

Music Picks

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JIMMY FALLON, STING & THE ROOTS REMIX: DON'T STAND SO CLOSE TO ME (AT-HOME INSTRUMENTS)

The grooviest reminder to practise social distancing is this remix of British rock band The Police's Don't Stand So Close To Me.

English singer Sting teams up with talk-show host Jimmy Fallon and American hip-hop act The Roots in an online collaboration featuring some unusual instruments. The Roots' Questlove does joyous percussion work with scissors and forks.

WATCH IT AT: bit.ly/3epvAK



MAO BUYI 2020 ONLINE CONCERT: REVIEWING SECOND ALBUM XIAO WANG

Chinese singer Mao Buyi (left) won all-male singing contest The Coming One in 2017. He followed the win with hit song Perfect Day, a tender celebration of the quotidian, in his debut album of the same name a year later.

Fans will want to check out this intimate online concert, featuring songs from his second album Xiao Wang (2020). Mao's nickname is Little Wang as his birth name is Wang Weijia. WATCH IT AT: bit.ly/3deFg15



R&B HOME SWEET HOME
Khalil Fong
★★★★☆

What has Hong Kong-based Mandopop singer Khalil Fong (left) been up to while staying in because of Covid-19?

Eating noodles, for one. He sings and raps rapturously about spaghetti aglio e olio (garlic and oil), Yang Chun noodles and more on the track Noodles.

On Hair's A Little Long, he has a problem many will find familiar in these times: "Hair's a little long, long/Who will help me cut it short, short?"

The singer makes a case for the power of music in these difficult times on Favorite Stuff: "Enjoying the beat, like floating in a weightless sea/Regardless of adult or child, music nourishes the soul."



STEFANIE SUN 20TH ANNIVERSARY SURPRISE LIVE-STREAM GIG

Home-grown Mandopop singer Stefanie Sun's (above) debut album Yan Zi was released on June 9, 2000. To mark its 20th anniversary, she held a surprise live-stream gig on June 9. A relaxed-looking Sun chatted

about what she had been up to and happily performed barefoot, backed by musicians. She sang tracks such as Against The Light and Cloudy Day, the track from Yan Zi that made her a star, as well as English numbers such as American rock band Live's Lightning Crashes.

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WATCH IT AT: bit.ly/3fJr2He

GIGS

The Show Goes On...Live: Tim De Cotta

This concert highlight from Baybeats 2017 focuses on Tim De Cotta's acoustic set, where he performed five original songs, including Rain and Art Pure, from his 2017 album The Warrior. The bassist, vocalist, songwriter, music producer and entrepreneur started his musical career playing with Singapore band Sixx and has played, written, produced and recorded with artists such as Inch Chua, Ling Kai and Disco Hue. Baybeats showcases prominent Singapore and foreign acts covering folk, pop, metal, post-rock, punk, electro and every genre in between. WATCH IT AT: esplanade.com/offstage/arts/tim-de-cotta

TALKS

Understanding Games, Gamers & Game Addiction

This four-hour online seminar for parents is jointly organised by the Media Literacy Council and Soos OIO, a social enterprise that uses gaming to empower youth through workshops and friendly competitions. There will be sessions by gaming industry experts from Soos OIO, which is a member of the Media Literacy Council. A youth psychologist will discuss gaming trends, why gaming is popular among children, its benefits and pitfalls, and how to identify and curb gaming addiction. Part of the Better Internet x Youth Call-for-Proposals initiative, which supports digital literacy community

projects to promote online safety, responsibility and civility. WHEN: Tomorrow, 10am - 1pm ADMISSION: Free with registration INFO: bit.ly/38ONSa0

Introduction To Will Making

This Zoom talk, organised by the Society of Sheng Hong Welfare Services, explains the making of a will to ensure one's assets go to the right beneficiaries. The talk is part of Life Point, a project piloted by the society which aims to promote a positive outlook towards death and dying. WHEN: Tue, 10.30am - noon ADMISSION: Free with registration INFO: shenghong.org.sg/life-point

CLASSES

See The Big Picture Through Macro

This third instalment of the Canon Facebook Live Webinar series features Lenz Lim, a Singapore-based Canon EOS professional and wildlife/macro photographer. His photos have been used in publications such as Travellution Magazine 2019 and Chiiz Magazine 2018. He will teach participants how to transform everyday objects into interesting subjects by enhancing little details with the right gear. There will also be a 15-minute question-and-answer session. WHEN: Today, 8 - 9pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: bit.ly/3dwAYSV

Editing For The International English Market

This Zoom workshop will introduce participants to the process of

publishing a book. Peony Literary Agency, Tender Leaves Translations and literary agent Anya Goncharova will give insights into what international editors look for in submitted works and tips on how to prepare manuscripts for submission. Participants will have a chance to talk about their own work, ask questions related to their submissions and exchange feedback based on their own experiences. WHEN: Thu, 4 - 5.30pm ADMISSION: \$15 INFO: bit.ly/2Cu8vAe

Introduction To Literary Translation

This course covers topics such as what makes a literary translation and translator, with a focus on Drama Box's Tanah • Air: A Play In Two Parts, which involved translating between Chinese, Malay, and English. The course will be conducted via Zoom by Shelly Bryant, a poet, writer, and translator who has worked in publishing houses including Epigram Publishing, Singapore's National Library Board and Giramondo Books. WHEN: July 4, 9.30am - 12.30pm ADMISSION: \$60 INFO: bit.ly/3fQ3dxx

SPORTS

Minus Calories Self-service Private Workout

Fitness studio Active Hive, which has reopened, has launched private workouts for women only. Clients must book a time slot for private access to the studio. Fitness trainers will meet the client for the first session for consultation and every

fifth session after that for progress reports, or as requested by the client. Clients can start with a trial of two sessions, which comes with a free body composition analysis worth \$28. WHERE: Parc Somme, 01-04, 62 Somme Road MRT: Farrer Park WHEN: 24 hours daily WHERE: Suites@Bukit Timah, 01-33, 68, Jalan Jurong Kechil MRT: Beauty World WHEN: 7am - 10pm daily ADMISSION: \$48 for trial INFO: bit.ly/3i3Yfzh

FESTIVALS

Live From The Bunker: Belfast City Blues Festival

Having been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic, the festival has moved online and will feature acts such as Lee Hedley Blues Band, Sam Davidson's Taste and American singer-songwriter Mirenda Rosenberg. WHEN: Tomorrow, 9pm - Sun, 5am ADMISSION: Free, donations accepted INFO: bit.ly/2YrD2aA

SGUnited Traineeships Virtual Career Fair

Explore a range of traineeship opportunities across various sectors at this virtual career fair. Pick up tips on how to develop professional skills and industry-relevant experience that will help you gain a firmer foothold in the job market when the economy recovers. WHEN: Mon - July 12 ADMISSION: Free INFO: go.gov.sg/vcf-trainee-jun

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The new normal in restaurant dining

The Covid-19 pandemic has transformed the food and beverage landscape in Singapore. With new safety measures, the dining-out experience is very different from before. Also, customers are used to takeaway and delivery. How do restaurants adapt? What kinds of dishes work best with these new models?

The Straits Times' senior food correspondent Wong Ah Yoke and hotelier-restaurateur Loh Lik Peng discuss these issues on the askST@NLB podcast on July 3.

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Do you have questions for Mr Wong and Mr Loh? Go to str.sg/JPXG to submit your questions by 6pm on Sunday, June 28