

UNLEASH CREATIVITY

Singapore's arts scene will get a tremendous boost this year-end, thanks to the new **National Gallery Singapore** (nationalgallery.sg). Children can get in touch with their artistic side at the Gallery's opening festival from 27 to 29 November 2015. To be held at the Padang, the carnival will feature a spectacular façade show, performances, screenings and SG50-themed art activities for the family. Admission to the Gallery is free from 24 November to 6 December 2015.



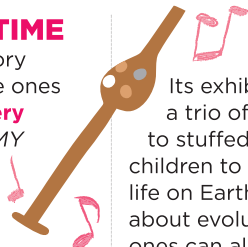
The Keppel Centre for Art Education at National Gallery Singapore is ideal for early exposure to art.

A GOLDEN FINISH to 2015

Cap off the year's SG50 celebrations with five fun activities that will also enable little ones to learn and explore.

STEP BACK IN TIME

An interactive, multisensory history lesson awaits little ones at the **Singapore Discovery Centre's** (sdc.com.sg) #MY SINGAPORE — *Ours to CREATE* exhibition. A highlight of the event is its Sounds and Songs display which enables children to take an aural journey through the nation's past. They can hear common sounds of yesteryear — such as music from the *pungi*, a wind instrument played by snake charmers who once delighted crowds of children in Singapore — alongside familiar tunes such as the various National Day songs. Admission to the exhibition, which runs until 3 January 2016, is free.



Its exhibits, which range from a trio of dinosaur skeletons to stuffed mammals, enable children to trace the history of life on Earth. Besides learning about evolution, little ones can also pick up simple geographical concepts at the museum's multisensory showcases. Here they can feel the textures of different kinds of rocks and discover the various features of forests. Visit lknhm.nus.edu.sg for admission details.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

For her 50th birthday, Singapore received an unforgettable present: the opening of the **Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum**.

VISIT THE CIRCUS

In the spirit of family bonding during SG50, enjoy a retelling of Rudyard Kipling's classic work at two malls: **Lot One Shoppers' Mall** (1 to 6 December 2015) and **Bukit Panjang Plaza** (8 to 13 December 2015). Staged by a Canadian entertainment group, *Jungle Book Circus* is an acrobatic



production that will captivate kids and adults alike with the cast's intricate movements and elaborate costumes designed by Cirque du Soleil's wardrobe team. Admission to the show is free. It will be performed twice a day (2.40pm and 7.10pm), and each 40-minute performance ends with a meet-and-greet session.

MAKE MERRY IN THE PARK

In celebration of Singapore's Golden Jubilee, the National Parks Board will hold outdoor concerts at **Jurong Central Park** on 31 October 2015 and **Gardens by the Bay** on 19 December 2015. *Concert Series in the Park* will feature well-known local talents alongside community performing groups. Kids can look forward to fringe activities at the concerts, such as bouncy castles and kite festivals. Admission to the concerts is free. For more information, visit nparks.gov.sg/sg50



Visit Jurong Central Park for an outdoor concert on 31 October.

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