

Things to watch out for in the upcoming months

The Sound of Music

Date : 9 Apr (Sat) - 10 Apr (Sun)
 Venue : Esplanade Theatre
 Time : 2.30pm (Sat & Sun), 8pm (Sat only)
 Admission : \$157.50, \$136.50, \$110.25, \$78.75, \$31.50 (8pm); \$157.50, \$115.50, \$84.00, \$63.00, \$31.50 (2.30pm)

Winner of 6 Tony Awards, including Best Musical in 1959, The Sound of Music is the inspiring true story of Maria Rainer.

Set in Salzburg, in pre-World War II Austria, Maria serves as a governess for the seven children of the widowed Captain von Trapp. Her growing rapport with the children, coupled with her generosity and spirit, gradually captures the heart of the stern Captain. Upon returning from their honeymoon they discover that the Nazis have invaded Austria and have demanded the Captain's immediate service in their navy. This sets off a rollicking adventure towards the mountains of Switzerland, and freedom.

The stage production includes the timeless Rodgers and Hammerstein songs My Favourite Things, Do-Re-Mi, Climb Ev'ry Mountain, Edelweiss and Something Good.

Tickets sold through SISTIC website www.sistic.com, authorised agents and hotline 6348 5555, and Esplanade Box Office. SISTIC booking fee applies per ticket.

Lunchbox: Shrewd Bass

Date : 29 Mar (Tue)
 Venue : Esplanade Concert Hall
 Time : 12.45pm (30 minutes with no intermission)
 Admission : Free

For 16 years, Shrewd Brass has been performing concerts throughout Australia, making it one of the most enduring chamber ensembles in the country. They perform regularly for Musica Viva Australia as part of its outstanding schools programme and also for Country Wide, Musica Viva's regional touring programme. Their engaging concerts are not to be missed as they present new works by living Australian composers.

Call 6828 8389 for more information.

Basic Photography

Date : 24 Mar - 26 May (Thursdays)
 Venue: The Substation Classroom 1
 Time : 7pm - 9pm
 Fees : \$160 for 10 sessions

This course introduces the basic techniques and art of photography, the handling of the camera and its related equipment. Our instructor, Lim Seng Tiong, combines practical sessions with strong basic theory. Bring an SLR camera or a digital camera for the first lesson.

Mr Lim is an experienced photographer who has won many prestigious awards. He was a senior photographer with The Straits Times for many years.

Call 6337 7535 for more information.

"The Chicken Story" Exhibition

Date : Ongoing until 10 Apr (Sun)
 Venue : Singapore Philatelic Museum
 Time : 1pm - 7pm (Mon), 9am - 7pm (Tue - Sun)
 Admission : Adult \$3, Children (3-12 years) \$2

The Singapore Philatelic Museum presents "The Chicken Story" to welcome the Zodiac Year of the Rooster. On exhibition are an international collection of stamps and philatelic materials to explore the past and present roles of chickens in history and culture.

On display are a set of colourful stamps from Southeast Asia that depict fighting cocks locked in deadly battle with rising hackles and staring eyes, and some of the finest wares with chicken motif including a remarkable "Dou Chai" bowl produced during the Ming period and a handmade Romanian plate with intricate designs.

Visitors can also take part in the "Chicken Quiz" and stand to win meal vouchers generously sponsored by Chatterbox Coffeehouse at Meritus Mandarin Singapore.

Call 6337 3888 or visit www.spm.org.sg for more information.