay Heritage Centre's heritage hunt for the Sultan's stolen royal regalia around Kampong Gelam, role-playing activities involving Chinese warrior Hua Mulan at the Asian Civilisations Museum, culinary workshops for children at the Peranakan Museum, miniature toy making workshops at the MINT Museum of Toys, aviation and rabbit themed games and activities for children at the Singapore Philatelic Museum, and a whole lot more activities offered by HealthZone, Land Transport Gallery, S'pore Discovery Centre and more!

For the first time, *Children's Season 2011* will venture outdoors with a Children's Season Hub @ Orchard Road offering visitors information about all participating museums and their

programmes as well as children's workshops and activities. The Preservation of Monuments Board (PMB) joins in the fun for the first time with its *My Monumental Playground* programme which leads children on a treasure hunt to unravel the rich history of the memorials at Esplanade Park.

Likewise, this year's *Children's Season* will offer an exclusive range of Made By Me D.I.Y. kits produced by NHB and available for purchase at selected museums as well as promotional premiums which can be redeemed through participation at *Children's Season* programmes, at the Hub @ Orchard Road.

Children's Season 2011 will also feature the launch of a new children's heritage book entitled *Mighty Men* which offers the tales of nine real-life heroes in world history and their connections to Singapore while educating young readers about historic places of interest in Singapore.

With so many children-centric and family-friendly activities for the months of May, June and July 2011 and free entry offered by NHB museums¹ to students and teachers, visitors can expect fun-filled adventures and outings as NHB museums and participating Museum Roundtable members transform themselves into educational playgrounds for the young and young-at-heart!

Please refer to the following attachments:

- **Annex A** for details on *Mighty Men* publication
- **Annex B** for a line-up of *Children's Season 2011* activities
- **Annex C** for details on outreach activities, *Children's Season Hub @ Orchard*, promotions and other products
- **Annex D** for a list of participating museums for *Children's Season 2011*

For more information, visit www.museums.com.sg/cs11.

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¹ To make museums more accessible to the young, NHB museums have offered free entry to all Singaporean and PR students and teachers since June 2010. This promotion applies to the following NHB institutions: Asian Civilisations Museum, Memories at Old Ford Factory, National Museum of Singapore, Peranakan Museum, Reflections at Bukit Chandu, Singapore Art Museum (including SAM at 8Q), and Singapore Philatelic Museum. Over the course of nine months, it was estimated that more than 150,000 students have took up the promotion, which allows them free access to all permanent exhibitions.

About the National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) champions the development and promotion of a vibrant cultural and heritage sector in Singapore. It makes heritage enriching, relevant and accessible to all through staging innovative programmes and forging partnerships. NHB leverages on technology and refreshing new approaches to make heritage more dynamic, alive and exciting. It also manages both national and public museums, the National Archives of Singapore, the Preservation of Monuments Board and the Heritage Conservation Centre. NHB was formed on 1 August 1993 as a statutory board under the Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts (MICA). Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.

About Children's Season

Children's Season 2011 seeks to inspire, engage and educate children through experiential exhibits and educational children's programmes. Jointly organised by the National Heritage Board and Museum Roundtable, the fourth *Children's Season* will be held from 14 May to 31 July 2011. This year's *Children's Season* will feature two anchor events at the National Museum of Singapore and Singapore Art Museum as well as children's exhibits and programmes at more than 20 Museum Roundtable members! Interested participants can visit the *Children's Season* hub at the heart of Orchard Road or www.museums.com.sg/cs11 to find out more about programmes offered by participating Museum Roundtable members as well as special *Children's Season* promotional premiums.

Mighty Men

KEY FACTS



Publisher: **Education and Outreach Division, National Heritage Board**

Availability: **Available in Kinokuniya from 18 May 2011, and all good bookstores from 20 May 2011 onwards**

Retail Price: **S\$22.90 (excluding GST)**

Readership: **Families with children aged 8 and above**

Author: **Low Jat Leng**

Illustrators: **Lui Yiling & Budi H. Heru**

Launch of NHB's Second Children's Heroes Publication, *Mighty Men* (In conjunction with Children's Season)

Launched by the National Heritage Board (NHB), *Mighty Men* is NHB's second series of children's heroes' book, following the first book (titled *Someone Like You... Titans of Our Time*) which was published in 2009 and featured 10 Singapore heroes. The fully illustrated *Mighty Men* highlights nine heroes who are revered by their people and who had visited Singapore or had some form of historical ties with us. The stories not only celebrate these heroes but also illustrate the close ties Singapore has had with other countries, even before Singapore gained independence in 1965.

The stories also showcase interesting anecdotes about the heroes and humanise them for the children. Every story comes with a section about some form of permanent reminders of these people that exist in Singapore. For example, there is a story about King Chulalongkorn, the King who modernised ancient Siam (Thailand today) and children will find out that his links with Singapore and the friendly ties we have with Thailand were cemented through the presentation of a black elephant statue that still stands in front of the old Parliament House (Arts House). In this way, *Mighty Men* can serve as a guide for children and families to visit these historic places of interest in Singapore, which are connected to these men, and learn more about Singapore and her ties with the global community.

Features that Children will Love

- Fully illustrated in rich colours that puts a face to the heroes and helps children visualise situations and places they were in.
- "Did you know" sections provide highly palatable nuggets of information and fun facts related to the personalities and their stories and environments.
- Three empty "Journal" pages for children to pen down their own aspirations and thoughts after reading the book.

CHILDREN'S SEASON 2011**Venue: Various museums and galleries****Date: 14 May – 31 July 2011***Jointly presented by National Heritage Board and Museum Roundtable*

The popular *Children's Season* returns on a larger scale this year, to inspire, engage and educate children. With more than 20 Museum Roundtable members involved for the first time, expect a fantastic time with your little ones as the National Heritage Board and Museum Roundtable invite families to play at and explore the diversity of our museums. Be thrilled by an array of children-centric programmes, engaging family activities as well as interactive installations and exhibitions. Also look out for free entry to selected museums on 29 May as part of *International Museum Day*.

So gather your family and friends for a fun day out! For more information, visit www.museums.com.sg/cs11.

**LINE-UP OF CHILDREN'S SEASON 2011 ACTIVITIES****ARMY MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE**

- **Little Soldiers at Army Museum of Singapore**
28 May – 26 June (weekends only), 10am to 5.30pm
Part of Children's Season 2011

Experience basic army training adapted for children! Children can expect an enjoyable time setting off on a mission to learn about the basic drill commands and field signals, dressing up in child-sized uniforms (complete with face painting), playing with remote-controlled tanks and more!

Activities are **free**. Museum admission charges apply.
For enquiries or registration, call 6861 5154 or email jiahong_tng@sdcc.com.sg.

ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

Adventures with Mulan!
25 July – 4 August, 9am to 5pm (for school groups on weekdays only)
30 – 31 July, 1pm to 5pm (Weekend festival – Open to public)
Best for ages 5 to 10
Fees: \$2 per child, \$4 per accompanying adult
Part of Children's Season 2011

You have read about the famous Chinese warrior Hua Mulan. Now you can be Mulan for a day in this activity-based adventure, specially created for kids! Follow Mulan's journey as she disguised herself as a boy to join the army, became a skilled warrior and was

rewarded for her bravery. Children can learn about life during Mulan's time, master a warrior's skills and even dress-up as an Emperor!

Also, come down to ACM for our weekend festival on 30 – 31 July, featuring colourful performances, fun kids' craft and exciting activities all centred around Mulan, the brave girl warrior!

For public enquiries, call 6332 3284 / 6332 7798 or email nhb_acm_prog@nhb.gov.sg.
For details on school bookings, please call 6332 7886 / 6332 4575 or email nhb_acm_edu@nhb.gov.sg.
For more details, visit www.acm.org.sg.



Photo courtesy of Asian Civilisations Museum

CHINESE HERITAGE CENTRE

- **Kids@CHC**
4 June – 3 July
Admission is free
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Enjoy a series of programmes specially tailored to showcasing Chinese heritage in fun and interactive ways, including an art competition, a quiz, video shows, guided tours and other children's activities!

HEALTHZONE

- **My Little Happy World**
23 – 27 May, 9am to 1pm (only for school group bookings)
4 & 11 June, 9am to 1pm (for both school and public bookings)
Fees: \$10 per child (inclusive of 2 adult admissions), \$5 per child (school groups)
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Experience happiness and health in the wonders of nature and art, in this year's *My Little Happy World* at HealthZone! Children can indulge in fun outdoor nature and creative art with friends and family. Get artistic while learning more about recycling and environmental conservation in fun activities such as making of 'Terrariums' (a mini green garden) and 'Little Book Assistants'.

Children can also decorate and put healthy messages such as 'Fruits and Vegetables are

Good for Me' on their personalised 'Terrariums' and 'Little Book Assistants'.

Registration opens 1 May 2011. For more information, call 1800 435 3616.



Photo courtesy of HealthZone

HOME TEAM GALLERY

- **Home Team Gallery Children's Season Open House 2011**
4 – 25 June (Saturdays only)
Admission is free
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Operation Ferret, Operation Oriole, SARS Incident, and Nicoll Highway Incident: these are just some of the joint national operations and exercises featured in our guided tour! Come down and learn about the Home Team's (HT) mission and role in homefront security, as well as how all the HT Departments work as a team in keeping Singapore safe and secure.

Participate in interactive games and activities during the tour and stand to win memorabilia from the HT!

Registration starts 3 May 2011. For more information, call 6465 3735.



Photo courtesy of Home Team Gallery

INFOCOMM EXPERIENCE CENTRE (IEXPERIENCE)

- **Children Season 2011 @ iExperience**
21 – 29 May, 10am to 7pm
Best for ages 2 to 12
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Notice how children are getting more adept and comfortable with technology? Come and let them experience exciting and new possibilities with infocomm and complete the journey using their imagination told in their own way!

Children can enjoy hands-on experience through the wide range of activities, including 'Children Tour', 'Children Workshop' and 'Show and Tell', and bring home not only the knowledge they learn but also an iExperience memento.

Admission to the gallery, and participation in 'Children Tour' and 'Children Workshop' are **free**. Refundable registration fees apply for 'Show and Tell'.

For enquiries or registration, call 6820 6880 / 6211 0317 or email iexperience@ida.gov.sg.

LAND TRANSPORT GALLERY

- **Land Transport Children's Festival with complimentary joyrides on the Trishaw**
5, 12, 19 & 26 June (Sundays)
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Get ready for a fun-filled family event! Take a peek into the world of land transport, hop on for a trishaw ride, get active with our scouts, and participate in an exciting board game workshop. You can also meet with 'The Lost Alien VR-10' mascot and take a photo!

Grab a different collectable Art-in-Transit jigsaw each week. Piece it together with your family and take home this unique souvenir!

This activity is **free**. Food & gifts will be available for purchase.

MALAY HERITAGE CENTRE

- **ter-ba-BOM!**
28 May – 26 June (weekends only), 10am to 5pm
Happening from Kampong Gelam to Fort Gate
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

School's out! If you're looking for some adventure and excitement, head down to the Malay Heritage Centre for a burst of fun activities. Listen to magical tales of our legendary heroes, make artefacts for the museum-on-the-mobile or run with the *Hulubalang-hulubalang* ("warriors") in search of the Sultan's stolen royal regalia. From interactive family-oriented performances to a Heritage Hunt around Kampong Gelam, *ter-ba-BOM!* will excite you while you learn more about Malay legends and history as well as get a glimpse of Kampong Gelam life.

Registration and fees may be applicable for some activities. Find out more at

<http://www.malayheritage.org.sg>. Registration opens 1 May 2011.
For enquiries or registration, call 6391 0450 or email nhb_mhc@nhb.gov.sg.



Photos courtesy of Malay Heritage Centre

MEMORIES AT OLD FORD FACTORY & REFLECTIONS AT BUKIT CHANDU

- **Wartime Tales**

Memories at Old Ford Factory: 21 & 22 May, 11am & 2pm

Reflections at Bukit Chandu: 18 & 19 June, 11am & 2pm

Admission is free

Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Come join us for an edutainment-filled day of storytelling. Be enthralled as our storyteller draws you into the life of 12-year-old Mei Ling and her family. How do they cope with the fall of Singapore and the Japanese Occupation? For the little eager listeners, we have prepared goodie bags. There will also be a colouring activity for your little artists.

Limited seats per session, so register early! Contact Eileen Ng at 6332 7973 / eileen_ng@nhb.gov.sg.



Illustration courtesy of
National Archives of Singapore

MINT MUSEUM OF TOYS

- **A Penny for Your Tot!**

21 May – 30 June (weekends only), 1pm to 2.30pm & 3pm to 4.30pm (two sessions)

Best for ages 5 and above

Limited to 20 participants per session

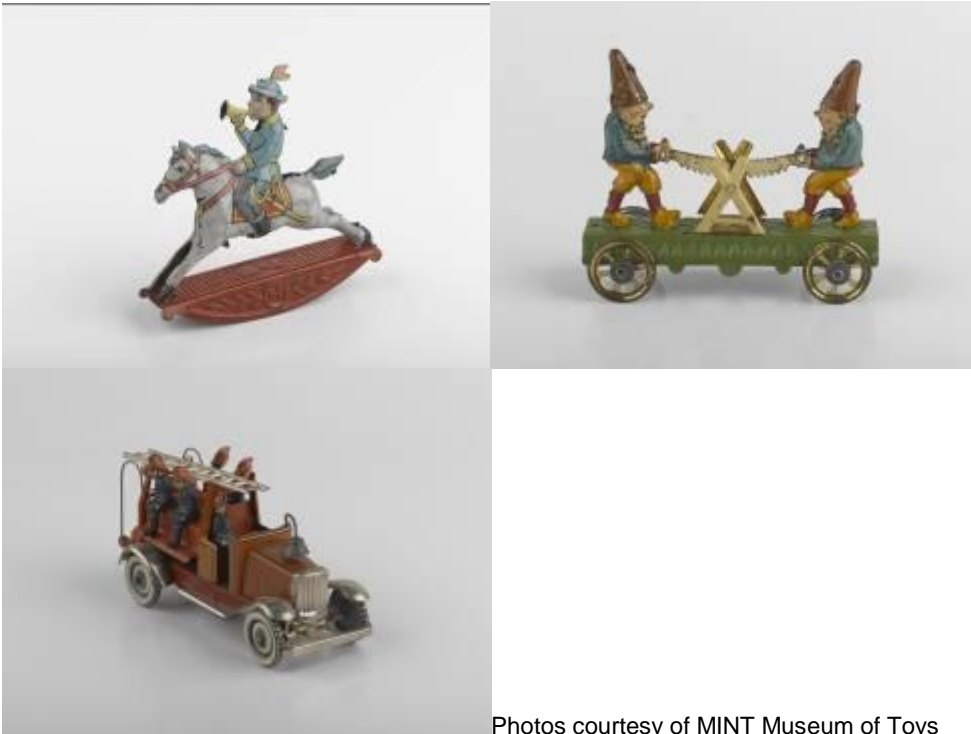
Fees: \$7.50 per child (ages 5 to 12), \$15 per adult

Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Discover the origin of "Penny Toys", miniature tin toys that date back to the early 1890's, beautifully crafted by German toy makers. Designed to reflect the era of those times, Penny Toys were modelled after cars, buses, trains, people, animals, etc, commonly seen in typical European settings.

Children can learn how these were made through our remodelling activity, and take home their very own replica Penny Toy, remodelled after the original and coloured by your own imagination! What's more, all participants receive a free MINT Museum poster!

This activity is **free**. Museum admission charges apply.
For enquiries or registration, call 6287 0060 / 6339 0660 or email info@emint.com.



Photos courtesy of MINT Museum of Toys

NATIONAL LIBRARY SINGAPORE

- **Once Upon Another Time**
19 – 23 June, 11am to 6pm
Admission is free
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Gobble up delicious doses of reinvented fairy tales! Enter this life-sized story kingdom where your children can play and pretend to be fairy tale characters. Why not let your children's imagination run free? It's a feast that only gets "curiouser and curiouser".

Located at National Library Building, The Plaza Level 1. For enquiries, call 6332 3255 or email helpdesk@nlb.gov.sg.



Photo courtesy of National Library Singapore

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE

- **The PlayDome: “Kaleidoscope of Dreams”**
14 May – 26 June (Tuesdays to Sundays only), 10am to 6pm (Last admission 5.30pm)
Fees: \$9 Child (ages 3 and above), \$12 Adult, \$35 Season Pass
Part of *Children’s Season 2011*

For its inaugural year, The PlayDome is delighted to partner Playeum[®], The Play Museum, to create an exploratory space of creative zones in the National Museum of Singapore, where children can get hands-on in creating original art works inspired by the National Museum's iconic Dome and its collection in the Singapore Living Galleries.

Presenting over 10 original works by artists and creative local and international professionals, The PlayDome comprises of:

- Front Lawn & Garden @ The PlayDome with Playeum[®]
- The PlayDome with Playeum[®] @ Level 3
- Workshops @ The PlayDome with Playeum[®]
- Theatre @ The PlayDome
- Discovery Trails @ The PlayDome and many more free events!

For enquiries, call 6332 3659.

Highlights at The PlayDome

Domescape

By Butterpaper Designs, BusyBody and Lin Zihao (Singapore)

14 May – 26 June

Admission is free



Artists' impression of Domescape
© Butterpaper Designs, BusyBody and Lin ZiHao

Domescape is an interactive contemporary art installation and the visual insignia of *The PlayDome: Kaleidoscope of Dreams*. It is also a landscape seen through the curious eyes of children, stretching their imagination beyond the visible in the environment. By using the viewing scope as an apparatus, children are guided to see the Museum's Dome as more than a mere institutional symbol and are introduced to elements of endless possibilities.

The PlayDome with Playeum® @ Level 3

The Real Thing by Jordana Maisie

Courtesy of Ipswich Art Gallery (Australia)

14 May – 26 June (Closed on Mondays), 10am to 6pm



Images © Ipswich Art Gallery

The Real Thing is a literal yet contemporary, representation of this year's theme of *Kaleidoscope of Dreams*, and is the artist's conscious play with the viewer as witness, co-creator and interpreter of 'truth'. In this exhibit, children can create one-of-a-kind magical visual patterns and images!

This is the international debut of *The Real Thing* outside of Australia, and is on loan courtesy of Ipswich Art Gallery.

Wayang Play Stage

By Anita Nevens (Singapore, Belgium)

14 May – Sun 26 June (Closed on Mondays), 10am – 6pm

An interactive installation, *Wayang Play Stage* inspired by the Fashion and Film & Wayang Galleries to investigate the seamless relationship between art and architecture through fabric and performance, welcomes children to play with face paints and perform their stories on a fabric-inspired modern dramatic set. The installation provides room for imagination and interaction with others through role-playing and experimenting with face paints.

Other activities include:

- **Dress** – Co-create dramatic costumes using weaving and knotting
- **Clay Musescapes** – Create a large scale work of an entire museum-scape
- **Transforming Passages** – Design your own fabric patterns
- **Happy Hawkers by Playeum®** – Pretend play: make your own food and peddle them in makeshift stalls

(For the schedule of the above activities, pls refer to www.nationalmuseum.sg/ChildrensSeason)

Ticketed Workshops & Performances

Rhythm and Rhyme, Sing and It's Mine! – A Create-Your-Own-Song Workshop

By Corinne Gibbons (Singapore)

21 & 22 May 2011, 11am & 1.30pm

Duration: 60 mins | Seminar Rooms, Level 2

Best for ages 5 to 9

Fees: \$33 / \$27 Concession rate (for one child and one adult)

Limited to 13 pairs of participants

In this workshop, parents can join their children to create their own original songs. Led by singer-songwriter Corinne Gibbons, teams of parent and child will be inspired by the contents of the National Museum and express their ideas in words. Rhythm, meter and rhyme are weaved into the participants' stories about their favourite foods, films and fashion to create their very own unique songs to take home!

I'm a Storyteller! – An interactive workshop

By Kamini Ramachadran (Singapore)

28 May, 4 & 5 June 2011, 11am & 2pm

Duration: 90 mins | Seminar Rooms, Level 2

Best for ages 5 to 9

Fees: \$38 / \$31 Concession rate (for one child and one adult)

Limited to 12 pairs of participants



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Join professional storyteller, Kamini Ramachandran as she guides parents and children to create their own stories using the National Museum's handling collection as tools and props for storytelling. Children's imagination will surely soar while learning to express themselves in this workshop, where a good dose of interactive storytelling will also be demonstrated.

Museum of Dreams

By Citizens Theatre (UK), A TAG production

19 & 20 May 2011, 10am, 2pm & 5pm

21 & 22 May 2011, 11am, 2pm & 5pm

Fees: S\$20

Duration: 45 mins | Gallery Theatre, Basement (Free Seating)

Best for ages 5 to 9

No admission for infant in arms

A snooze-worthy museum opens its dusty doors to visitors who are all set for a visual adventure. As the museum attendant ushers the children and their parents in, the audience enters into the magical space of Museum of Dreams and along comes the unexpected arrival of a new exhibit, a little pretty puppet girl. Will she be able to help the sad and grumpy museum attendant finally find the happiness he has longed for?



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The Museum of Dreams is an enchanted place built specially for small people with big imaginations. Created and directed by Guy Hollands and puppet-maker Ailie Cohen, *Museum of Dreams* will transport the audience to a world of dreams through live physical performance, puppetry and projection.

This production is performed entirely without words.

(For the schedule of the activities, please refer to www.nationalmuseum.sg/ChildrensSeason)

NUS MUSEUM

- **Batik Painting in the Tropical Garden**
4 & 18 June
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Come and learn how to re-create the traditional Southeast Asian art of batik painting with our professional batik painters! We will be basing our work on Ng Eng Teng's mural 'Asian Symphony' in "Working the Tropical Garden".

- **Book-Making for Children: Camping and Tramping through the Museum**
25 June & 2 July
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

In the style of Dr Ivan Polunin, an intrepid adventurer and medical doctor, children will get to experience the exhibition *Camping and Tramping* through the Colonial Archives in true adventure style, making field notes and sketching the exhibits. Once completed, they will learn simple and creative book-making techniques that will transform their notes and sketches into field journals!

Admission to the museum is **free**. Workshop charges apply.
For more details, visit www.nus.edu.sg/museum.

PERANAKAN MUSEUM

- **Little Phoenixes & Dragons: Children's Season at the Peranakan Museum**
7 – 29 June
Drop-in Wednesday Programmes: 8, 15, 22, 29 June
Weekend Festival (Free Admission): 18 – 19 June
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Take part in a series of customised workshops ranging from cartooning to digital photography, all with a Peranakan twist! Or, drop by on Wednesdays and enjoy complimentary crafts (with admission) such as silk-screen printing, hands-on cooking demonstrations, storytelling sessions and painting for your own Peranakan-inspired mug. Explore and discover Peranakan activity stations created just for *Children's Season* and bring home a souvenir of your unique experience!

What's more, don't miss the free weekend festival, a multi-sensorial affair peppered with performing arts, cool handicrafts for the whole family, Peranakan wedding processions and a food and craft fair. Look out for free goodie bags and expect a whole month of fun at the Peranakan Museum!

Various charges apply for different workshops.

For enquiries or registration, call 6332 6124 or e-mail nhb_pm_programmes@nhb.gov.sg.

For more details, visit www.peranakanmuseum.sg.



Photo courtesy of the Peranakan Museum

Highlights during Little Phoenixes & Dragons

Cooking Capers -- A Peranakan Culinary Adventure for Kids

7 June, 11am to 1pm

Best for ages 6 to 10

Fees: \$25 for child; \$28 for one adult and child

Children will create and steam their very own animal-shaped *kueh ku*, whip up a yummy cold tofu salad, and wash it all down with a thirst-quenching spice-infused drink. This interactive hands-on workshop conducted by Baba Benjamin Seck of True Blue Cuisine includes a tour of the Food and Feasting Galleries.

Face to Face -- Fashion and Portraits

9 June, 2pm to 5:30pm

Best for ages 9 to 12

Fees: \$35

Participants will learn about Peranakan fashion and culture by creating portraits of each other in traditional Peranakan outfits in this fun and interactive workshop. The highlight will be meeting one of Singapore's most well-known photographers (who is also Peranakan) Russel Wong! Participants will receive three complimentary 4R-prints of their

work.

Little Phoenix and Dragon Etiquette Workshop

16 June, 2pm to 4pm

Best for ages 7 to 9

Fees: \$25

Calling all aspiring nyonyas and babas! This workshop focuses on up-to-date social skills which build self-esteem, self-respect, and respect for others through role-playing, dress-up, and interactive activities. This workshop will end with a snack time when participants will be able to apply their newly acquired social and food etiquette skills in a Peranakan setting. Children are encouraged to dress up in Peranakan fashion.

Shophouse Secrets -- Digital Photography

21 June (2pm to 6pm)

Best for ages 9 to 12

Fees: \$40

Participants will pick up simple photography skills while learning about Peranakan architecture and culture. This workshop will include a fieldtrip to the Baba House on Neil Road, the ancestral home of a Straits Chinese family. Children will receive three complimentary 4R-prints of their work. This workshop is co-organised with Baba House.

All workshops include Peranakan snacks, a museum tour, and a free goodie bag for all registered participants. Limited spaces available. A minimum of five participants are required to proceed with each workshop. For more details and to register for the above workshops, visit www.peranakanmuseum.sg.

POLICE HERITAGE CENTRE

- **Who Wants to be a Policeman?**

24 May – 30 July

Admission is free

Part of Children's Season 2011

An opportunity not to be missed by aspiring policemen! The guided tour of the Police Heritage Centre is just the icing on the cake – the next activity allows children to don several types of police uniforms of yesteryears and share their thoughts on what it must have like being a policeman in the past and present. Some uniforms include the iconic Traffic Police uniform, the grey and khaki ensemble dating from the pre-war years, and the current blue Darcon uniform that officers had been using since 1969! Through the tour and costume play, children can engage in some excitement while forming their personal perspective of police life.

Pre-registration is required for programmes. Visits are by appointment only. Appointments to be made 5 days in advance.

RAFFLES MUSEUM OF BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH

- **Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research Open House**
24 & 25 June
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Discover the richness of Singapore's biodiversity with these exciting activities at the Open House! Children will get a chance to go on guided tours, work with scientists, experience the life of a curator and participate in exciting gallery activities.

Admission is **free**. Some activities require a minimum donation for participation.

SINGAPORE ART MUSEUM

- **Art Garden at the Singapore Art Museum: Interactive contemporary art for children**
3 June – 30 August, 10am to 7pm (Monday to Sunday), 10am to 9pm (Friday)
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

The well loved *Art Garden* returns to the Singapore Art Museum with a selection of artworks chosen for their imagination and interactivity. Say hello to *Walter*, the curious colossal bunny. Catch the *Dancing Solar Flowers* and discover how light makes the flowers dance. Step into the fantastic blue universe of *Paramodelic Graffiti*, dress up life-sized hand painted dolls in *Mummy Dearest*, shop at our lively *Fruits* market and create your own 3D paper fruit, and when you need a rest, watch fun animations from all over the world. Don't miss these works and more – spend a day of play and learning at *Art Garden at SAM*.

Museum admission charges apply, **free for children aged 6 and below**. Free admission is applicable every Friday from 6 to 9pm and on Open House days.



Walter by Dawn Ng

For more details or enquiries, call 6332 3222 / 6332 3200 or visit www.singaporeartmuseum.sg.

SINGAPORE PHILATELIC MUSEUM

- **Let's Play! Open House**
28 – 29 May and 5 June, 9am to 7pm
Admission is free
Early birds get a free Fun Activity Kit worth \$20
(Limited to 1 kit per family. While stocks last. Conditions apply)

Let's have family fun at *Let's Play! Open House* this holiday! A series of fun activities await you such as folding your own paper plane, making a special craft, meeting a pilot in our show-and-tell session, and laughing to your heart's content while watching the clever rabbit outwitting the greedy tiger in Puppets Mania, and more!

- **Puppets Mania – The Tiger and the Rabbit**
28 May (11am to 11.30am), 5 June (2pm to 2.30pm)
Be enthralled by a tiger's tale told through puppetry and stamps. Meet the clever rabbit and other wacky puppets that will have you in stitches!
- **'Singapore Takes Flight' Workshop**
7 June (9.30am to 12pm), 22 June, (9.30am to 12pm)
Fees: \$20 per child
Best for ages 8 to 12
Be inspired by the fascination to fly, learn about the story of '100 years of flight in Singapore', and be awed by superb model aircrafts on display. Learn how to fold paper planes and compete with each other in a competition!
- **Fun Overnight Camp**
2 – 3 June, 16 – 17 June, 6pm to 9am
Fees: \$70 per child
Best for ages 7 to 11
Sleep over at the museum and enjoy fun activities such as an amazing race, treasure hunt, craft activity, movie time and more! Dinner, supper and breakfast will be provided. Just bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, jacket and a fresh change of clothes!
- **'Bunny Wonderland' Workshop**
29 May (2pm to 3.30pm)
Fees: \$3 per child
Best for ages 6 and above
Tour the new 'Bunny Wonderland' exhibition and learn amazing facts about our furry friends! Get enthralled by a bunny tale and make your very own bunny puppet. The best puppets stand to win prizes.
- **Flights Away**
28 May (2pm to 6pm), 29 May (10am to 5pm)
Children aged 5 years and above can use various materials to create an airport and their own objects of flight in this community art installation. Activity takes at least 30 min.

For enquiries, call 6337 3888.

For more programmes, visit www.spm.org.sg.



Photos courtesy of Singapore Philatelic Museum

SINGAPORE SPORTS MUSEUM – YOG GALLERY

- **Children's Olympiad**

6 – 10 June and 13 – 17 June, 9am to 12noon or 2pm to 5pm (only for group school visits)

11 June, 9am to 5pm (walk-in visitors)*

12 June (Closed on Sundays)*

Part of *Children's Season 2011*

Experience the spirit of Olympics – the child's way!

The Children's Olympiad is a modified version of the Olympic Games, giving children an opportunity to experience the challenges, thrills and successes as experienced by the athletes.

Learn about the Olympic core values as we impart the values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect through our fun filled activities and sports stations!

*Pre-registration is required for group school visits. For pre-registration, kindly call 6471 7639 or send your bookings to woon_hin_szu@ssc.gov.sg

S'PORE DISCOVERY CENTRE

- **S'pore Discovery Centre is Buzzing with Delightful Treats!**

28 May – 26 June, 9am to 6pm

Part of *Children's Season 2011*

It's time to have fun! Create gigantic bubbles of different shapes and sizes, strike your favourite pose and say "cheese!" at our giant photo frames, get creative at our crafts workshops and bring home your creation, complete your stamps collection to exchange for a gift, and many more! It's all happening at S'pore Discovery Centre!

Activities are **free**. Admission charges apply.

For enquiries or registration, call 6792 6188 or email info@sdc.com.sg.



Photos courtesy of S'pore Discovery Centre

SUN YAT SEN NANYANG MEMORIAL HALL

- **Discover HIStory: The Man Who Changed China**
28 May – 16 October
Best for ages 7 and above
Held at the Singapore Philatelic Museum
 Part of *Children's Season 2011*

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1911 Revolution in China, the Singapore Philatelic Museum (SPM) and the Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall (SYSNMH) are jointly organising a stamp exhibition on Dr. Sun Yat Sen at the SPM. Children can unravel the life and times of this great revolutionary leader of China in this interactive exhibition. They can explore Dr. Sun's room and discover little known facts about him through stamps and play. They can also bring home a free activity book.

Museum admission charges apply. For more information, visit www.wanqingyuan.org.sg or call 6256 7377.

THE CHANGI MUSEUM

- **A Child's War**
May – July
 Fees: \$23 per student
 Part of *Children's Season 2011*

See World War II in Singapore through a child's eyes. Take part in a workshop and specially-designed guided tour of the museum, which include stories and activities illustrating the effects of World War II on children and how the hardships of war affect children in general.

Pre-tour registration is required.

THE INTAN

- **Enjoy Your 5 Senses: The Peranakan Way**
Taste, See, Feel, Hear & Smell the delightful ways of Peranakans!
May & June
Part of *Children's Season 2011*

The Peranakan culture is filled with colours! What better way to learn about Peranakan culture than through the various senses? The Intan presents an array of events for children to learn about the ways of the Peranakan!

- Peranakan Sight: Children will learn about the origins of the 'Peranakan tile' and how it is used in Peranakan architecture
- Peranakan Smell: Indulge in the aroma of different traditional spices and ingredients that go into Peranakan cooking
- Peranakan Touch: Learn to appreciate the fine traditional art of sarong making, as well as learn how to 'tie' a sarong
- Peranakan Sounds: Participate in a Peranakan music workshop
- Peranakan Taste: Here, children will be given an opportunity to experience the art of wrapping a traditional Nyonya dumpling!

Charges apply for each 1 hour workshop. For more details, refer to www.the-intan.com.



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PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS BOARD

- **My Monumental Playground**
11 – 12 June, 2pm to 6pm
Held at Esplanade Park
Best for ages 5 and above
 Part of *Children’s Season 2011*

Ever wondered about the structures in Esplanade Park?, Well, this is your chance to learn more about the Cenotaph, Lim Bo Seng Memorial and Tan Kim Seng Fountain as the park is transformed into a wonderland of activities for the family! Don't miss your chance to explore, learn, get active and discover the rich history behind these new National Monuments.

Come on a treasure hunt around the park to unravel little known facts about these memorials or be enchanted by our storytelling sessions. Test how green your fingers are with our craft activities using plants! When the sun sets on 11 June, join us for an outdoor screening of the popular animation film, ‘How to Train Your Dragon’. Mark down these dates and we'll see you for an afternoon of exciting activities!

This event is brought to you by Preservation of Monuments Board, supported by the National Parks Board.

Pre-registration is required for some of the scheduled activities. Free admission for movie screening on 11 June, 7pm. For more details, visit www.pmb.sg.

NATIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

- **Heritage Children Programmes @ The Libraries!**
4 – 26 June (weekends only)
Selected public and regional libraries
Activities are free for ages 4 to 8
 Part of *Children’s Season 2011*

Learn about Singapore’s local cultures through storytelling and make your own fabric print on tote bags at selected public and regional libraries.

The sessions are **free**. Registration is required at the eKiosk in a library near you. Presented by National Library Board and National Heritage Board.

CHILDREN’S SEASON HUB @ ORCHARD

- **20 May – 2 July**
11am to 9pm (Daily)

As part of *Children’s Season 2011*, NHB will be setting up the first ever Children’s Season Hub @ Orchard Road to serve as a one-stop information hub for all the children’s exhibits, activities and programmes across participating Museum Roundtable (MR) members. The proposed hub will feature an information zone to provide visitors with information about

Children's Season 2011 exhibits, activities and programmes as well as an activity zone for National Heritage Board and Museum Roundtable museums to conduct children's activities such as storytelling as well as arts and craft workshops. The hub is located next to the Singapore Visitors Centre at the junction of Cairnhill Road and Orchard Road and will be open from 20 May to 2 July 2011 from 11am to 9pm.

OTHER PROMOTIONS AND PRODUCTS

Playing For Treasures! (Children's Season Promotion)

Grab the Children's Season brochure, and participate in the special programmes organised by participating museums and galleries to receive stamps redeemable for exclusive gifts at the Children's Season Hub @ Orchard (beside Singapore Visitor Centre @ Orchard)!

Promotion and redemption period begins 23 May till 10 July 2011. Refer to www.museums.com.sg/cs11 for more information on the promotion. Redemption is applicable while stocks last. Terms and conditions apply.

MADE BY ME (Exclusive Children's Season Merchandise)

Inspired by the inquisitive and imaginative nature of children, *MADE BY ME* is a range of fun and engaging D.I.Y. kits showcasing elements of Singaporean heritage, encouraging creativity amongst the young ones. Children can design their very own puzzle cube, kaleidoscope, tote bag, t-shirt or even build an iconic Singapore heritage building.

- **Puzzle cube:** The puzzle cube, invented in 1974, is one of the most popular toys in the world today. Through this childhood game, children will learn about heritage motifs of Singapore as they colour and assemble their one-of-a-kind puzzle cube.
- **Kaleidoscope:** Operating on the simple laws of physics, a kaleidoscope produces a different colourful pattern each time you look through it. With a set of plates inspired by the heritage motifs of Singapore, the kaleidoscope promises to provide endless entertainment.
- **Tote bag:** Included in each kit is a set of stencils to let children kick-start their first personalised tote bag. Add optional colourful buttons and iron-ons to complete the look. Children will have endless fun creating a tote bag they can use for school and play!
- **T-shirt:** With a set of Velcro alphabets, children can personalise a t-shirt with their names or even form their own short message. The t-shirt allows constant customisation so children can let their imagination run wild and wear a 'new' shirt every time!
- **Building blocks:** Six heritage buildings of Singapore have been transformed into miniature models for children to try their hand at being little architects. As children put together their miniature models, they learn of these heritage buildings which house Singapore's vast collection of art and artefacts.

MADE BY ME is now available at the Asian Civilisations Museum, National Museum of Singapore and Singapore Art Museum.



Photos courtesy of the National Heritage Board

International Museum Day (IMD) Open House Day
Free admission to participating museums and galleries
29 May

Have an enjoyable and memorable time at various museums and galleries island-wide as we celebrate IMD with a variety of free activities and programmes just for you and your family!

Participating museums and galleries:

- Asian Civilisations Museum
- Chinese Heritage Centre
- Infocomm Experience Centre (iExperience)
- Land Transport Gallery
- Memories at Old Ford Factory
- National Library Singapore
- National Museum of Singapore
- NUS Museum
- Peranakan Museum
- Reflections at Bukit Chandu
- Singapore Art Museum
- Singapore Coins and Notes Museum
- Singapore Philatelic Museum
- The Changi Museum
- The Intan

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NHB and NHB Museums Information

National Heritage Board

61 Stamford Road, #03-08
Stamford Court, Singapore 178892
Tel: 6338 0000
www.nhb.gov.sg

Asian Civilisations Museum

1 Empress Place
Singapore 179555
Tel: 6332 7798
www.acm.org.sg

Opening Hours

Mon: 1pm–7pm
Tue–Sun: 9am–7pm (till 9pm on Fridays)

Memories at Old Ford Factory

351 Upper Bukit Timah Road
Singapore 588192
Tel: 6462 6724
www.s1942.org.sg

Opening Hours

Mon–Sat: 9am–5.30pm
Sun: Noon–5.30pm

National Museum of Singapore

93 Stamford Road
Singapore 178897
Tel: 6332 3659
www.nationalmuseum.sg

Opening Hours

Singapore History Gallery: 10am – 6pm daily (last entry: 5.30pm)
Singapore Living Galleries: 10am – 8pm daily (last entry: 7.30pm)

Peranakan Museum

39 Armenian Street
Singapore 179941
Tel: 6332 7591
www.peranakanmuseum.sg

Opening Hours

Mon: 1pm–7pm
Tue–Sun: 9am–7pm (till 9pm on Fridays)

Reflections at Bukit Chandu

31-K Pepys Road
Singapore 118458
Tel: 6375 2510
www.s1942.org.sg

Opening Hours

Tue–Sun: 9am–5.30pm

Singapore Art Museum

71 Bras Basah Road
Singapore 189555
Tel: 6332 3222
www.singaporeartmuseum.sg

Opening Hours

Mon–Sun: 10am–7pm (till 9pm on Fridays)

Singapore Philatelic Museum

23-B Coleman Street
Singapore 179807
Tel: 6337 3888
www.spm.org.sg

Opening Hours

Mon: 1pm–7pm
Tue–Sun: 9am–7pm

Non-NHB Museums

For more information on non-NHB museums, visit www.museums.com.sg.

Participating Museums for *Children's Season 2011*

Key <i>Children's Season 2011</i> Figures:	
• Number of Participating Museums during <i>Children's Season 2011</i>	= 24 museums (as listed below)
• Number of Activities during <i>Children's Season 2011</i>	= Over 80 activities

1. Army Museum of Singapore
2. Asian Civilisations Museum
3. Chinese Heritage Centre
4. HealthZone
5. Home Team Gallery
6. Infocomm Experience Centre (iExperience)
7. Land Transport Gallery
8. Malay Heritage Centre
9. Memories at Old Ford Factory
10. MINT Museum of Toys
11. National Library Singapore
12. National Museum of Singapore
13. NUS Museum
14. Peranakan Museum
15. Police Heritage Centre
16. Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research
17. Reflections at Bukit Chandu
18. Singapore Art Museum
19. Singapore Philatelic Museum
20. Singapore Sports Museum – YOG Gallery
21. S'pore Discovery Centre
22. Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall
23. The Changi Museum
24. The Intan

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