



MEDIA ADVISORY

Fusion Extravaganza as East Meets West at the Asian Civilisations Museum

[5 November 2008, SINGAPORE] This weekend, visitors to the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) can indulge in a fusion extravaganza, complete with spectacular dance and rhythmic musical performances. Taking place from 8 – 9 November 2008, the *East Meets West* festival will also feature entertaining marionette puppetry shows, children's craft workshops and a mouth-watering local delights bazaar for a perfect weekend of family fun. **Admission to the museum and all event activities is free.**

Headlining *East Meets West* will be local acts *Apsara Asia*, *Teng Company* and *Mascot and Puppets Specialists*. Known for their high-energy, ethnic dance repertoire, *Apsara Asia* presents fusion dance and percussion performances, blending traditional ethnic moves and beats with modernity. Not to be missed as well is the award-winning Chinese instrumentalist group, *Teng Company*, which fuses the melodious sounds of the Chinese *sheng* and *pipa* with the Indian *tabla* and a guitar to bring audiences familiar tunes like *Dayung Sampan*, *La Vie En Rose* and *Flower Drum Song*.

For a good laugh, watch out for *Singapore String!*, a one-of-a-kind marionette puppetry performance with a unique local twist. Showcasing a line-up of unusual but colourful puppet characters, audiences can expect to be entertained by Chinese dancers, lion dancers and even a *getai* singer!

Apart from ongoing performances and activities, visitors will enjoy free admission to all galleries at ACM, including the special exhibition – *Neither East Nor West: Asians In Monochrome*. Visitors will also stand a chance to win prizes in lucky draws that will



be held daily over the two days, and free ice-cream and balloons will be available, while stocks last.

'East Meets West' begins at 12pm and ends at 5pm on 8 November (Saturday) and 9 November (Sunday). Galleries will be open from 9am to 7pm on both days. For more information on this event, please log on to www.acm.org.sg or call 6332 3284 or 6332 7798.

About the Asian Civilisations Museum

The Asian Civilisations Museum's mission is to explore and present the cultures and civilisations of Asia, so as to promote awareness and appreciation of the ancestral cultures of Singaporeans and their links to Southeast Asia and the world. The Asian Civilisations Museum first began its operations at Armenian Street in 1997, moving to the historic Empress Place Building in 2003. The Armenian Street premises which re-opened as the new Peranakan Museum on 26 April 2008 showcases the world's finest and most comprehensive collection of Peranakan artefacts.

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Mondays : 1pm – 7pm

Tuesdays – Sundays : 9am – 7pm (to 9pm on Fridays)