

INAUGURAL HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR

A Celebration Of Graphic Novels

Featured authors are:

- **Gail Simone**, U.S.A (known for the popular *Birds of Prey* series, *The Simpsons*, *Welcome to Tranquillity* and *Wonder Woman*)
- **Kurt Busiek**, U.S.A (*Iron Fist*, *Liberty Project*, *Avengers*, *Superman*, *Mickey Mouse* and the critically acclaimed *Marvels*)
- **Mark Waid**, U.S.A (*X-Men*, *Gotham by Gaslight*, *Kingdom Come*)

The Business of Books – A Professional Symposium

Invaluable to anyone in publishing, or aspiring and established writers, this two-day symposium will be the perfect opportunity to learn from local and international industry experts on the finer points of publishing one's work.

Event name: The Business of Books

Date: 6 & 7 December 2007

Time: 9am to 6pm

Venue: Blue Room, The Arts House

Costs: S\$300 for a 2-day session; S\$200 for a 1-day session (excluding 7% GST)

Prices include 2 tea breaks and lunch each day

Closing date: 16 November 2007, open to first 80 participants

Early Bird Special (until 9 November 2007): 10% discount off published prices. Group Bookings (Bookings of 5 places and above): additional 10% discount off published prices (including Early Bird Specials)

Programme for day one

Literary translation
Independent book publishers
Book design
Marketing and publicity

Programme for day two

How to get started in writing
Intellectual property and copyright laws
The importance and role of literary agents
Literary festivals

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PROGRAMMES – THEATRE, FILM AND TRIBUTES

Tune Into Text II: The Halloween Getai Special

As a line-up to the festival, Tune Into Text II will celebrate the multi-lingual music of Singapore bands who each have a distinct style in their lyrical content and inspired by the everyday. Look out for bands such as West Grand Boulevard, The Pinholes, The Sibeh Serious (ex-LocalBarBoy), Dahlan Francesca (collaborative project by Rizman Putra of Tiramisu).

In relation to this year's theme – **CROSSINGS**, The Halloween Getai Special is a unique crossing of cultures – whereby a distinctly Chinese activity is weaved into a western festival while showcasing music that is chockfull of Singapore flavour. There will be performances in different languages in a setting that is usually confined to Mandarin and its related dialects.

Date: 27 October 2007

Time: 7.30pm till late

Venue: Lawn, The Arts House

Cost: Free

y grec

A theatrical performance based on poetry by Madeleine Lee and Eleanor Wong, presented by Cake Theatrical Productions. *y grec* is a performance of literature, weaving together poetry, installation and sound architecture.

Event name: *y grec*

Date: 6 to 9 December 2007

Time: 8pm

Venue: Play Den, The Arts House

Cost: S\$24

Book signing by Madeleine Lee and Eleanor Wong at the Front of House on 6 and 7 December, 7.30pm to 8pm. Post-show dialogue with Madeleine Lee and Eleanor Wong on 7 December

Between Land and Sea: The Life and Times of Joseph Conrad

Between Land and Sea is a travelling exhibition curated by The Adam Mickiewicz Museum of Literature in Warsaw to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Polish writer, Joseph Conrad.

Event name: *Between Land and Sea – The Life and Times of Joseph Conrad*

Date: 1 – 9 December 2007

Time: 10am – 8pm

Venue: Print Gallery, The Arts House

Cost: Free

Portrait of a Poet: A Tribute to Arthur Yap

Portrait of a Poet pays tribute to the late Dr. Arthur Yap, who was both an award-winning poet and a prolific painter. This exhibition will feature his paintings, poetry and personal memorabilia.

Widely regarded as one of Singapore's most celebrated poets, Dr. Yap was also an artist who has held several solo exhibitions in Singapore and overseas. This exhibition offers a glimpse into the life behind the poet and his craft.

Event name: *Portrait of a Poet – A Tribute to Arthur Yap*

Date: 1 – 9 December 2007

Time: 10am – 8pm

Venue: Living Room, The Arts House

Cost: Free

Fact Sheet – Singapore Writers Festival 2007 – CROSSINGS

When	1 – 9 December 2007
Where	The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane, Singapore 179429
Hotline	(65) 6332 6919
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Website	www.singaporewritersfestival.com

**Note to editor: The public should refer to the website for updates on programmes*