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Yayoi Kusama
I want to ingest the spirit of flowers
Feeling for my life and death O
beautiful flowers, thank you
 2021, Acrylic on canvas, 45.5 x 53 cm
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Show Up Singapore!

September 2024 is Singapore Gallery Month and this year's artist line up includes Yayoi Kusama, Demos Chiang, Ruben Pang, Faris Heizer and more.

Singapore, September 2024 - AGAS (Art Galleries Association of Singapore) is proud to present Singapore Gallery Month: an annual joint open house festival. Supported by the National Arts Council, the Association's highly anticipated annual festival - formerly known as Singapore Gallery Weekend - is boldly rebranding and expanding its anticipated calendar highlight event this year into a full month of offerings.

From 1-29 September, engage with the works of over 99 artists spread across over 30 galleries. This year's line-up includes works by international powerhouse Yayoi Kusama (Ota Fine Arts), regional art



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stalwarts Natee Utarit (STPI) and Demos Chiang (Whitestone Gallery), a dynamic group exhibition celebrating global artistic voices (39+ Art Space), local stars Ruben Pang (Richard Koh Fine Art) and Faris Heizer (Cuturi Gallery), just to name a few. Categorised into 3 ZONES: Gillman Barracks & vicinity, Tanjong Pagar & vicinity, and Orchard & Beyond, AGAS members will collectively open their doors to showcase a kaleidoscope of visual art.

Beyond just exhibitions, visitors can look forward to a smorgasbord of festivities and activities including Educational Talks, Guided Tours, and Workshops. The festival's most popular events, the Private Collection Tours, Wellness & Art sessions, and *Sip & Savour: A Sake Gallery Crawl*, are also back. New to this year's line-up are Sound Bath sessions, a headliner *Creators and Connoisseurs: A Speed Dating Soiree*, as well as pop-up Performance Art. One particular highlight includes a partnership with UNIQLO, who will co-conduct a series of children-oriented workshops, one of which will be conducted at new AGAS member space: Mama on Palette, a community of Singapore-based mother artists who are offering a series of family-friendly workshops on practices such as the Japanese art of kintsugi, resin jewellery making and face painting. New this year as well, is a partnership with Peace of Art, a non-profit organisation, to conduct an art-oriented boot camp for underprivileged children, as well as art platform Cohart, which is collaborating with SGM on a virtual tour of young collector Laura Peh's art collection and a giveaway of three Patron's Passes for visitors to their website. UNIQLO will also be spearheading #GalleryWithMe - a social media content creation campaign to drive awareness and participation.

Particle is Singapore Gallery Month's official app: Digital Experiences at SGM 2024

Singapore Gallery Month is also proud to announce a partnership with Particle, an app that combines art and tech. This partnership will offer visitors a digital guide by way of a digital map to Singapore's galleries, as well as augmented digital experiences. For instance, users will be able to hover their mobile devices over the Singapore Gallery Month logo and watch it transform from a 2D poster to a 3D interactive multimedia interaction.



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Show Up, Singapore!

Since its inception in 2020, this event has become an annual expression of AGAS's vision to build a robust, collaborative landscape for commercial galleries in Singapore. The key message is a call to action for visitors to head out and support their local art galleries and immerse themselves in the richness of our diverse artistic offerings.

"We are thrilled to announce this year's Gallery Month as a tentpole event in our calendar. Our lifestyle programs are designed to enhance accessibility and consider the entire ecosystem, positioning galleries as pivotal platforms to showcase art and support artists in Singapore. AGAS' aim is to foster a deeper appreciation for art and stimulate growth within the local art market. Every city's art scene reflects its soul—our collective creativity, resilience, and cultural identity. Galleries, with their patrons and artists, hold a unique and vital role in the ecosystem to contribute to enriching the nation's cultural essence," says **Audrey Yeo, President of AGAS and Founder of Yeo Workshop**.

"AGAS members are united to drive culture appreciation, which in our opinion is the foundation of any art market. Culture appreciation does not happen overnight. It is an educational process that takes time, energy and passion, and the more cultural players we have in Singapore, the better," says **Kevin Cuturi of Cuturi Gallery, and AGAS member**. "Galleries are more than just places to see art. They are spaces for expression, innovation, and conversation, where artists, curators, and enthusiasts come together to celebrate creativity. Galleries need support and patronage to thrive and continue engaging our community. By visiting your favourite galleries and discovering new ones, you not only enrich your own cultural journey but also help keep our local arts community vibrant." he adds.

"Having been away from Singapore for close to 20 years," remarks **Singaporean collector Nicholas Song**, "It is a delight to return to find a burgeoning art scene, with galleries and other arts platforms presenting a wealth of diverse programming. And it is heartening to see young artists in Singapore passionate about their practices. They deserve our support!"

"Singapore Gallery Month is about art and exhibitions. It is also about artists, art workers, collectors, enthusiasts - an entire community of people that makes our arts ecosystem thrive. Gallery Month fosters a deeper appreciation for the cultural fabric that connects us. Everyone should pay your local art gallery a visit, and see some art and meet the people who made it all possible," says **Louis Ho, Program Director of Singapore Gallery Month, Curator and Art Historian & Educator**.



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Important Dates:

- 05 Sept : **Docent-Led Tour** - Tanjong Pagar Distripark
- 07 Sept : **Educational Talk** - Building Legacies & Creating Value: Managing Private Collections & Art Wealth
- 07 Sept : **Docent-led Tour** - Gillman Barracks
- 11 Sept : **Wellness and Art** - Sound Bath with Layla Eris at 39+ Art Space
- 12 Sept : **Workshop** - UV Resin Preserved Hydrangea Flower Jewellery
- 12 Sept : **Docent-Led Tour** - Tanjong Pagar Distripark
- 13 Sept : **Wellness and Art** - Yoga Session with Xin Hui at 39+ Art Space
- 14 Sept : **Docent-led Tour** - Gillman Barracks | Tanjong Pagar Distripark
- 19 Sept : **Workshop** - Resilience and Renewal: Painting with the Japanese Art of Kintsugi
- 19 Sept : **Docent-Led Tour** - Tanjong Pagar Distripark
- 21 Sept : **Educational Talk** - Dynamic Markets & Provocative Artists: Exploring & Collecting Southeast Asian Art
- 21 Sept : **Wellness and Art** - Sound Bath with Layla Eris at The Private Museum
- 21 Sept : **Wellness and Art** - Yoga Session with Xin Hui at The Private Museum
- 21 Sept : **Docent-led Tour** - Gillman Barracks | Tanjong Pagar Distripark
- 27 Sept : **Special Programming** - Creators & Connoisseurs: A Speed Dating Soiree
- 27 Sept : **Workshop** - Face & Hand Painting Workshop: Celebrating Reborn Motherhood
- 28 Sept : **Special Programming** - Sip & Savour: Sake and Art
- 28 Sept : **Educational Talk** - Instilling Trust in the Art Market: Professional Standards for the Art Industry
- 28 Sept : **Workshop** - Finger Painting Florals with Acrylic



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Singapore Gallery Weekend Participating Galleries

ZONE 1 - Gillman Barracks & Vicinity	ZONE 2 - Tanjong Pagar & Vicinity	ZONE 3 - Orchard & Beyond
FOST Gallery Ota Fine Arts Mizuma Gallery Richard Koh Fine Art ShanghART Sundaram Tagore Gallery The Columns Gallery The Culture Story Yeo Workshop	39+ Art Space BOL Gallery Confluence Art Space Gallery 1819 Gajah Gallery Highlight Art JW Projects Mama on Palette New Art Museum Singapore Prestige Art Gallery Singapore Art Museum STPI Whitestone Gallery	Aesthetic Fine Art Gallery Art District SG artcommune gallery Art Science Museum Art Seasons Cuturi Gallery Dino Zoli Foundation Haridas Contemporary Intersections Gallery National Gallery Singapore Sullivan+Strumpf Sims Galleria The Private Museum 7879 Gallery & Clayworks



About AGAS: The AGAS exists as one voice for art galleries to make representations to various government agencies, arts organisations, media, and the general public both at home and abroad. It is the industry body that governs professional and ethical gallery practice in Singapore and serves to increase public awareness of the roles and responsibilities of art dealers. It is the duty of AGAS and its members to promote art appreciation in the community, enhancing the value and understanding of art and culture in Singapore. We are the leading national body representing the interests of gallery owners and operators in Singapore.



About Singapore Gallery Month: We believe in the power and the value of art. Our vision is to create, invigorate, and sustain a robust art gallery ecosystem in Singapore. Our mission is to transcend art appreciation beyond transaction; into transformation.



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We seek to empower both seasoned collectors and newcomers to explore and invest in art confidently and we do so by empowering venues and events that will allow our communities of artists and collectors to converge and find profound meaning in their exchange. Our members make up a dynamic art marketplace that celebrates diversity of expression and supports emerging artists alongside established names and our key role is to promote access. Through Singapore Gallery Month, we aspire to bridge the gap between artists and collectors, creating a culture where every interaction and facilitation is a transformative experience that enriches lives and sustains artistic endeavours for generations to come.



About NAC

The National Arts Council is a statutory board established on 15 October 1991 to oversee the developments of arts in Singapore.



About Particle

Particle is an innovative company working at the intersection between Culture and Tech with the mission to “make art essential in everyday life”. Particle’s app offers simple access to cultural projects, favouring an active and participatory cultural enjoyment through multimedia storytelling and Augmented Reality interactions.



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