

WAK

2019

CELEBRATE ARTS, CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE

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27 OCT

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LOCATION X

OLD TING & TING SUPERMARKET



What About Kuching (WAK) is thrilled to have access to the building that once housed the iconic Ting & Ting Supermarket - Kuching's preferred grocer which recently closed its doors after nearly 6 decades.

The WAK community has creatively renamed this site as LOCATION X-TRAORDINAIRE in short LOCATION X. This will be WAK Central in 2019. In October, LOCATION X will be transformed into an artspace comprising art and craft exhibitions, performing arts events and colourful lifestyles statements.

A big feature will be the WAK MUSIC PORTAL happening each weekend. Brand new components such as the WAK BIG JAM and WAK OPEN MIC will see burgeoning artistes exciting audiences here mid-week. Expect our creative communities to conjure up some eye-popping pop-up* events throughout the month. For details on these, stay tuned for WAK Social Media posts. Purveyors of food and beverage, arts and crafts vendors* will also be parked at LOCATION X throughout October to satisfy your shopping and dining fancies.

So there you have it, every reason to drop by or park yourselves permanently at LOCATION X come October. See you, your family, your friends ... HECK! Bring on the entire neighbourhood and let's paint the town RED!!!

* To put on a pop-up event or participate as a vendor, email to admin@aboutkuching.com

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CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY



YB Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth & Sports Sarawak

The Visit Sarawak Campaign 2019 has been a year filled with back-to-back events in every genre. From the colourful New Year celebrations to the highly successful Rainforest World Music Festival 2019, Kuching is indeed well on the way to achieve its billing as a regional hub for festivals.

As the year end approaches, it is wonderful that we can now look forward to What About Kuching (WAK), the month long festival which has gained its place as Sarawak's major platform for the celebration of arts, culture and lifestyles.

In its third edition, WAK is moving from strength to strength; a testimony to the wonderful community behind this movement. This unique festival driven BY THE COMMUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY is a true partnership between the public and private sectors and exemplifies our cohesiveness as Sarawakians and patriots of Sarawak. Passionate creative talents come together and stage exciting events to a growing local and visiting audience setting Kuching City alight with great excitement. The Sarawak Government via my Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth & Sports will continue to work with the organisers towards making WAK an iconic global arts, culture and lifestyles festival akin to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in the years to come.

The WAK 2019 Programme is filled with fabulous acts seldom seen in our city. I applaud all involved for bringing these refreshingly new genres to our local creative scene. It is also great to see that some well known stars from across the seas have caught onto the WAK excitement and have joined forces with our local creatives to stage events that will surely elevate our local standards in the future.

It is indeed a gargantuan effort to put together such an intense programme with so many groups involved. I congratulate the organisers and all the collaborators for coming together and showcasing not only our creative talents but our exemplary Sarawakian spirit of togetherness. Released with a 2-month lead time, this wonderful Calendar Programme has something for everyone so I urge you all to plan and book your flights, bus, boat tickets and come to Kuching to immerse yourselves in a month filled with fabulous arts, culture and lifestyles. See you in October!!!

THROWBACK - THE FIRST YEAR



HISTORY, MISSION & OBJECTIVES



HISTORY

In 2017, a team led by the founding festival directors Donald & Marina Tan instigated the numerous communities in Kuching City to come together to stage their respective contents under a common festival umbrella coined as 'What About Kuching – Celebrate Arts, Culture & Lifestyle' now better known as WAK.

WAK is an 'OPEN ACCESS' festival simply meaning that anyone and everyone can participate and all it takes is for those interested to fill in a PROPOSAL FORM during the CALL FOR PROPOSAL period from March to May each year.

MISSION

To celebrate the arts, culture and lifestyle to a global audience thereby creating greater appreciation and support of these amongst the local community.

OBJECTIVES

1. Enhance greater tourism arrivals to benefit the local economy
2. Provide platforms for personalities to showcase their different pursuits
3. Create awareness, educate and garner greater appreciation of these pursuits
4. Foster regional and international collaborations to elevate local standards.



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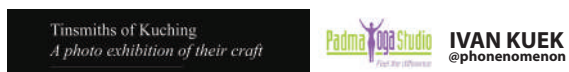
Grab Great Deals for Show Tickets on Collaborator's Social Media Platforms!

Go ahead, sign up early for great deals for your performances of choice. But do try to fit in as many shows as you can whilst in town and don't forget to dive into our delicious Laksa, Kolo Mee, Midin Fern Tops, Seafood and say 'Hi' to our Orang Utans, Irrawaddy Dolphins and Proboscis Monkeys.

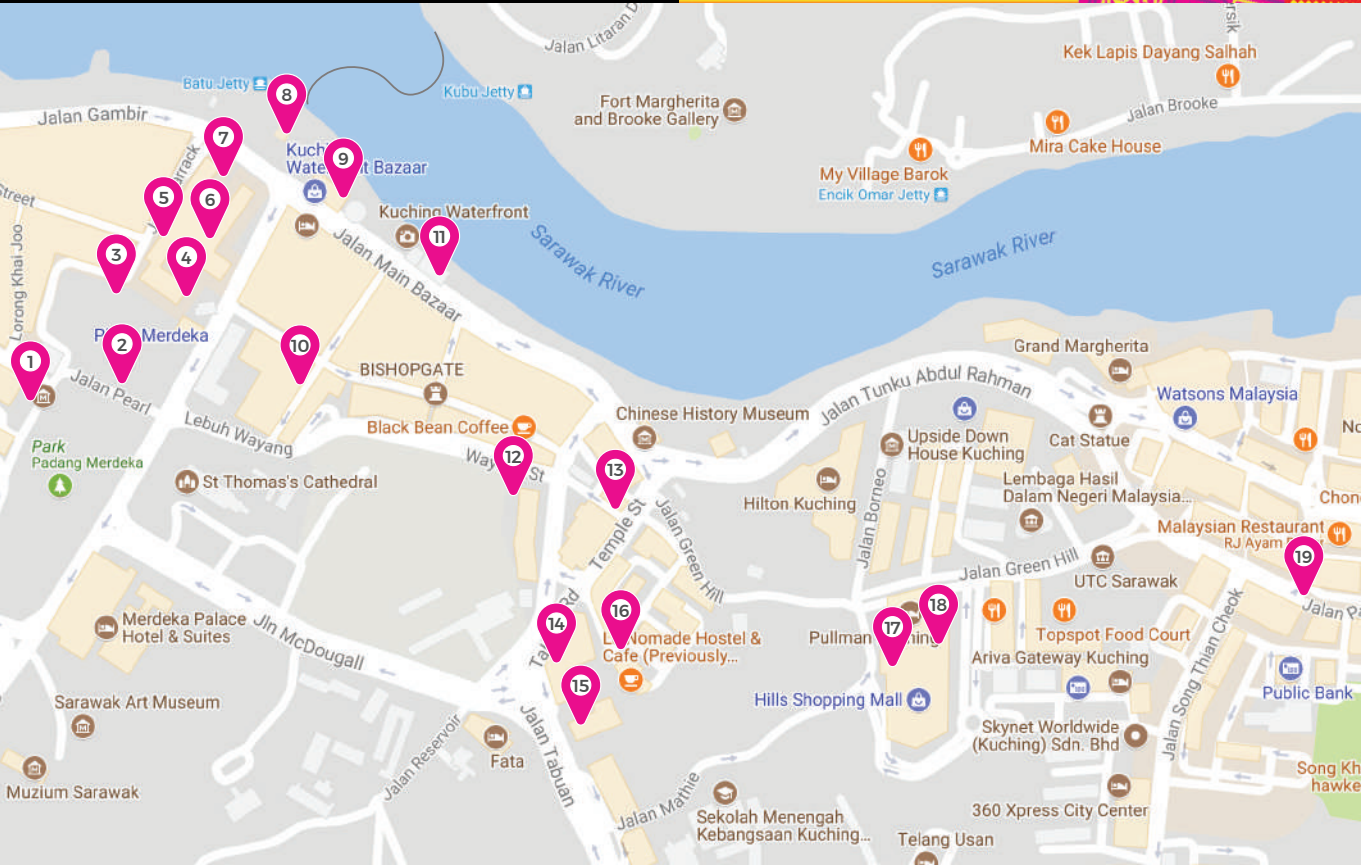
International direct flights aplenty from Singapore, Brunei, Pontianak as well as domestic connections from Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Kota Kinabalu, Johor Bharu, Sibul and Miri. Major carriers include Malaysia Airlines, Air Asia, Malindo, Scoot and Royal Brunei Airlines.

For great WAK 2019 festival packages log onto asia.org.my.

COLLABORATORS



WHEREABOUT KUCHING



- 1 Glass Room, Sarawak Multimedia Authority (SMA)
Event Space, Yayasan Sarawak Building
- 2 Plaza Merdeka Mall
- 3 The Waterfront Hotel
- 4 Auditorium @ The Old Court House
- 5 Japanese Building
Upper Room
Lower Room
- 6 Old Court House:
Block E
Den (The)
Event Hall
- 7 Clock Tower @ The Old Court House
- 8 Square Tower
- 9 Steamship Building @ Kuching Waterfront
- 10 Upper China Street, Off Carpenter Street
- 11 GoDown Amphitheatre @ Kuching Waterfront
- 12 Marian Boutique Lodging House

- 13 Sadau Rooftop Bar @ Singgahsana Lodge
- 14 Cha Bo Bar
- 15 Location X
- 16 Le Cafe Rouge
- 17 Pullman Hotel
- 18 The Hills Mall
Food Lounge
Studio 8
Outdoor Premier Parking
- 19 Padungan Road

For other event venues beyond the city centre:
Sri Bunga Rampai Banquet Hall | The Spring | Chemsain
Building: Auditorium & Function Room | Swinburne University
Sarawak Campus | Old Dun (The), Petra Jaya | Sarawak State
Library | Semenggoh | Kpg. Danu & Git, Padawan, Borneo
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**Date** Fri 4 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Location X**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS



Drasska

Get those steel-toed boots stomping to Kuching's very own ska-revival outfit. The band is set to make their debut release this very year.



Nadi13

Over the last 3 years, NADI13 have got together to perform throughout and outside Sarawak, produced their debut album and got their songs played on local radio; no small feat for a local band carving their own niche in the Iban modern rock scene.



At Adau

Kuching's darlings of world music rarely need any introduction. If you didn't get enough of them at the Rainforest World Music Festival this year, put on your "Happy Feet" and come dance the night away with them.

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MEET THE PERFORMERS



D'Quaver String Ensemble

The fun-loving classical string quartet is back with an even larger ensemble this year; a rare opportunity for classical fans and audiences to revel in some Vivaldi, Mozart or Bach.



Le Quatour Soudain

What started out as weekend jam sessions between long time friends grew some years later into a full-blown band with an expanded repertoire of smooth jazzy tunes, evergreen favourites and even some originals. Come and hear their story of how they lived the dream.



Polar

Welcome back Kuching's most highly-acclaimed moguls of post/art rock as they immerse you in crashing waves of spacey synths and wailing guitars.

**Date** Fri 11 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Location X**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Inscape**

Formed amongst music students of UNIMAS in Kuching and bringing together talents from both West and East Malaysia, Inscape's music could best be described as an experiment in modern ethnic fusion.

**Sang Voyage**

Since last year's Kuching Waterfront Jazz Fest, the ethnic jazz fusion band Sang Voyage has been busy working on the release of their long-awaited debut album. Come and join them for their sophomore performance at WAK Music Portal 2019.

**Nading Rhapsody**

Billed as the "Avant Garde Borneo Indigenous World Music Ensemble", Nading has represented Sarawakian music abroad more often than they have ever played locally. This year it is WAK's very big pleasure to have them play for you in their homeland.

**Date** Sat 12 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Location X**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Imaginasi**

Kuching-based Psychedelic-Dream Pop sensation are back to serenade you with their heartfelt lyrics and haunting melodies.

**Steff Fleur**

This young bedroom singer/songwriter is back with a spanking new band to deliver a fresh spin on her catchy and introspectively meaningful compositions.

**Van Java**

Since last year's Waterfront Music Talent Search, Van Java have begun to make a name for themselves by blending traditional sape, javanese music with modern pop rock.

**Date** Fri 18 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Location X**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Aduce Azman**

Superbly-talented guitarist of Sonar Instinct is making a comeback by striking out on his own. Accompanying him will be none other than his multi-talented partner in crime and fellow Sonar Instinct frontman - Jalee.

**Alunan Keroncong**

Come and watch a bunch of young and talented individuals breathe new life into what is essentially considered an 'older' style of music. Often referred to as Kuching's very own Post-Modern Jukebox, Alunan Keroncong were invited to perform at the Big Tent at RWMF 2019.

**Sarabarat Ensemble**

Bringing together musicians with a prolific capacity for composition and arranging, the group aims to encapsulate the works of great jazz artistes and catalyse a fusion jazz style that is endemically East Malaysian.

**Date** Sat 19 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Location X**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Tonketzu**

This young songstress will take you on a mesmerising journey through stories about love and longing with just her voice and her cherry red guitar.

**Dream Machine**

The infamous Hokkien Nu-Metal band from the 90s are back again this year to deliver their sonic array of rap-metal, indie rock and traditional music. If you have never heard Hokkien speaking Rap Metal, you need to check out Dream Machine.

**Guccimith + Yung Kai**

Guccimith is a young singer inspired by the likes of Frank Ocean, Daniel Ceasar and more of the similar artists. Yung Kai is a singer/rapper that writes "sad-boi" songs but goes strong with hard hitting trap beats. The two combined will deliver a night full of emotion and hype.

**Date** Fri 25 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Clock Tower @ The Old Court House**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Retreo**

This ragtag gang of rock-n-rollers are back to electrify your nostalgic propensities with their brand of surf rock, British fuzz and raging agogo beats; sure to get your heart pumping and heads bobbing.

**Rawi**

After their tour in Indonesia, our Kuching Nusantara boys are back to enthrall you with their breath-taking atmospheric music, haunting melodies and beautifully written poetry.

**Amir Jahari**

The phenomenal Kuching-born singer-songwriter is back with his new album to put forth his Malaysian blend of jazz, blues and pop and folkish lyrical commentary.

**Date** Sat 26 Oct**Time** 8pm - 11pm**Location** Clock Tower @ The Old Court House**Ticketed** Free Admission**Organiser** About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.**Contact** Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil**Tel** +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

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MEET THE PERFORMERS**Relay**

With members from both Nice Stupid Playground and OAG, Relay easily became the vanguard of the Malaysian Brit-rock scene in 2009. Back in Kuching, the band has continued to remain prominent within the scene they grew up in.

**Nice Stupid Playground**

In 1997, Kuching's own pioneers of indie-pop put Sarawakian music on the map when their song "Bedroom Window" was featured in two international films. Their homecoming show this October at WAK Music Portal is greatly anticipated.

**OAG**

In 1994, OAG's "60's TV" song became the country's biggest English hit; opening mainstream avenues for local alternative music. Though based in KL, its core members Radhi, Alim & Naza are proud Sarawakians from Kuching. OAG will return this October as their "Satelit Ink" line-up; a reunion many fans have been waiting for.



THE SPRING'S OKTOBERFEST - EATS & BEATS

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 27 Sept - Sun 6 Oct

Time 6pm - 11pm

Location Premier Car Park @ the Spring Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser the Spring Shopping Mall

Contact Customer Service Counter

Tel +6082-238 222

You don't have to travel to Munich to be part of a 10-night celebration of food, music and family fun. It's all happening at the Spring's Oktoberfest - Eats & Beats this year! Come and experience this international festival with a hint of local flavours and sounds.



I LAUGH KL PRESENTS: LET'S WAK THE FUNNY

LIFESTYLE

18+

Date Fri 27 Sept & Sat 28 Sept

Time 8:30pm - 9:30pm (27 Sept)
3pm - 4pm & 8:30pm - 9:30pm (28 Sept)

Location Auditorium @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM50 inclusive of drink

Organiser I Laugh KL

Contact Brendan Goh

Tel +6019-898 3993

Featured comedians: Brian Tan (Ipoh), Brendan Goh (Kuching), Juliana Heng (KL), Hindravel (Klang), Jhonney Athie (Sabah) & Niamh Spurr (Ireland)

A stand-up comedy show featuring Malaysia's next rising stars. Opinionated yet charming, funny yet insightful. These comedians are ready to WAK on the funny for a night of fun and laughter.



ART STREET KUCHING: RUANGSENI EXHIBITION

ART

Date Sat 28 Sept - Sun 27 Oct

Time 8am - 5pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

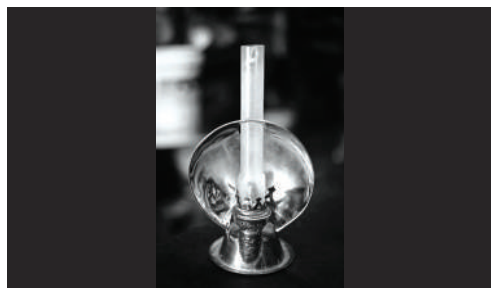
Organiser Aniq Durar

Contact Aniq Durar

Tel +6013-821 9056

Featured artists: Benyamin Bahri, MJ Samaroon, Norma Saini, Sonia Luhong, Syed Rusydie, Billy Simon, Iona Danald, Jäck Arjuna Chan, Ida Thien & Bethany Balan

Art Street Kuching's multi-genre Ruangseni Exhibition will explore an over-arching theme that offers visitors a metaphorical and literal understanding of 'DREAMS'. The exhibition will feature fine art paintings, sculptures, a film photography segment, and film screenings. There will also be open-to-public workshops that span these artistic genres spread throughout the month.



THE ART OF THE TINSMITH

ART

Date Sat 28 Sept - Sun 27 Oct

Time 9am - 6pm

Location The Japanese Building @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Charlotte Hunter

Contact Charlotte Hunter

Tel +6016-619 4998

A photo exhibition on the craft of the traditional tinsmith's workshop.



CHUP! JOM MAIN 2.0! 当我们 "童" 在一起

Date Sat 28 Sept & Sun 29 Sept

Time 1pm - 4:45pm Kidastic Fun Fair
Fun games --
BY kids, FOR big & small kids
Free Admission.

Games are chargeable.

1pm - 2:45pm Childhood games:
- Zero point challenge
- Pukul berapa Datuk Harimau
- Drop the handkerchief

RM15 per child with door gift

3pm - 4:45pm Childhood games:

- Tuju selipar
- "one, two, three, chump!"
- Eagle and chicken

RM15 per child with door gift

1pm - 1:45pm Mandarin storytelling & craft

3pm - 3:45pm **RM20 per child per session**

2pm - 2:45pm English storytelling & craft

4pm - 4:45pm **RM20 per child per session**

Location Ground Floor @ The Hills Mall

Ticketed Selected events (Refer above)

Organiser Ika Picture Storyhouse, A Little Bookshop,
Green Eduland & WizKids Extended Care
Centre

Contact Yit Ping

Tel +6016-921 1941 (WhatsApp only)

Come join this exciting kids fiesta where children can learn how to play traditional games, participate in innovative games created BY kids and listen to some engaging stories!

LIFESTYLE

KIDS



NWHR AFTERPARTY

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 28 Sept, Fri 25 Oct - Sat 26 Oct

Time 10pm - 3am

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission: 28 Sept & 25 Oct
RM30: 26 Oct

Organiser NWHR aka Nowhere

Contact Rudi bin Mohd Ibrahim

Tel +6012-887 7127

A collective of likeminded non mainstream electronic music lovers from Kuching offering beyond the normal top 40 radio music on their pop up parties with themes, sounds, lighting and visuals.



Throwback to our preview at
What About Kuching X
Rainforest World Music Festival



WHAT ABOUT KUCHING AMBASSADORS aka WAKAS
YOUTHFUL, VIBRANT, ENERGETIC, PASSIONATE, DRIVEN,
KIND, COURTEOUS. These are words that aptly describe
WAKAS. They collect surveys, sell merch. put banners
up, provide info. and clean up venues. Give them a smile
and show them some love. GO WAKAS GO!!!





LIVE IN KCH

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 29 Sept
Time 2pm (Doors open: 12pm)
Location Location X
Ticketed RM60
Organiser Live in KCH
Contact Noel Rumpang
Tel +6016-575 8767

Featured artistes: Maddthelin (Malaysia), Second Combat (Malaysia), Wormrot (Singapore), Myopia (Kuching), Exhale My Ozone (Kuching), Bronco Buster (Kuching) & many more.

For many years, Live in KCH have quietly organized numerous clandestine rock shows that featured independent bands from abroad alongside our local acts in Kuching city. Brace yourselves this October as Live in KCH & WAK bring to you the authentic Sarawakian underground experience. If it's unapologetically loud & stirs a moshpit, you will find it here at Live in KCH.



SWINBURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: GLOBAL EXHIBITION & GLOBAL KITCHEN

LIFESTYLE

Date 30 Sept - 4 Oct
Time 10am - 3pm
Location G Block Forecourt @ Swinburne Sarawak
Ticketed Free Admission
Organiser Swinburne Sarawak Student Council
Contact Chung Yi
Tel +6016-809 8118

Global Exhibition exhibits cultures of different countries from around the world! Check out interesting facts about various countries such as their landmarks and traditions. Enjoy different styles of cuisine in the Global Kitchen. Taste the wonders of the world in the unique flavors of various food. If you're a food hunter, be sure to try out all the unique food!



SWINBURNE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL: GLOBAL STAGE

LIFESTYLE

Date 30 Sept - 4 Oct
Time 12:45pm - 1:15pm
Location Courtyard @ Swinburne Sarawak
Ticketed Free Admission
Organiser Swinburne Sarawak Student Council
Contact Chung Yi
Tel +6016-809 8118

Global Stage lets you see various performances from different parts of the world! Come and enjoy a short session of performances and stand a chance to win Cultural Night tickets!



WRITE NOW, KUCHING

ART

Date Tues 1 Oct - Fri 4 Oct
Time 9am - 10pm
Location Singgahsana Lodge
Ticketed RM210
Organiser Malaysian Writers Society (MYWriters)
Contact Georgette
Tel +6016-891 7859 (WhatsApp only)

Featured writers: Gina Yap Lai Yoong & Georgette Tan

Writers CAN write if they set aside uninterrupted time, face the legendary beast named Writer's Block, and dedicate themselves to overpowering it with their words. This October, MYWriters members from both sides of Malaysia will take a few days off and retreat to Kuching under both MYWriters Fest 2019 and WAK 2019 to write their next great opus.



DRIVEN BY INSPIRATIONS - MY ARTISTIC JOURNEY: RAMSAY ONG

LIFESTYLE

Date Tue 1 Oct - Sun 27 Oct

Time 10am - 6pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Donald Tan

Contact Donald Tan

Tel +6012-889 0880

An exhibition of 12 important fine art pieces inspired by Sarawak's Ramsay Ong's lifetime journey as a professional fine artist. An intimate insight into his transitions through various mediums, travel sojourns and inspirational moments that has shaped him as a leading creative genius.



CHINESE OPERA

ART

Date Wed 2 Oct

Time 8pm - 10pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library

Contact Izzaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

Chinese Opera or 'Wayang' is an artform and an intangible cultural heritage of Sarawak and the region. Colourfully dressed and heavily made-up actors and dancers play out their roles to the mesmerising sounds of traditional Chinese music. This special performance by Yi Sing Fukien Dramatic Society entitled, 'Lotus Lamp' outlines the tale of fairy goddess Princess of Sansheng and her dramatic ordeals. Played out on WAK's Location X stage complete with English narrative/sub-titles, this is an effort by the Sarawak State Library to document this heritage for future generations.



5TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL BEADS WORKSHOP 2019

CULTURE

Date Fri 4 Oct, Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 8am - 10pm

Location The Waterfront Hotel

Ticketed RM110

Organiser Craithub Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Lyn Alhady

Tel +6012-278 0369



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The bead culture of Sarawak is rooted in centuries of tradition. An ancient trading network linked Borneo to the world and beads most treasured today came from production centres across the globe. Get hands-on and pick up skills from designers in their own right. Who knows, this may be the start of an alternative career. Sign up quickly as workshop slots are limited.



5TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL BEADS CONFERENCE 2019

CULTURE

Date Fri 4 Oct, Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 8am - 10pm

Location The Waterfront Hotel

Ticketed RM350 Student

RM550 Malaysian

USD450 Non-Malaysian

Organiser Craithub Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Heidi Munan

Tel +6012-276 2737



SIGN UP HERE

World renowned authorities on all things beads-related assemble in Kuching to share intriguing information with a growing audience of enthusiasts. The wide range of topics discussed previously included beads as currency, discovery of ancient beads and even ritualistic use of beads in traditional cultures and a whole host more. A comprehensive conference journal is published to accompany the lecture sessions. To enjoy early bird deals, SIGN UP NOW!!!



**SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019:
SALE, DEMONSTRATION &
EXHIBITION OF SARAWAK ARTS,
SCULPTURE & HANDICRAFTS**

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 4 Oct - Sun 6 Oct

Time 8:30am - 4:30pm

Location Lobby @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library
x Kraftangan Malaysia Sarawak Branch,
Sarawak State Museum, DBKU, UiTM,
UNIMAS & Lim Kok Wing University

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

This exhibition will inculcate interest in the art of carving and sculpture especially traditional sculptures in Sarawak as well as to share knowledge and skills to produce fine engraving and sculptures.



**5TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL
BEADS ABUZZ BAZAAR 2019**

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 4 Oct, Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 10am - 10pm

Location Ground Floor

@ Plaza Merdeka Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Craithub Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Donald Tan

Tel +6012-889 0880



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A coming together of Beads and Crafts vendors from around the world, set strategically within the lobby event space of Merdeka Plaza. This 3-day bustling bazaar of beautiful beads and baubles from near and far will surely tempt you to add to your collection. So come on down to get completely BEADAZZLED.



**SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019:
SARAWAKIANA TALK SERIES:
THE ART OF ANCIENT GRAVE
MARKERS OF THE JATTI MIRIEK**

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 4 Oct

Time 9am - 11am

Location Seminar Room @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library x UNIMAS

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

Featured speakers: Dr. Yakup Mohd. Rafie
& Mr. Sylvester Jussem

Sharing knowledge about their research on the art of ancient headstone carvings of the Jatti Miriek, a lesser known ethnic minority from Miri Sarawak.



**SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019:
SARAWAK MALAY & IBAN SONNETS
(PANTUN) COMPETITION**

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 4 Oct

Time 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Location Ground Floor @ Merdeka Plaza Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library
x DBP & MAIS/Tun Jugah

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

This program will be one of our initiatives to preserve and conserve our poem in local ethnic dialects especially in the Sarawak Malay and Iban languages.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: LIFESTYLE
SARAWAKIANA TALK SERIES:
JERUNEI - MELANAU BURIAL TOTEM POLE

Date Fri 4 Oct
Time 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Location Seminar Room @ Sarawak State Library
Ticketed Free Admission
Organiser Sarawak State Library x MAIS
Contact Izaruddin bin Moss
Tel +6082-440488

As part of our continuous effort to develop local content in Sarawak, the Sarawakiana Talk Series will share the knowledge on the arts, culture and history of Jerunei in the Melanau community. This talk will expose the participants to the fascinating the stories behind Jerunei – stories which involve a king's death, bone-filled urns, human sacrifice and many more. Interested? Come join us.



PHOTOGRAPHY SHARING SESSION
WITH RAHMAN ROSLAN **ART**

Date Fri 4 Oct
Time 3pm - 4pm
Location The Food Lounge @ The Hills Mall
Ticketed Free Admission
Organiser Petrosar Academy
Contact Ashwanie binti Mulliady
Tel +6014-997 6184

Rahman Roslan is one of the few young emerging Asian photographers whose work has been published widely by Reuters, Agence France-Presse, European Pressphoto Agency, TIME magazine & the New York Times.



STREET PHOTOGRAPHY:
3 DAYS WORKSHOP SERIES
WITH RAHMAN ROSLAN **ART**

Date Fri 4 Oct - Sun 6 Oct
Time 5pm - 8:30pm (Fri 4 Oct)
 6am - 9:30pm (Sat 5 Oct)
 6am - 5pm (Sun 6 Oct)
Location The Food Lounge @
 The Hills Mall
Ticketed RM1,000
Organiser Petrosar Academy
Contact Ashwanie
Tel +6014-997 6184



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Having his works used and published by many major publications such as TIME magazine, the New York Times, National Geographic and Bloomberg for the last decade, Rahman Roslan knows the industry like the back of his hand. He will teach about his photographic practice, sharing his experience and the principles that have guided his career.

Workshop includes portfolio review, lectures on history of street photography, the art of storytelling, discussion on 'Beyond technicality in photography', editing, critic sessions, shooting, presentation & dinner.



SWINBURNE CULTURAL NIGHT **CULTURE**

Date Fri 4 Oct
Time 7pm - 11pm (Doors open: 6pm)
Location Multi-Purpose Hall @ Swinburne Sarawak
Ticketed Adult: RM15 Child: RM10
Organiser Swinburne Sarawak Student Council
Contact Chung Yi
Tel +6016-809 8118

The highlight of the event is to showcase & celebrate the diverse arts and culture of various countries. Come & experience a colourful, cross-cultural evening brought to you by the local and international students from Swinburne University!



WORD OF MOUTH KCH SPECIAL EDITION III WITH MYWRITERSFEST19 **ART**

Date Fri 4 Oct

Time 8pm - 10pm

Location Le Cafe Rouge

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Wordsmiths of Kuching

Contact Angelina

Tel +6016-279 2350

Featured poets: Poets Passport MY & MyWriters

Catch local spoken word poets and storytellers in action at this specially curated WAK2019 edition of Word of Mouth KCH, a bimonthly event organized by Wordsmiths of Kuching.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: SARAWAK ETHNIC TRADITIONAL COOKING DEMONSTRATION

CULTURE

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 9am - 12pm

Location Library Compound @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library x PPKS & NGO

Contact Izzaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

This is also part of our effort to document and share our local traditional ethnic cuisine from selected ethnic communities in Sarawak. The cooking demonstration will be recorded and unique Sarawak's ethnic group recipes will be collected as reference for researchers and the younger generation.



DIVAS OF COMEDY: JOANNE KAM & BIBI K POH

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 4 Oct & Sat 5 Oct

Time 8.30pm - 10.30pm

Location Chemsain Auditorium

Ticketed RM78

Organiser Toniq Creative Management Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Su Aishah

Tel +6016-380 7960

Scream in glee with the Divas of Comedy at WAK 2019! Malaysia's Queen of comedy Joanne Kam together with Bibi K Poh are joined by the Funky Divas as they bring you an extravagant night of glitter, glamour and unbelievable entertainment! Hosted by Prakash Daniel

A Comedy Cabaret Special!



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: WIRE SCULPTURE WORKSHOP

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 9am - 12pm

Location Library Compound @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library x UNIMAS

Contact Izzaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

Featured artistes: Awangko Hamdan

A workshop aimed at inspiring and teaching anyone and everyone about the intricate artform of producing wire sculptures through proper techniques.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: SARAWAK MALAY TRADITIONAL EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP & EXHIBITION

CULTURE

Date Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 9am - 4pm

Location Lobby @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library

Contact Izzaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

Featured artists: Dayang Noraiziman binti Haji Awang Ibrahim

Through this workshop, the participants will be able to learn the skills of Sulaman Cabut, a traditional Sarawak Malay heritage and showcase its uniqueness through the exhibition.



WILD ABOUT KUCHING ~ KUCHING HERPERS INTRO

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 10am - 12:30pm

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Melvin Teo

Contact Melvin Teo

Tel +6016-809 8600

Featured herper: Muhammad Khaidhir Arif

Take a walk on the wild side with herpers from Kuching. What creeps, crawls, and slithers into your top 10 quirks of nature? What makes scorpions glow in the night? How does one kiss an angry cobra on its lips and live to tell the tale. These brave herpers will share and reveal these beauties. Check out their afternoon share and show* session.

* Check **WILD ABOUT KUCHING ~ SHARE AND SHOW** on page 45



DISCOVER KUCHING - PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 5 Oct - Fri 11 Oct

Time 10:30am - 5:30pm

Location Ground Floor @ The Hills Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Swinburne Photomedia and Design Club

Contact Daphne Chong

Tel +6019-885 6608

Our photography exhibition aims to showcase and promote our local Kuching lifestyle and culture through art, namely photography. We hope to gather as many local photography enthusiasts together to share their love and passion towards Kuching. Not only will we have photography exhibition throughout the three days, we will also include photography and editing workshops to further enhance the event.



KIDDIES DANCE & SING

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 2pm - 4pm

Location Ground Floor @ Plaza Merdeka Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Beats Dance & Vocal Studio

Contact Jennifer Chen

Tel +6016-871 9797

We are back again. This years kiddies workshop includes singing. Children from the age of 3 years old can not only learn how to dance, but they also get to learn how to sing and perform. Explore a new experience and you will never know, it may uncover your children's hidden talent.



INTRODUCTION TO COPYRIGHT LAW FOR CREATIVES

ART

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 2pm - 4pm

Location Taj Mahal Function Room @ Pullman Hotel

Ticketed RM100

Organiser Malaysian Writers Society (MYWriters)

Contact Georgette Tan

Tel +6016-891 7859 (WhatsApp only)

Featured speaker: Tina Isaacs

As content creators, how do you protect your work, control how it is used commercially, and not infringe the work of others? Tina Isaacs, a litigation lawyer specialising in Copyright law, will talk about the intricacies of copyright law, how you can protect your work and rights under the law, and how to navigate this landscape as a content creator.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: ETHNIC CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

CULTURE

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 2pm - 4:30pm

Location Auditorium @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library

x National Department For Culture And Arts

Sarawak, Sarawak Cultural Village &

Sarawak Arts Council

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

This program will showcase the uniqueness and authenticity of various ethnic cultures in Sarawak. It is part of the effort to preserve and conserve the heritage of ethnic diversity in Sarawak. The highlight of this cultural performance is the use of engraving and sculptures in the dance performance.



TUAK BREWING WORKSHOP

LIFESTYLE

Date Sats 5, 12, 19, 26 Oct

Time 2pm - 4pm

Location Sadau Rooftop Bar @ Singgahsana Lodge

Ticketed RM90 include all materials

Limited to 10 pax per session

Organiser HAUS KCH & Bad Cat Tuak

Contact Maynard Keyne

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The workshop will guide you through the steps in making your very own bottle of fruit-based tuak. It will cover basic brewing techniques with individual hands-on experience.

You will also get a chance to sample different tuak flavours and get in-depth understanding of the rice wine culture in Borneo.



WILD ABOUT KUCHING ~ SHARE AND SHOW

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 5 Oct & Sun 6 Oct

Time 2:30pm - 5pm

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM10

Organiser Melvin Teo

Contact Melvin Teo

Tel +6016-809 8600

Featured herper: Muhammad Khaidhir Arif

After the herpers sharing session* in the morning, get ready to be close and personal with their 'pets'. Are you ready?? Don't be scared because the herpers will make sure that you are safe and share with you their beauty. Check if the herpers look like their 'pets'.

* Check **WILD ABOUT KUCHING ~ KUCHING HERPERS INTRO** on page 43



PAINT & PETALS

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 3pm - 5:30pm

Location From the Marian Boutique Lodging House to the Old Courthouse

Ticketed RM80 inclusive of tea break & art supplies
Limited to 10 participants

Organiser Ghali Foster

Contact Ghali Foster

Tel +6014-692 7172

ART

A pop up art class where we focus on learning sketching and painting 4 flowers from different locations throughout the walk. The skills picked up is enough for a person to go out on their own sketch adventure.



CONTRACT AND PAYMENT TERMS FOR FREELANCE CREATIVES

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Location Taj Mahal Function Room @ Pullman Hotel

Ticketed RM100

Organiser Malaysian Writers Society (MYWriters)

Contact Georgette Tan

Tel +6016-891 7859 (WhatsApp only)

ART

Featured speaker: Tina Isaacs

The frustrating thing about freelancing is contracts, or not having one when you follow up on payment. How do you protect your rights? Tina Isaacs, a litigation lawyer specialising in Copyright law, will talk about how you can protect your work and rights under the law, and how to navigate this landscape as a content creator.



ATELIER MAD HATTERS PARTY

Date Sat 5 Oct

Time 3pm - 6pm

Location Sri Bunga Rampai Banquet Hall

Ticketed RM50

Organiser Society Atelier Sarawak

Contact Darlene Lim

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ART

The 3rd Atelier Mad Hatters Party and Fashion Show. A unique celebration of creative headdresses from the traditional to the contemporary.



LATIN PASSION

Date Sat 5 Oct & Sat 12 Oct

Time 6pm - 7pm

Location Steamship Building @ Kuching Waterfront

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Baile Latino Kuching

Contact Ann Sibang

Tel +6018-257 4973

CULTURE

Latin Passion is about creating a dance community that love to dance together in a fun and friendly environment. Our team will be performing one dance number followed by a mini workshop for all levels. Be sure to join us and be part of the fun!



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: SARAWAKIANA AEROMIXTHON CHALLENGE

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 7:30am - 11:30am

Location Outdoor Premier Parking @ The Hills Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library x KSR

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

This colorful aeromixthon will provide an opportunity to all walks of life to actively participate in sports. This will instill a culture of sport and healthy lifestyle among all levels of the community as well as a competitive spirit among all participants through sport competitions. It is also a platform to share ideas towards the development of human capital among youths who take part in the competition through sport.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: GAMES OF YESTERYEARS

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 8:30am - 11am

Location Library Compound @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

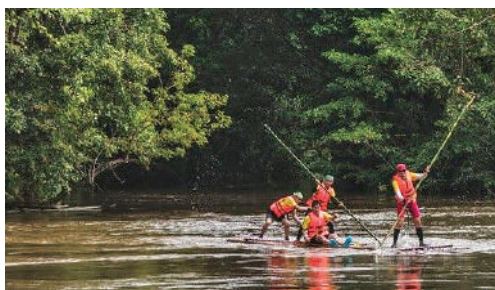
Organiser Sarawak State Library x MATCYS

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

Tel +6082-440488

Featured artistes: Awangko Hamdan

Through this activity, the participants will be exposed to the right skills and techniques on how to play our local and traditional games. It is hoped that this activity will promote Sarawak traditional games especially among the younger generation and to ensure that the traditional games will always remain relevant and preserved.



PADAWAN RAFT SAFARI

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 8am - 4pm

Location Kpg. Danu & Git, Padawan

Ticketed RM70 | Deadline 6 Sept

Organiser Grit Event Management

Contact Awang Saifeluddin

Tel +6016-878 2809



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This much anticipated annual event promises great fun and adventure for all nature lovers. This raft safari runs through the famous Giam Rapids, traversing breathtaking evergreen jungles allowing adventurers to get up-close to nature along the river. Sure to be an everlasting experience.



SARAWAKIANA CARNIVAL 2019: ALL BORNEO HADRAH PERCUSSION FESTIVAL

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 10am - 2pm

Location Galeri @ Sarawak State Library

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak State Library

Contact Izaruddin bin Moss

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Hadrah is part of Sarawak Malay cultural heritage practised especially at Malay weddings or special occasions. The Hadrah performance are sometimes accompanied by silat. You will witness Hadrah performances from around Borneo.



JALIN WORKSHOP

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 10am - 2pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Adult: RM40 Student: RM30

Organiser Wordsmiths of Kuching & Poets Passport MY

Contact Angelina

Tel +6016-279 2350

ART

JALIN is a writing circle-cum-workshop that will involve four visiting KL poets and their Kuching counterparts. It will also be open to the public. The writing circle will contain prompts focusing on Perjanjian Malaysia and Semenanjung-Borneo relations. A selected number of poets from this workshop will perform their pieces in a showcase later in the weekend.



FINDING THE FUNNY

- A COMEDY WORKSHOP BY
MALAYSIA'S QUEEN OF COMEDY JOANNE KAM

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 2pm - 5pm

Location Chemsain Function Room

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Toniq Creative Management Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Joanne Kam

Tel +6012-211 0202

LIFESTYLE

A comprehensive session on story & style development, performance & delivery style and building your stage persona.



DISCOVER KUCHING

- EDITING WORKSHOP BY KELVIN CHAN

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 2pm - 5pm

Location Swinburne Sarawak

Ticketed Students: RM100 Public: RM200

Organiser Swinburne Photomedia and Design Club

Contact Daphne Chong

Tel +6019-885 6608

ART

The editing workshop by Kelvin Chan aims to provide further skills needed to improve and gain more knowledge in enhancing various types of photographs. Kelvin Chan will showcase his different techniques and further teach them so everyone who attends will gain something new.



JALIN PERFORMANCE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 8pm - 9:30pm

Location Location X

Ticketed RM30

Organiser Wordsmiths of Kuching & Poets Passport MY

Contact Angelina

Tel +6016-279 2350

ART

JALIN is a showcase from selected poets who attended the JALIN workshop earlier in the day. Featuring poets of Poets Passport MY from KL and Kuching's very own, the performance focuses on Perjanjian Malaysia and Semenanjung-Borneo relations, the conversations explored during the workshop will be crafted into a 2-set ensemble performance.



5TH BORNEO INTERNATIONAL BEADS GALA DINNER & SHOW 2019

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 6 Oct

Time 8pm - 10pm

Location The Waterfront Hotel

Ticketed From RM150 per person

Organiser Craithub Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Lyn Alhady

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A highlight to the Borneo International Beads Conference, the Gala Dinner and Show is where conference delegates, workshop participants and bead enthusiasts gather for a stylish evening of fashion, delicious cuisine and great fraternity. A spectacular show of beads and high fashion tops the evening's agenda. GRAB YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!



WAK OPEN MIC

LIFESTYLE

Date Wed 9 Oct, Tue 15 Oct, Wed 23 Oct

Time 8pm - 11pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil

Tel +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

Tired of singing in the shower or in the bedroom where your only avid listener is your pet cat? Thinking of taking your passion and talent to the next level? Step right up and sign up for WAK's Open Mic. For all you know, you just could be Kuching's greatest undiscovered treasure.

* Limited slots available so please book early



DISCOVER KUCHING - CANON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

ART

Date Wed 9 Oct

Time 2pm - 5pm

Location Swinburne Sarawak

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Swinburne Photomedia and Design Club

Contact Daphne Chong

Tel +6019-885 6608

A basic photography workshop will be held by Canon to teach people about the functions of using a camera, and photo taking skills. We hope to bring people together with an interest in photography, whether as a new hobby or old, and share their passion and skills with each other.



COLOURS OF UNITY 2019

LIFESTYLE

Date Thu 10 Oct

Time 7pm - 11pm

Location Sri Bunga Rampai Banquet Hall

Ticketed RM85 per ticket | RM800 per table

Organiser Lavasthraa Beautiq

Contact Ashweein

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Enjoy a wonderful night of colours, fiesta and wonderful food! This year, Lavasthraa Beautiq is collaborating with local famous designers to throw a huge Bollywood Gala night, with fashion, food, performances and so much more!



WAK BIG JAM

LIFESTYLE

Date Thu 10 Oct, Thu 17 Oct & Thu 24 Oct

Time 8pm - 11pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Alexander Ang | Farouk Kamil

Tel +6016-875 4842 | +6012-889 1410

Hey y'all!!!! We can't fit everyone on to Music Portal this year. Just too many of you! So in the spirit of inclusiveness, we gonna open the stage for y'all aspiring artistes, musicians and bands in our community. And for all you audiences out there... come and watch these guys and give them your support. You might be surprised, as we have been year after year.

* For bands: Slots are pre-booked and there are still some available so please give us a call and try your luck



SARAWAK ADVENTURE CHALLENGE 2019 - MOUNTAIN TO COAST

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 12 Oct

Time 7:30am - 5pm

Location Lundu

Ticketed From RM120 | Deadline 31 Aug

Organiser Draco Action Sports Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Robert

Tel +6012-809 8358



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The third annual Sarawak Adventure Challenge is a 45 km off road mountain biking and 12 - 24 km jungle trail running adventure race. The event attracts domestic and international athletes who compete in duathlon or single sport categories for both teams and individuals. An attractive prize purse awaits the top finishers.



GET CARDED!

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 11 Oct & Fri 25 Oct

Time 8pm - 10:30pm

Location Sadau Rooftop Bar

@ Singgahsana Lodge(11 Oct)

The Den @ The Old Court House (25 Oct)

Ticketed RM20 per 15 minutes session

Organiser Tarot & More

Contact Georgette

Tel +6016-891 7859 (WhatsApp only)

Tarot cards seem strange and scary (thanks to pop culture), but people have long valued taromancy as a way of measuring potential outcomes and examining influences in their lives. Tarot & More is an esoteric collective of local practitioners who can help you discover the uses of this tool, and along the way, rediscover the magick within yourself.



A STROLL THROUGH KUCHING'S LAW & ORDER UNDER THE BROOKE RAJAHS

CULTURE

Date Sats 12, 19, 26 Oct &

Suns 13, 20, 27 Oct

Time 8am - 10am

Location From Square Tower to Fort Margherita

Ticketed Free Admission *registration required
Limited to 20 pax

Organiser Sarawak Heritage Society

Contact Paul Gerarts

Tel +6014-907 4406 *No calls, WhatsApp or SMS only

Understand how the Brooke Rajahs brought law and order in their reign, discover the buildings used and their architecture and appreciate how unique Sarawak was in that respect. The stroll is 2 km long. Bring RM1 for the sampan ride.



SKOOL OF HIP HOP: EMCEE & GRAFFITI

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 12 Oct & Sun 13 Oct

Time 10am - 3pm Emcee: 16 Lapis

Mentors:

- Silooman, Asyraf Hardy

10am - 5pm Graffiti: War On Tha Walls

Mentors:

- Tha Black Cat, Amey Sheikh Ali,
D2K, Twenty Fifth

Location Location X

#Ticketed Adult: RM50 Students: RM25

*Child: FREE

Organiser Tha Project

Contact Silooman (Emcee) | Dewi Miyo (Graffiti)

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A short semester of Hip Hop in the month of October where there will be workshops and battles for each element of Hip Hop and a graduation showcase at the end of the semester.

Per component * 12 years and below



BETWEEN THE BROKEN PIECES: DEPRESSION & ITS UNTOLD STORIES IN KUCHING VOL. 2

Date Sat 12 Oct - Sun 20 Oct

Time (Weekday) 11am to 2pm; 4pm to 9pm
(Friday & Weekend) 10am to 9pm

Location Block E @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Story Kuching

Contact Joyce

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Between the Broken Pieces Vol. 2 is an exhibition that displays a collection of letters by people who are speaking out for the first time about their depression. In this sequel, we are collaborating with Sarawak Women for Women Society (SWWS). A forum with guest speakers will be held to conclude the exhibition.



KARYA KAMEK URANG

Date Sat 12 Oct - Sun 20 Oct

Time (Weekday) 11am to 2pm; 4pm to 9pm
(Friday & Weekend) 10am to 9pm

Location Block E @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Mental Health Association of Sarawak

Contact Marly Agoh

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An exhibition where artworks by persons with lived experiences of mental health conditions are celebrated. Its aim, to end stigma and challenge societal norms about the creative potential of persons living and working with mental illnesses. The artworks are available for sale. Befitting with the theme for World Mental Health Day 2019 - Suicide Prevention, there will also be a concurrent exhibition on suicide prevention.



#BUKANSALAHKAMEK STOP SEXUAL VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

Date Sat 12 Oct - Sun 20 Oct

Time (Weekday) 11am to 2pm; 4pm to 9pm
(Friday & Weekend) 10am to 9pm

Location Block E @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Sarawak Women for Women Society (SWWS)

Contact Kimberley

Tel +6011-3659 3445

#bukansalahkamek exhibition will be an extension of the SWWS Stop Sexual Violence Campaign happening throughout September and October. This exhibition will bring to you raw forms of confessions from victims of sexual violence. Together, we strive to provide a safe space for our survivors.



SYMBIOSIS

ART

Date Sat 12 Oct & Sun 13 Oct

Time 11am - 6pm

Location Ground Floor @ Plaza Merdeka Mall

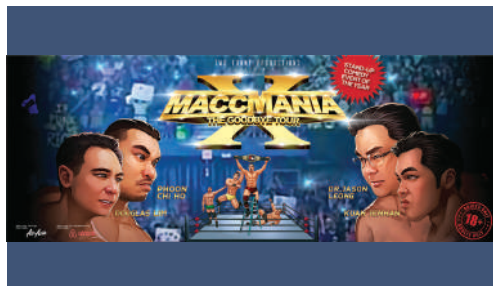
Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Visual Art Department from
Sekolah Seni Malaysia Sarawak

Contact Rohayah Mohd Yunus

Tel +60 13 866 6605

Symbiosis is a mutually beneficial and a long-term relationship between different group of people. This is reflected in the four majors in Arts (Visual Art, Dance, Music and Theater) These four fields of arts are related to one another despite their differences. Symbiosis represents the entire exhibition and definitely a simple word to remember.



MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE COMEDIANS (MACC) 10TH ANNIVERSARY

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 12 Oct

Time 8pm - 10pm

Location Chemsain Auditorium

Ticketed RM80 Front Row
RM70 Mid to Back Row

Organiser Jom TEH (Talents by Events Horizon)

Contact Joachim Then

Tel +6012-808 6262

Featured comedians: Douglas Lim, Dr Jason Leong, Kuah Jenhan & Phoon Chi Ho

MACC will be coming back to Kuching to perform their 10th year anniversary. Known for their quick fires in jokes, led by the well known Douglas Lim, MACC will be delivering their best ever set, for their special year.

For those who have not received the news, this will also be MACC last and final tour together. This is your chance to see them performing on stage together for one last time!



BLANK SPACES

LIFESTYLE

PG13

Date Sat 12 Oct & Sun 13 Oct

Time 8:30pm - 9:20pm

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM80 inclusive of hot drink

Organiser Stars Aligned Theatre

Contact Ghali Foster

Tel +6014-692 7172

What started out as a chance meeting between two strangers, time turned into something else. But their blossoming love is put to the test when communication becomes difficult given that Sam is deaf. In a world that makes you choose between duty to ambition and duty to your heart, will they ever see eye to eye?

A theatre cafe experience. Sign language interpreters will be present at the show. This is an original story written by a group of creatives together with Sarawak Society for the Deaf. Portion of the proceeds will be given to the Society.



TRINGGUS WILD TRAIL RUN

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 13 Oct

Time 6am - 12pm

Location Kpg. Tringgus Bong

Ticketed RM70 | Deadline 13 Sept

Organiser Grit Event Management

Contact Awang Saifuluddin

Tel +6016-878 2809



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Tringgus Wild Run 2019 at Kampung Tringgus Bong, Bau region will consist of 5km and 10km scenic routes through mountainous terrain, waterfalls, jungle trails and an abandoned logging trail. This will be a good introduction for those who are keen to try some trail running in our rainforest.



MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE COMEDIANS (MACC) SHARING SESSION

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 13 Oct

Time 6pm - 8pm

Location The Food Lounge @ The Hills Mall

Ticketed RM10

Organiser Jom TEH (Talents by Events Horizon)

Contact Joachim Then

Tel +6012-808 6262

Featured comedians: Douglas Lim, Dr Jason Leong, Kuah Jenhan & Phoon Chi Ho

These 4 personalities will be having not only the typical meet and greet session but a real close personal time with people of Kuching where they will share what its like to be behind the curtain and some stories of their life which have never been seen on stage or even better, they will answer all sorts of question that you might have! Hope you caught their last* and final tour together last night.

* Check **MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE COMEDIAN (MACC) 10TH ANNIVERSARY** on page 58



RELEASE FROM THE CAGE

LIFESTYLE

Date Mon 14 Oct

Time 7pm - 8pm

Location Auditorium @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM35

Organiser Padma Yoga Studio

Contact Boon Kheng Hong

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Featured yogis: Edward Clark, Doreen Ng, Tan Phei Sze, Kevin Chai and Allegra Chong

How a prisoner maintains sanity. The prisoner is physically and mentally secluded. No human contact and nowhere to go. Only memories for company.



WAK FOREVER YOUNG

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 13 Oct

Time 7:30pm - 11pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser About Kuching Sdn. Bhd.

Contact Alexander Ang

Tel +6016-875 4842

Featured artistes: Rose Iwanaga & The Young Once and Hurricane with Lepo Lee

WAK is truly ALL INCLUSIVE. Bringing you our hometown musical heroes of yesteryears; rendering all-time favourites that will surely entertain every age. Time to dust off those dancing shoes and boogie to the woogie!!!



BAR-OLAH!

LIFESTYLE

Date Wed 16 Oct

Time 8pm - 11pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Tha Project & SaraLawak

Contact Ashweein I Dewi Miyo

Tel +6016-808 3118 | +6019-700 7165

Featured creatives: Local community

Bar-olah! Time to be notty with your bars ... Bear witness the first ever collaboration between Hip Hop artists and comedians of Kuching! Culminating in the true spirit of Kuching harmony yet bringing out the true nature of healthy competition with style and swagger in the hip hop style, be prepared to be blown away. Imagine a 'Wild 'n Out' showcase but with your favourite Kuching flava.



#THEPLAYGROUND : VOLLEYBALL **LIFESTYLE**

Date Fri 18 Oct - Sun 27 Oct

Time 10am - 10pm

Location Ground Floor @ Plaza Merdeka Mall

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Spativate

Contact Seph Haini

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Grab a ball, form a team with strangers and play volleyball. Why sit down when you can meet friends by being physically and socially active with a game of volleyball - indoor!



SPARTAN RACE SARAWAK 2019 **LIFESTYLE**

Date Sat 19 Oct & Sun 20 Oct

Time 7am - 7pm

Location Semenggoh

Ticketed From RM89

Organiser Muse Group Asia & Kuching Fitness Association

Contact Douglas Lau

Tel +6017-376 1723



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The world's largest obstacle course racing brand is coming to Borneo for the first time. Be a part of history in the making.



SKOOL OF HIP HOP: DJ & BREAKING WORKSHOP **LIFESTYLE**

Date Fri 18 Oct

Time 7pm - 8:30pm DJ Workshop
8:30pm - 10pm Breaking Workshop

Location Studio 8 @ The Hills Mall

#Ticketed Adult: RM30 Students: RM15

*Child: Free

Organiser Kuching Youth Jam x Tha Project

Contact JayC

Tel +6017-887 3690

A short semester of Hip Hop in the month of October where there will be workshops and battles for each element of Hip Hop and a graduation showcase at the end of the semester.

Per component * 12 years and below



MUSIC UNION SARAWAK ECOSYSTEM (MUSE) SUMMIT **ART**

Date Sat 19 Oct

Time 9am - 5pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Enquire with organiser

Organiser CatSound.co

Contact Giacherie Tipik

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The MUSE Summit presented by CatSound.co is created to debate, discuss and to help implement progressive change in the Sarawak music economy. It was created at a time when the music industry was at rock bottom and in desperate need of a productive community setting for its leaders. MUSE Summit will pave the path for the Sarawak music industry.



LIVE, CREATE, BREATHE

Date Sat 19 Oct

Time 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Location Upper Room, Japanese Building
@ The Old Court House

Ticketed Adult: RM30 Child: RM20

Organiser TriOne International

Contact Alice

Tel +6011-1008 0268

This workshop led by KL-based Angela Eimer, Asha Gill, and Kuching home-girl Alice Chieng, will teach 3 unique tools to help you navigate daily life with less stress and more ease. Create your life map to achieve your goals, grow the best mindset for success and access a deep state of relaxation in just 5 minutes.

LIFESTYLE



KUCHING AFROLATIN WEEKEND WORKSHOP

Date Sat 19 Oct - Sun 20 Oct

LIFESTYLE

19 Oct

Time 11am - 12pm Salso On1 for Beginners
12pm - 1pm Kizomba Fusion:
Sensitive Connection
2pm - 3pm Urban Kiz
3pm - 4pm Introduction to Bachata Sensual
4pm - 5pm Salsa Footwork

20 Oct

11am - 12pm Man Styling in Urban Kiz
12pm - 1pm Bachata Sensual Patterns
2pm - 3pm Kizomba Fusion Combo
3pm - 4pm Cuban Salsa Partnerwork
4pm - 5pm Simplicity and the Character of Kizomba VS Urban Kiz

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed

- RM30 for each session
- RM175 Day Pass for workshops + party* of either day
- RM250 Full Pass for 10 workshops + 2 parties*
- RM140 for 3 workshops + 1 party*
- RM160 for 2 workshops + 2 parties*

Organiser Miri AfroLatin Fiesta

Contact Safrina

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Featured instructors: Azlan Ahmad McKechnie (Scotland), Max Ahmad (Singapore), Amar Singh (Malaysia) & Chandru Cassy (India)

Join us for a weekend of AfroLatin dances right here in the heart of Kuching. We will be having Salsa, Bachata Sensual, Kizomba & Urban Kiz dance workshops and parties throughout the 2-days event. To get more information, Like and Follow our Facebook page: Kuching AfroLatin Weekend 2019.

* Check **KUCHING AFROLATIN WEEKEND PARTY** on page 67





KUCHING YOUTH JAM

Date Sat 19 Oct

Time 6pm - 12am

Location GoDown Amphitheatre
@ Kuching Waterfront

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Kuching Youth Jam

Contact JayC

Tel +6017-887 3690

LIFESTYLE

Hottest dance jam in Borneo, brought to you by the local dance community of Kuching City. Featuring dance battles, exhibitions, sharing sessions and most importantly, party with the dance community!



LA-WAK SIK? VOL. 2

Date Sat 19 Oct

Time 7pm - 11pm

Location The Glass Room, Sarawak Multimedia
Authority (SMA) Event Space
@ Yayasan Sarawak Building

Ticketed RM50

Organiser SaraLawak

Contact Ashweein

Tel +6016-808 3118

LIFESTYLE

Featured comedians: Ashweein Narayanan, Maclean Patrick, Camillus Caem, Aaron Chang

Catch our homegrown comedians tickle your funny bones again this year with a diverse cast from different walks of life, in true Sarawakian spirit.



KUCHING AFROLATIN WEEKEND PARTY

Date Sat 19 Oct -Theme: Fabulous Rock Star

Sun 20 Oct -Theme: Glamorous Tropical Rainforest

Time 8pm - 1am

Location Event Hall @The Old Court House | 19 Oct
Cha Bo Bar | 20 Oct

Ticketed

- RM50 per night
- RM175 Day Pass for party + workshops* of either day
- RM250 Full Pass for 2 parties + 10 workshops*
- RM140 for 1 party + 3 workshops*
- RM160 for 2 parties + 2 workshops*

Organiser Miri AfroLatin Fiesta

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Featured DJ: DJ Selva (Malaysia)

Join us for a weekend of AfroLatin dances right here in the heart of Kuching. We will be having Salsa, Bachata, Kizomba & Urban Kiz dance workshops and parties throughout the 2-days event. To get more information, Like and Follow our Facebook page: Kuching AfroLatin Weekend 2019.

* Check **KUCHING AFROLATIN WEEKEND WORKSHOP** on page 65



BORNEO HIGHLANDS PADAWAN NATURE CHALLENGE

Date Sun 20 Oct

Time 6am - 12pm

Location Borneo Highlands Resort

Ticketed RM70 | Deadline 20 Sept

Organiser Grit Event Management

Contact Awang Saifuluddin

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LIFESTYLE



This is a trekking adventure with competition categories for amateurs and nature lovers. Come and be close to mother nature while experiencing the environmental and adventure tourism aspects of Padawan.



SKOOL OF HIP HOP: GRADUATION DAY

Date Sun 20 Oct

Time 4pm - 8pm

Location Location X

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Tha Project x Kuching Youth Jam

Contact Dewi Miyo | JayC

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LIFESTYLE

Participants who joined the workshops* become graduates for Skool Of Hip Hop. The best student from each element will be crowned King or Queen of their own element. Cypher jam session follows through.

* Check **SKOOL OF HIP HOP: EMCEE & GRAFFITI, DJ & BREAKING** on pages 56 & 62, respectively



ART STREET KUCHING: STREET THEATRE SHOW

Date Sun 20 Oct & Sun 27 Oct

Time 7.30pm - 9pm

Location Upper China Street, Off Carpenter Street

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Aniq Durar

Contact Aniq Durar

Tel +6013-821 9056

ART

Featured artistes: Aniq Durar, Walid Abdul Ali, Ashly Nandong & Derek Kho

The 'Street Theatre Show' from Art Street Kuching returns once again to What About Kuching. This year, Art Street Kuching will explore the over-arching theme of "DREAMS". Through the lens of the performer, each will present their own interpretation of the theme, offering audiences a diverse understanding of what "DREAMS" can mean.



PHOTO ESSAY WORKSHOP BY IVAN KUEK @PHONENOMENON

Date Thur 24 Oct - Sun 27 Oct

Time 10am - 10pm (24 Oct -26 Oct)

10am - 12pm (27 Oct)

Location The Waterfront Hotel

Ticketed RM600

Limited to 10 participants

Organiser Ivan Kuek @phonenomenon

Contact Ivan Kuek

Tel +65 9423 0777

LIFESTYLE

In this Photo Essay Workshop, participants will learn about the different aspects of researching, shooting and curating the photos to form their story. On the last day of the 4 day workshop, all participants will be presenting* their story About Kuching to the public.

*Check **PHOTO ESSAY PRESENTATION BY IVAN KUEK @ PHONENOMENON** on page 73



SPIRIT BY ALENA MURANG

Date Thu 24 Oct

Time 8pm - 10pm

Location Chemsain Auditorium

Ticketed RM30, RM80, RM100, RM200

Organiser ART4 Studio

Contact Sharifah Nur Hannah

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ART

Alena Murang and her band presents SPIRIT, a journey along the Ulu Baram river through stories and song. Singing in the endangered Kelabit and Kenyah languages, SPIRIT is the culmination of over twenty years of Alena living, learning and receiving cultural artforms. Visuals by emerging artist Max Jala.



MUSICAL INTER-COLLEGE SHOWCASE 3 (MICS 3.0)

LIFESTYLE

Date Fri 25 Oct

Time 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Location Multi-purpose Hall @ Swinburne Sarawak

Ticketed RM10

Organiser Swinburne Dance Club
& Swinburne Music Club

Contact Johan Donough

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The Musical Inter-College Showcase is proud to return for our 3rd installment in WAK 2019! Mics 3.0 is a collaborative concert of music and dance - featuring bands and dance crews from Swinburne, as well as guest universities and studios. A platform for youths to showcase their talent, and a celebration of performing arts.



MUSICAL THEATRE 101 BY THEATRETHREESIXTY

LIFESTYLE

PG13

Date Sat 26 Oct

Time 10am - 1pm

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Two Much Drama

Contact Sze-Lyn | Laura Kho

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Spend a morning with the creative team behind LOST/FOUND as they share about the process of putting together this musical. Come prepared to get your hands (and your heart) dirty as we talk about what it takes to navigate the vast multi-faceted world of musical theatre.



LOST/FOUND BY THEATRETHREESIXTY

LIFESTYLE

PG13

Date Fri 25 Oct & Sat 26 Oct

Time 8:30pm (Fri 25 Oct)

3pm (Sat 26 Oct) or 8:30pm (Sat 26 Oct)

Location Event Hall @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM100

Organiser Two Much Drama

Contact Sze-Lyn | Laura Kho

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Four young people await their commencement ceremony. A relationship mapped, turn by turn, by a lone voice. A mother is desperately looking for her lost daughter. Two souls, trapped, far from each other, yearn for freedom.

LOST/FOUND is a rollercoaster of emotions - side splitting, tragic, yet full of energy. Written and composed by musical theatre powerhouse Nick Choo, directed by theatrethreesixty's award-winning director Christopher Ling, LOST/FOUND premieres first in Kuching before touring to West Malaysia.



THE POSSIBILITY

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 26 Oct

Time 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Location Chemsain Auditorium

Ticketed RM69

Organiser Edward Lai & Kenneth

Contact Edward Lai

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The Possibility is an interactive magic experience. The very first themed magic show in Borneo by Edward Lai, a local professional magician featuring his newly developed act. A full night experience in which you will witness captivating magic that deals with the magical nature of, the Possibility.



LA DANSE MUSICAL

LIFESTYLE

Date Sat 26 Oct & Sun 27 Oct

Time 7:30pm - 9:30pm (Sat 26 Oct)
7pm - 9pm (Sun 27 Oct)

Location Auditorium @ The Old Court House

Ticketed RM60/RM80/RM100/RM150

Organiser La Danse Studio Sarawak

Contact Ho John Cris Panganiban

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Musical dance concert to showcase the talent of our local dance community.



PHOTO ESSAY PRESENTATION BY IVAN KUEK @PHONENOMENON

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 27 Oct

Time 1pm - 5pm

Location The Waterfront Hotel

Ticketed Free Admission

Organiser Ivan Kuek @phonomenon

Contact Ivan Kuek

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Come and experience the creative works of the participants from this workshop* as they present their photo essays 'About Kuching'. After 3 full days of intense work, we can expect some riveting photographic stories of this amazing city that many of us call home.

* Check **PHOTO ESSAY WORKSHOP BY IVAN KUEK @ PHONENOMENON** on page 69



PINK AND TEAL WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 27 Oct

Time 4am - 10am

Location Old DUN, Petra Jaya

Ticketed From RM50 | Deadline 26 Sept

Organiser Pink & Teal EmpowHer

Contact Jean Voon

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SIGN UP HERE

Pink and Teal Mini Women's Marathon 2019 is the first ever run specifically for women in Sarawak. The run aims to raise awareness about cervical cancer, which is the 2nd highest women's cancer in Malaysia, despite being preventable with early detection. Run categories: 300m heel dash; 1km stroller/babywearing walk; 5km tutu fun run; 10km and 21km competitive runs. Open to both men and women.



PADUNGAN STREET PARTY: NEW BEGINNINGS

LIFESTYLE

Date Sun 27 Oct

Time 6pm - late

Location Padungan Road

Ticketed Adult: RM100

Organiser Batik Boutique Hotel, Meritin Hotel,
Events Horizon and The Filmmakers

Contact Jacqueline | Olivia Ting

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A massive charity dinner party along a table spanning a 500m long section of Padungan Road will be held in a bid to raise funds for the rebuilding of longhouses razed by fire in Long Seridan, Long Tuyut, Long Peluan, and Uma Bawang.



KAVIN JAY:
LET'S GET READY TO GRUMBLE

LIFESTYLE

Date Wed 30 Oct

Time 8:30pm - 10pm

Location Chemsain Auditorium

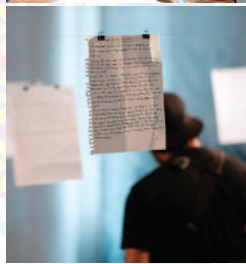
Ticketed RM70

Organiser Jom TEH!

Contact Joachim

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Kavin Jay: One of the first Malaysian to have his own Netflix special, his Anger-Management show sold out across the country last year and is back with a new set - Let's Get Ready to Grumble right here in Kuching, Sarawak!



THROWBACK - WAK 2018

WAK 2018 featured a fabulous line up of different genres thrilling audiences over an entire month all across Kuching City. #WAK2018 #aboutkuching for more great images. Photo credit: jeephography



THROWBACK - **WAK** MUSIC PORTAL 2018

Last year's music portal lit up Kuching's Streets with an all star line-up of Borneo's brightest stars showcasing a vast array of music genres for every palate. Photo credit: jeephography & Burney Soo Photography



Catch this year's

WAK MUSIC PORTAL

4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19, 25 & 26 October 2019

Refer to pages 20 to 27

CELEBRATE **COMMUNITY**

Wow, we're in our third edition!!! The WAK movement is gaining fantastic traction in every way. Moving us forward is the outstanding enthusiasm shown by our creative communities. This, matched by the belief and support rendered by our sponsors both from the public and private sectors, creates a platform for us to drive WAK to greater heights with each edition.

WAK 2019 breaches new highs with the inclusion of new genres to a much improved repertoire of events promising to thrill audiences over an entire month. The synergistic collaborations with visiting guest performers have also resulted in a programme that is an exciting hybrid of ideas and expressions.

Having a 2-month lead time before the festival, this calendar programme allows audiences ample time to plan their festival visit well. WAK is also working closely with Sarawak Tourism Board and Association of Sarawak Inbound Agencies to package attractive itineraries to value add visitors' experiences. So come and be a part of this fantastic community event.

WAK is an 'OPEN-ACCESS' festival. All proposals are accepted and WAK assists collaborators to put on the best shows yet. If you missed out this year, keep a close watch for our 'CALL FOR PROPOSAL' open from the first quarter of 2020 and we look forward to your event next year. We welcome everyone from near and far, the only catch is that 'foreign' acts MUST include some local involvement or incorporate an engagement component with our local creatives.

After the countless hours of hard work and meticulous programming, it will soon be time for us to enjoy the exciting events lined up. Let us all share in WAK's success irrespective of whether we are partners, collaborators, sponsors, supporters or simply as members of the audience in the true spirit of COMMUNITY!

Let's make What About Kuching the iconic platform by 'Liking', 'Sharing' and 'Following' WAK social media platforms and shout this out to the whole wide world. Please include #WAK2019, #WAK and #aboutkuching onto all your posts.



Join us again next year!

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