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The world's largest live music event comes to Singapore General Hospital on 21 June 2013!

For the first time in Asia, the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) and Sing'theatre will be bringing in "*Fête de la Musique*", the world's largest live music event, to fill each and every corner of the SGH campus with music on **Friday, 21 June 2013**.

Aptly titled, **MusicFest@SGH**, this unique edition of the event that started in France 31 years ago will make music of different genres accessible to everyone on the SGH campus, including patients, staff, visitors and just about anyone who loves music!

Audiences will get to be part of this amazing experience as close to **250 performers** from over 35 groups will be putting up 60 free performances throughout the day in the most unexpected spots on the SGH campus. Totalling **40 hours of performances**, the professional and amateur artists, students and staff will be performing their acts at lobbies, wards, outpatient clinics, gardens and open spaces of the various institutions on campus such as the National Cancer Centre Singapore, National Heart Centre Singapore and Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School.

The music galore will culminate at the **Concert Finale on Friday, 21 June at 7pm at the SGH Quad** with performances by **local and international celebrities** such as Sebastian Tan, Hossan Leong, Jonathan Leong and George Chan. His Excellency Mr Olivier Caron, Ambassador of France to Singapore, will be the Guest-of-Honour.



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“SGH is thrilled to partner Sing’theatre to organise Asia’s first “Fête de la Musique” in a hospital setting. The contribution of the arts to physical and mental health and well-being is well recognised and documented. Our multi-faceted Arts for Health programme addresses the emotional needs of patients and families by creating a soothing compassionate hospital environment, which reduces stress and facilitates quicker healing. We are grateful to see our volunteer artists and art groups in the community who so generously share their time and passion for arts with our patients” said Ms Mumtaj Ibrahim, Community Relations Manager, SGH.

MusicFest@SGH is an opportunity to access and open up places which are traditionally not concert venues, like hospitals. It will engage and connect hospital communities in an unprecedented way.

“The idea to perform in hospitals came from my previous professional career in healthcare, and moreover recently, from the loss of a dear artist friend following a long illness. I felt an urge to do something to make sense out of this tragedy. I wanted to bring performing arts to hospitalized patients who usually have little or no access to it at a time they need it the most”, said Mrs Nathalie Ribette, Sing’theatre Artistic Director and Producer of MusicFest at the SGH campus.

MusicFest@SGH marks the launch of Sing'theatre's ambitious programme: **MusicFest@Hospital**, which will develop into further and larger events in the upcoming years.

“Novartis is delighted to support Sing’theatre and the Singapore General Hospital in this year’s MusicFest. At Novartis we place an important emphasis on activities which bring us closer to the communities within which we live and work. The idea of the MusicFest at SGH really captures the imagination and will no doubt bring a great deal of joy and happiness to everyone at SGH. We are really pleased too that some of our associates will be able to assist on the day, to ensure that everything goes smoothly in providing a day’s entertainment that I trust will be a great day to remember”, said Mr Chris Snook, Novartis Country President Singapore.

LINE-UP (EXTRACT):

A large mix of professionals and amateurs, musicians and singers from all over the world, will be enthusiastically supporting the MusicFest@SGH, throughout the day. Some of the most talented and acclaimed Singaporean artists will offer their voice for the Concert Finale.

Below is just a flavour of what the audiences can expect on 21 June at the SGH Campus:



Hossan Leong
« The Singapore Boy »
One of Singapore's most recognised versatile performers: pianist, singer, stand-up comedian and actor. He will bring his humour and good mood to the Concert Finale as

Master of Ceremony.



Jessica Irawan
Jessica was born and raised in Indonesia but currently reside in Singapore.
A Bachelor Degree

graduate in Music from Lasalle College of The Arts Singapore, she embarked on her musical journey in 2007, playing with her previous band "Changing Hues" in various bars and pubs all around Singapore and Indonesia. She recently released her debut solo album, "Stepping Out" in March 2012.

Jessica was particularly moved by the concept of MusicFest as she fought her own battle against cancer a few years ago.

Flamenco Sin Fronteras

The well-known Singaporean-based dance theatre company will offer Flamenco performances, with an eclectic mix of Spanish, Indian, Arabic and Jewish origins.

Paris Chansons

The French Singer based in Singapore will take the audience to romantic Paris with its classic French songs.



Professor Foo Keong Tatt (SGH)

An Emeritus Consultant from the SGH Department of Urology, Prof Foo Keong Tatt is a man of many talents. As a young boy, he learnt to play the flute from his village barber. He also loves to play some Chinese oldies on his casiotone after dinner. Among his favourites are "The moon represents my heart" and "Green Island serenade". A singer, he also performs for his colleagues at the various hospital's functions.

National University of Singapore, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine



More than 35 students from YLL School of Medicine will be performing a range of instruments including the cajon, ukelele saxophone, violin, cello and double base.



George Chan

The famous celebrity judge, artistic director, dance choreographer, singer and actor will offer his multi-talents to the patients.

Andayoma has been nurtured and trained solely by renowned Singapore Jazz musicians. Being a soloist and a composer, her Caribbean background gives a different vision to the classical Jazz.

Asha Edmund is the award-winning soul



singer from Singapore who has garnered rave reviews and accolades for her rousing performances and

rich, powerhouse vocals. Her masterful delivery, coupled with a graceful ability to hit impossible notes with fluid ease and dulcet tones, has charmed audiences throughout the nation.

Flame of the Forest



The trio of young Chinese fusion musicians will play Indian traditional instruments: sita, tabla and violin.

Sebastian Tan

He will perform his Broadway Beng persona for the patients and will sing Hokkien oldies with them.



... AND MANY MORE!!!

About Fête de la Musique

Novartis, Sing'theatre and Singapore General Hospital (SGH) are excited to create the first ever MusicFest (Fête de la Musique) in a hospital setting in Asia, and look forward to this becoming an annual tradition in Singapore. Limited to France where it started in 1982, the "Fête de la Musique" has become a huge success and spread all over the world and is now celebrated in more than 400 cities over five continents. Every year at the summer solstice (the longest day in the northern hemisphere), amateur and professional musicians from all walks of life take freely to the streets, parks, public squares and institutions to celebrate music together.

About Singapore General Hospital

Singapore General Hospital, a member of Singapore Health Services, is the public sector's flagship hospital. Established in 1821, SGH is Singapore's largest acute tertiary hospital with 1,700 beds and national referral centre offering a comprehensive range of 36 clinical specialties on its campus. Every year, about 1 million Singaporeans benefit from advanced medical care delivered by its 800 specialists. As an academic healthcare institution and the bedrock of medical education, SGH plays a key role in nurturing doctors, nurses and allied health professionals, and is committed to innovative translational and clinical research in her continual strive to provide the best care and outcomes to her patients.

About the SGH Arts for Health

Into its 15th year, the SGH Arts for Health programme aims to promote good health and improve quality of care to patients in the hospital through various creative and therapeutic art forms. Through visual and performing arts, the programme seeks to enhance the physical, social and emotional well-being of our patients and visitors. By partnering community organisations, arts groups and artists, SGH is able to play a part in supporting and developing the arts by providing alternative platforms within the healthcare settings. Arts for Health is supported by the National Arts Council.

About Sing'theatre

Sing'theatre is a non-profit theatre company created in 2006 to promote cultural exchanges and to contribute to Singapore's nationwide efforts to bring arts and culture to everyone, everywhere, every day. It is the first local company to produce shows in English with Singapore-based artists drawing on French cultural heritage. Sing'theatre believes sharing our cultural heritage between our communities can enhance the quality of our relationships. We believe Art is a fundamental right for everyone regardless of status or health.

Along with producing theatre plays (8 WOMEN) and musical revues (A Singaporean in Paris), Sing'theatre's ambition is to:

- make theatre and music accessible to the underprivileged by inviting them to attend performances;
- develop partnership with local hospitals to bring Performing Arts to patients;
- reach out to others and bring them joy, laughter and inspiration.

The best of Singapore-based artists have performed for Sing'theatre: Hossan Leong, the late Emma Yong, Denise Tan, Robin Goh, George Chan, Tony Mc Gill, Daniel Jenkins, Lim Yu Beng, as well as Tan Kheng Hua, Neo Swee Lin and Daisy Irani.

About Novartis

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Music Fest @ SGH – FAST FACTS

Date	Friday, 21 June 2013
Venue	Singapore General Hospital Outram Road Singapore 169608 (Nearest MRT Station: Outram Park)
Time	10 am to 5.30 pm 60 mini-concerts of 30-mins each Dozens of performing spots throughout the SGH Campus, hosted in the following buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singapore General Hospital (including SGH Museum)• National Cancer Centre Singapore• National Heart Centre Singapore• Singapore National Eye Centre• Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School• Health Promotion Board• National Dental Centre Performances opened to the public (lobbies, gardens, corridors, cafeterias) Some performances in the wards and chemotherapy room will be restricted to patients.
Performers/Artists	More than 35 groups of musicians, close to 250 performers, professional or otherwise performing large music variety to the whole hospital community.
Admission	FREE – All are welcomed!

Finale Concert

Date	Friday, 21 June 2013
Venue	SGH Quad Singapore General Hospital Block 7, Level 1
Time	7 pm to 8 pm
Performers/Artists	Finale Concert featuring professional artists including Sebastian Tan, Hossan Leong, Flamenco Sin Fronteras, George Chan
Admission	FREE – All are welcomed!