

SAFRA & NATIONAL ARTS COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY ARTS & CULTURE NODES

FACT SHEET

About SAFRA

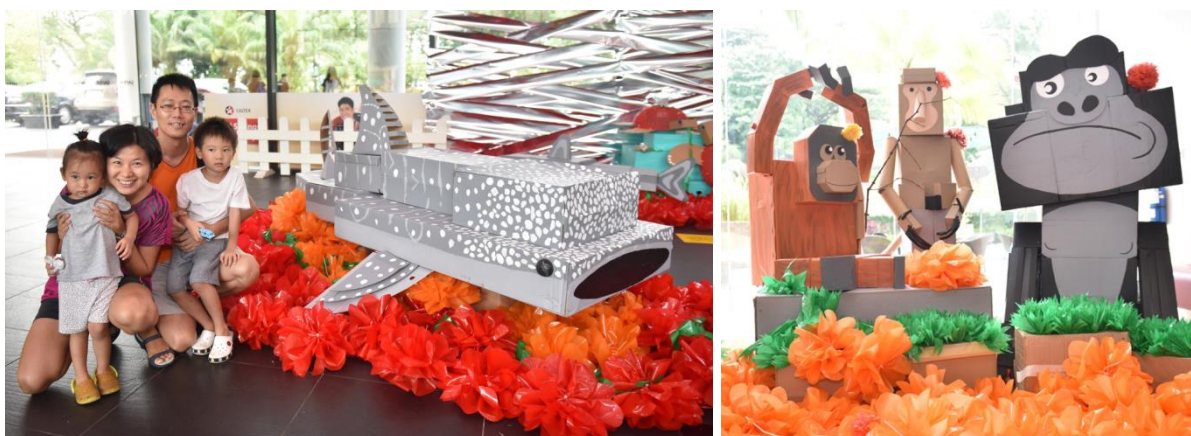
SAFRA was formed in 1972 to provide for the social and recreational needs of Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) NSmen and their families to recognise NSmen for their contributions to National Defence.

SAFRA currently has over 370,000 members and a network of six clubs conveniently located in Jurong, Mount Faber, Punggol, Tampines, Toa Payoh and Yishun. SAFRA organises an extensive range of lifestyle activities to bond NSmen and their families, and SAFRA members enjoy special privileges at partnering merchants island-wide.

Arts @ SAFRA – Engaging NSmen Through Arts

SAFRA partnered with the National Arts Council (NAC) as part of its Community Arts and Cultural Nodes programme since September 2015 to engage and bond NSmen and their families through a series of innovative Arts programmes organised at SAFRA clubs.

Through the partnership, SAFRA received a funding of \$38,400 from NAC to co-organise a total of 16 activities within the first year, attracting about 23,000 participants. NSmen and their families were immersed in a wide variety of artistic programmes such as theatrical storytelling, puppetry, A Capella and the creation of a series of unique art installations in commemoration of Earth Hour 2016, featuring endangered species and made fully from recyclable materials.



Building on this success, the partnership has been renewed with an increased funding of \$100,000 from NAC. NSmen and their families can look forward to more Arts programmes to be staged at SAFRA clubs over the next 12 months, including the upcoming SAFRA Art Kaleidoscope as part of NAC's Arts for All initiative. More details on the other activities will be released at a later date.

SAFRA Art Kaleidoscope

A special weekend of thematic performances and displays will engage NSmen and their families in different genres of the Arts across four SAFRA clubs on 18 and 19 February 2017.

Activity	Theme	Description
<p>Shadow. Art. Play. Sat, 18 Feb 2017 SAFRA Toa Payoh 11am – 2pm</p>	<p>Arts & Technology</p>	<p>Visitors to the club will get the opportunity to explore the concept of shadow play. Shadowplay Art by Isabelle Desjuex is a highly interactive and experiential installation where participants can move various lights to create shadow art. Crafter Cheryl Teo will also engage participants in creating their own projector using paper cups and coloured transparency sheets.</p>
<p>Clean It Up Sat, 18 Feb 2017 SAFRA Mount Faber 11am – 2pm</p>	<p>Visual Arts</p>	<p>Visitors to the club will have the opportunity to appreciate the works of Singaporean artist and illustrator Tan Zi Xi. A series of five artworks from her 'An Effort Most Futile' collection will be on display, featuring the toll of mankind's environmental footprint and the challenges in saving our environment.</p> <p>There will also be two 1-hour canvas painting workshops with Artist Tan Zi Xi. Suitable for participants 13 years old and above. Limited slots available.</p>
<p>Music & Play Sun, 19 Feb 2017 SAFRA Jurong 2pm – 5pm</p>	<p>Interactive Arts</p>	<p>Visitors to the club will be armed with pots and pans to make music together. Jacquelyn Soo from ArtStories will host a workshop for the participants to create musical instruments from everyday objects. Fronted by Musician Amit Gilboa, Pyramid Arts will engage participants by using the "musical instruments" to create a stomping performance.</p>

<p>Arts by the Waterway SAFRA Punggol Sun, 19 Feb 2017</p>	<p>Performing Arts</p>	<p>Visitors to the club will be entertained by a variety of performances such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MICappella, group recipient of the Media Recommendation Award for Best Local Artiste at the Singapore Hit Awards 2013, and the 2013 A Capella Community Awards.• The Rainbow Toymaker by Cake Theatre
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