

MEDIA ADVISORY



**Short Film Project *Civic Life: Tiong Bahru* to Premiere at
National Museum of Singapore in October**

*Film to be screened on 5 October in Singapore before an extensive United Kingdom
and International tour*

Singapore, 27 September 2010 – The highly anticipated short film project ***Civic Life: Tiong Bahru*** will have its world premiere in Singapore at the National Museum of Singapore on Tuesday, 5 October 2010. Conceptualised by UK-based filmmakers Joe Lawlor and Christine Molly in 2009 and shot on location in June 2010 at Tiong Bahru, one of Singapore's oldest housing estates, ***Civic Life: Tiong Bahru*** is a joint-collaboration between the National Museum of Singapore and the British Council (Singapore) with support from the Singapore International Foundation.

Ms Lee Chor Lin, director of the National Museum of Singapore, says, "The Civic Life project is a major community project that has involved many local communities in the UK, and the National Museum of Singapore is very proud to be part of this larger initiative to showcase one of our very own neighbourhoods – Tiong Bahru - which holds such a rich history."

The 20-minute video is a sensitive portrayal of three very different people caught at the crossroads in their lives, and the extraordinary place in which they live in. Shot on 35mm cinemascope by an all-Singaporean crew, the project also saw the participation from over 150 members of the local community.

Civic Life: Tiong Bahru as well as winning entries from the competition **Where The Heart Is** will be screened over three Tuesdays in October at 7.30pm, starting from 12th October at the National Museum of Singapore. Tickets will be issued from 6.30pm at the Front of House outside the Gallery Theatre, on the same day of the screenings on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration is required.

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to its inception in 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is the nation's oldest museum with a young soul. Designed to be the people's museum, the National Museum is a custodian of the 11 National Treasures, and its Singapore History and Living Galleries adopt cutting-edge and varied ways of presenting history and culture to redefine conventional museum experience.

A cultural and architectural landmark in Singapore, the Museum hosts vibrant festivals and events all year round – the dynamic Night Festival, visually arresting art installations, as well as amazing performances and film screenings – in addition to presenting lauded exhibitions and precious artefacts. The programming is supported by a wide range of facilities and services including F&B, retail and a Resource Centre. The National Museum of Singapore re-opened in December 2006 after a three-year redevelopment. For details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.