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**SINGAPORE ART MUSEUM'S THINK! CONTEMPORARY PROGRAMME
PRESENTS ITS FIRST EXHIBITION OF ART BY PRESCHOOL STUDENTS
IN THE SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS**



Detail of an artwork by the students of Dulwich College. Image courtesy of the Singapore Art Museum.

3 July 2019 – From 6 July onwards, an exhibition of artworks by hundreds of preschoolers will take over the Singapore Botanic Gardens. The artworks are a culmination of the inaugural Singapore Art Museum (SAM) Think! Contemporary Preschool Programme - the first collaboration of its kind in Singapore between an art museum and preschools that integrates museum learning into their curricula. This exhibition is presented by SAM, in conjunction with the Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival.

Think! Contemporary Preschool Exhibition 2019
Presented by Singapore Art Museum,
in conjunction with Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival

6 July to 21 July 2019

Artworks will be displayed at three locations in the Singapore Botanic Gardens:

- Tanglin Green Pavilion
- Nassim Gate Visitor Centre
- Bukit Timah Gate

Free Admission

The inaugural ***Think! Contemporary Preschool Exhibition 2019 presented by Singapore Art Museum, in conjunction with Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival*** is a culmination of the

Think! Contemporary Preschool Programme – a multi-visit, museum-based preschool programme that advocates learning through art from The SAM Learning Gallery.

Presented on-site during the Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival, the artworks are the result of the preschoolers' explorations and interpretations of nature, heritage, and contemporary art. Responding to artworks by contemporary Singapore artists in The SAM Learning Gallery, students used an array of recycled materials, including coffee socks and bottle caps, to create their own artworks.

After 8 successful years of the Think! Contemporary Programme with primary schools, SAM worked with 5 partner preschools for this debut preschool edition – Arts Haus International, Arts Kidz International, Cherie Hearts at East Gate Pte Ltd, Dulwich College Singapore, and Zion Kindergarten. The first collaboration of its kind between an art museum and preschools, the Think! Contemporary Preschool Programme demands an unprecedented level of commitment between both organisations to ensure successful integration of museum-based learning into each preschool's curriculum.

The exhibition is organised by Singapore Art Museum with the support of its Venue Partner, Singapore Botanic Gardens.

For information on exhibition programming, please read:

Annex A – Accompanying Programmes for *Think! Contemporary Preschool Exhibition 2019 presented by Singapore Art Museum, in conjunction with Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival*

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About the Singapore Art Museum

Singapore Art Museum is a contemporary art museum which focuses on art-making and art-thinking in Singapore, Southeast Asia and Asia, encompassing a worldwide perspective on contemporary art practice. SAM advocates and makes accessible interdisciplinary contemporary art through researched and evolving curatorial practice.

Since it opened in January 1996, SAM has built up one of the most important collections of contemporary art from the region. It seeks to seed and nourish a stimulating and creative space in Singapore through exhibitions and public programmes, and to deepen every visitor's experience. These include outreach and education, research and publications, as well as cross-disciplinary residencies and exchanges.

SAM occupies two buildings: the old St Joseph's Institution on Bras Basah Road, built in 1855 and now a National Monument; and SAM at 8Q, a conservation building across the road on Queen Street that was the old Catholic High School. The museum buildings are currently closed for a major building revamp, with museum programming continuing at partner venues until the buildings re-open.

SAM was the organiser of the Singapore Biennale in 2011, 2013 and 2016. SAM will continue to organise the next two editions in 2019 and 2022. SAM was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 13 November 2013, operating under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. To find out more, visit www.singaporeartmuseum.sg

About Think! Contemporary Preschool Programme

Think! Contemporary Preschool Programme is a multi-visit, museum-based preschool programme that advocates learning through art from The SAM Learning Gallery. Its well-established sister programme for primary schools, Think! Contemporary Programme, has been running successfully for 8 years.

The programme for preschools integrates a talk by SAM's education specialists, a museum visit, a period of artwork development, and an exhibition of the students' responses to the artworks. Partner schools visit The SAM Learning Gallery, a space dedicated to the engagement and discussion of broader issues through contemporary art. The artworks explore themes such as home, community, identity and memory, raising pertinent and timely questions on what it means to live in contemporary Singapore. Guided by their teachers, students create artworks in response to the issues and ideas investigated in The SAM Learning Gallery.

Annex A

Accompanying Programmes for Think! Contemporary Preschool Exhibition 2019 presented by Singapore Art Museum, in conjunction with Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival

More information may be found at www.singaporeartmuseum.sg

Family Fun with Cardboard Plants!

Date: Saturday, 13 July 2019

Time: 10am – 12pm

Venue: Singapore Botanic Gardens, Nassim Gate Visitor Centre

Tickets: Drop-in, non-chargeable

Using laser-cut cardboard templates, draw inspiration from the artworks at the Think! Contemporary Preschool Exhibition 2019 and create your own stand-up flower or tree cardboard sculpture to colour and bring home!

Suitable for all ages.
