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# **ADVISORY: NEW DATES FOR SINGAPORE BIENNALE 2011**

Dear Editors and members of the media,

The Singapore Biennale 2011 will now open to the public 13 March to 15 May 2011. The Vernissage or preview days will be on 11 and 12 March 2011 with the Official Opening and Party taking place on Saturday, 12 March 2011.

The new dates for the Biennale coincide exactly with the start of the mid-term school holidays in Singapore. A Family Day Out with fun-filled activities for the whole family is being planned for the first day of the Biennale when it opens to the public. The new dates also complement other major international visual art events, allowing Vernissage guests to continue on to the Sharjah Biennial which opens on 16 March 2011.

The third Singapore Biennale is organised by the Singapore Art Museum of the National Heritage Board and supported by the National Arts Council, Singapore.

More details will be announced in October/November this year. In the meantime, please update your files and records. For easy reference, the new dates for SB2011 are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
13 March to 15 May 2011	Singapore Biennale 2011 exhibition period
11 & 12 March 2011 (Friday & Saturday)	Vernissage
12 March 2011	Official Opening and Party
13 March 2011	Open to Public
15 May 2011	Closing

## **Notes to Editor**

### **About the Singapore Biennale**

The Singapore Biennale was established in 2006 as the country's pre-eminent platform for international dialogue in contemporary art. It places Singapore's artists within a global context, and fosters productive collaborations with the international arts community. In this way, the Biennale provides new opportunities for local visual artists, arts organisations and businesses, and cultivates deeper public engagement with the arts. It complements achievements in other areas of arts and culture, collectively enhancing Singapore's international profile as a vibrant city in which to live, work and play. Singapore Biennale 2011 is organised by the Singapore Art Museum of the National Heritage Board, and supported by the National Arts Council, which first inaugurated the Biennale in 2006.

### **About Singapore Art Museum**

Opened in January 1996, the mission of the Singapore Art Museum (SAM) is to preserve and present the art histories and contemporary art practices of Singapore and the Southeast Asian region. To date, SAM has amassed one of the world's largest public collection of modern and contemporary Southeast Asian artworks with a growing component in international contemporary art. The museum has presented shows covering both local and international art practices, traditional and cutting edge art expressions. Through strategic alliances with international arts and cultural institutions, SAM has been facilitating visual arts education, exchange, research and development within the region and internationally.

### **About the National Arts Council**

The National Arts Council was established in September 1991 to spearhead the development of the arts in Singapore. To realise its vision of developing Singapore into a distinctive global city for the arts, NAC provides total support to nurture artistic talent, promotes the practice and appreciation of the arts among Singaporeans, builds up capabilities and resources, facilitates internationalisation and advocates the value of the arts. Through its holistic range of programmes and initiatives to develop the entire arts value chain, the Council champions the growth of a vibrant arts sector where the arts are accessible to all, and the community of artists, arts groups and arts businesses can innovate, excel and achieve sustainability in the long term.

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