

Penang Free Sheet

Markets, Music, Poetry and Talks

 **Hard Rock HOTEL**
PENANG

A Night Before Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE 4-COURSE SET DINNER
24 DECEMBER 2025 | 6.30 PM - 10.30 PM

Book Before 15 December 2025
(Early Bird Price / Stage Pass Members)

Adult / Senior Citizen (60+) RM 200 Nett Per Pax (Normal Price RM220 Nett Per Pax)	Kids Set Dinner (6-12) RM 80 Nett Per Kid (Normal Price RM100 Nett Per Kid)
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Vegetarian set dinner option is available.

BOOK NOW

 **First-Bridge Entertainment** 1/3

A Standup Comedy

**New Year New Me :
The journey so far**

A Crowd Work & Open Mic Comedy



@ Cocktail society,
72 Lebuhraya Presgrave,
George Town. Penang.
Thurs, 27 Nov
8:30PM

Entry RM20



Comedy - The Journey So Far
Thursday November 27th, 8.30pm

Comedy open mic hosted by
@ugotemple. Tickets RM 20 [here](#).

Cocktail Society
72 Lebuhraya Melayu

Festival - George Town LitFest
Friday-Sunday November 28th-30th

Malaysia's leading celebration of stories returns for its 15th edition! This year's George Town Literary Festival explores Urban Myths and Memories through panels, readings, performances, and workshops featuring 37 writers and artists from 13 countries. Details [here](#).

UAB Building and other venues



Sport - Dragon Boat Regatta
Friday-Sunday November 28th-30th,
8am-4pm

Dragon boat teams from Malaysia
and around the world compete
against each other.

Straits Quay Marina

Poetry - EL Mama Wave
Friday November 28th, 2pm

Mama Wave is a collection of poetry and paintings documenting Eleanor Johnson's own experience of motherhood. It comprises an audio-visual journey spanning a seven-year period. EI will read selected poems from the collection. Free of charge.

Hikayat, 226 Beach Street

GEORGE TOWN LITERARY FESTIVAL

EXHIBITION & READING
#GTLF2025

EI

EI - Mama Wave
Saturday 22 November - Friday 12 December 2025
10am - 6pm daily
Artist's talk
Saturday 22 November 2025 7pm
Free admission

Exhibition: EI - Mama Wave
22 NOV - 12 DEC | 11:00am - 6:00pm
📍 Hikayat

Poetry Reading: EI - Mama Wave
28 NOV | 2:00 - 3:00pm
📍 Hikayat

PRISM BALLSHOW, SYNTH POP AND DANCE MUSIC

NICOLAZ
& THE HAUS OF KAI-O'S

NICOLAZ - VOX+ KEYTAR | JAIME GUNTER - BASS | OLLSEN - GUITAR | BRETT - DRUMS

NICOLAZ T & THE HAUS OF KAI-OS, A KL-BASED BAND LED BY KEYBOARDIST AND VOCALIST NICOLAZ T, BRING THEIR PRISM BALLSHOW TO THE CANTEEN AT CHINAHOUSE ON FRIDAY 28 & SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER. EXPECT A HIGH-ENERGY NIGHT OF SYNTH-POP AND DANCE MUSIC DESIGNED TO GET EVERYONE MOVING.

28 & 29 NOV 2025 | FRIDAY & SATURDAY | 9.00PM TO 12.00AM | RM30 MIN SPEND PER PAX
RESERVATIONS
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唐人厝
CANTEEN
CHINA HOUSE

In Situ
PERFORMANCE AS EXHIBITION
THE MALAYSIA EDITION

CONVERSATION WITH ARTISTS:
CHRISTIAN FALSNAES & HESSELHOLDT & MEJLVANG
& CURATOR, VANINI BELARMINO

JOIN THE ARTISTS AND CURATOR OF IN SITU:
PERFORMANCE AS EXHIBITION, THE MALAYSIAN
EDITION FOR A DISCUSSION ON HOW THEIR WORKS
ENGAGE AUDIENCES AS ACTIVE COLLABORATORS.

Talk - In Situ
Friday November 28th, 7pm-8.30pm

Christian Falsnaes, Hesselholdt & Mejlvang, and curator Vanini Belarmino come together to discuss performance, participation, and the possibilities of co-creation, looking at how audiences move from observers to collaborators. Free of charge.

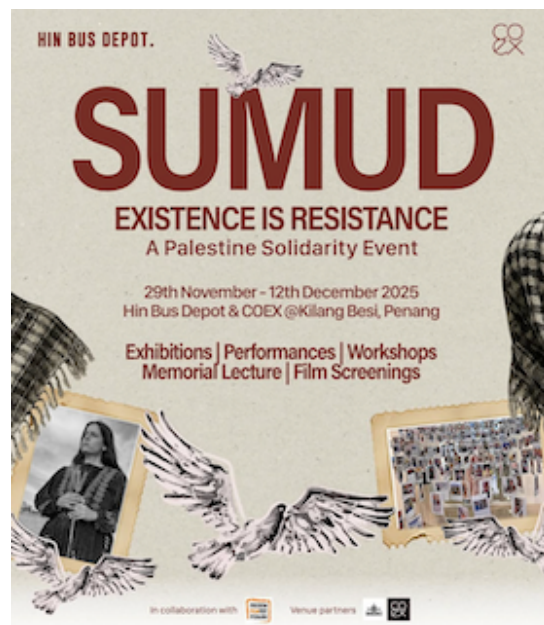
Coex, 123 Jalan Timah

Festival: Sumud

Saturday November 29th - Friday
December 12th

A cross-cultural celebration of art, memory, and resilience, bringing together Palestinian and Malaysian artists, researchers, and storytellers with performances, poetry, workshops, exhibitions, and films. More information [here](#).

Coex and Hin Bus Depot,
31a Jalan Gurdwara



OWL Clean Food Cafe Menu

9.00am - 3.30pm
12A Lebu Lambah Permai Tanjung Bungah
016 708 8846



OWL Clean Food Cafe Menu

OWL Clean food Cafe is a great place
meet with friends, work meeting or
just relax.

12a Lebu Lambah Permai 4,
Tanjung Bungah

Market - Soroptimist Good Seconds
Sale

Saturday November 29th, 10am-5pm

Christmas wares, a silent auction of
preloved designer handbags,
new/preloved fashion, books,
household items & toys, snacks &
merriment.





Market - Permai Pop Up Christmas Market

Saturday November 29th, 10am-2pm

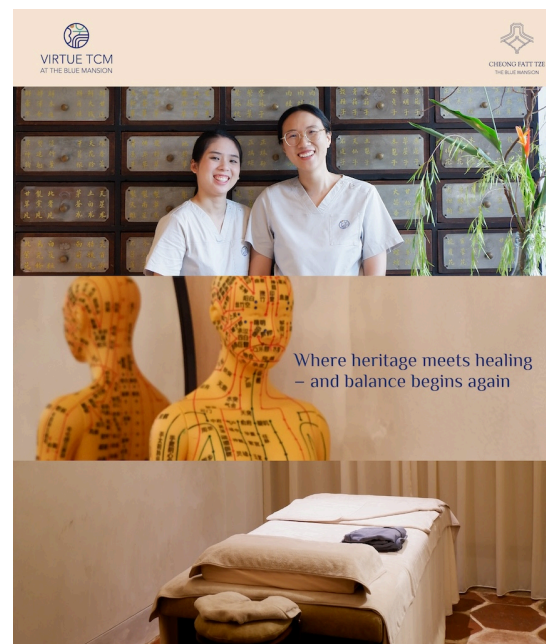
Christmas gifts, food and live music.

Owl Zero Waste Grocer,
12A Lebu Lambah Permai 4

Virtue TCM: Listening to Your Body

Virtue TCM has guided urban dwellers back to health and harmony through Traditional Chinese Medicine for a decade in KL – blending age-old wisdom with the needs of modern living. Now open in Penang too! 10% off all treatments till 31 December 2025, whatsapp 0122157006 to book.

Virtue TCM, 9, Lebu Leith
daily 10.30am-7pm





Music & Poetry - Mic Mythos
Saturday November 29th, 7.30pm

Poetry meets performance with spoken word artists from across the region and live music by DramBand, Penang's first and only Irish band, the evening celebrates rhythm, story, and the power of language to move and transform. Free with [GTLF pass](#).

Canteen @ ChinaHouse,
183B Victoria Street

Music - Sunflower is Singing
Saturday November 29th, 8pm

Irama Nusantara: Suara Warisan Kita
A night of rhythm, unity, and culture, a collaboration with the legendary Wak Long Music & Art Centre, practitioners of Malay traditional arts. RM 60, contact 012 530 3699 for tickets.

Auditorium P. Ramlee,
Jalan P. Ramlee



Music - Big Band Christmas Holidays
Saturday November 29th, 8pm

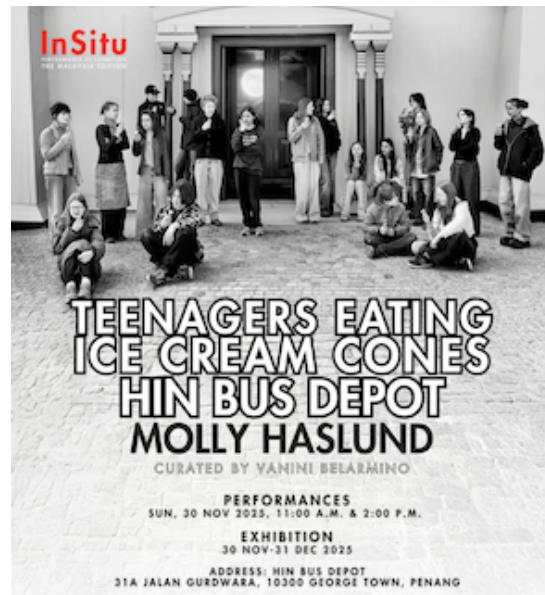
The new George Town All Star Jazz Orchestra plays classic big band hits and fresh arrangements. RM 79 tickets [here](#).

Penang Harmony Centre,
15 Jalan Scotland.

Performance - Teenagers Eating Ice Cream Cones
Sunday November 30th, 11am & 2pm

Teenagers Eating Ice Cream Cones explores what happens when an everyday moment turns into performance. A site-specific piece that echoes 60s/70s performance art, and asks: what's art after eating ice cream anyway?

Hin Bus Depot, 31a Jalan Gurdwara



Market - Christmas Market
Sunday November 30th, 11am-5pm

Christmas food and drinks, crafts and stalls, kids games, live music and performances, workshops. Free of charge.

Malaysian German Society,
250b Jalan Air Itam

Talk - Brewing Stories of Penang's Coffee Culture

Sunday November 30th, 2pm-4pm

An intimate talk which traces the origins of Penang's beloved coffee shops and their role as social hubs for early immigrants and locals alike. RM 45, book [here](#).

City Rio Cafe, 64, Lebuh Bishop



Talk - The Infinite Land
Sunday November 30th, 3pm

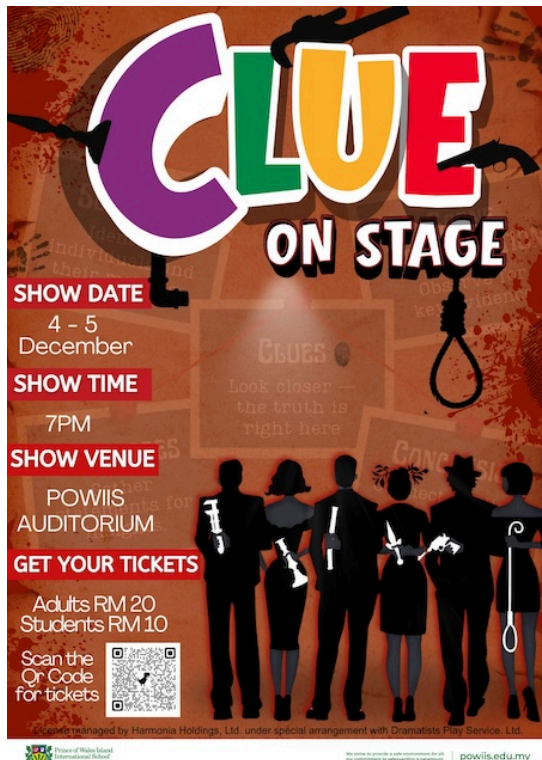
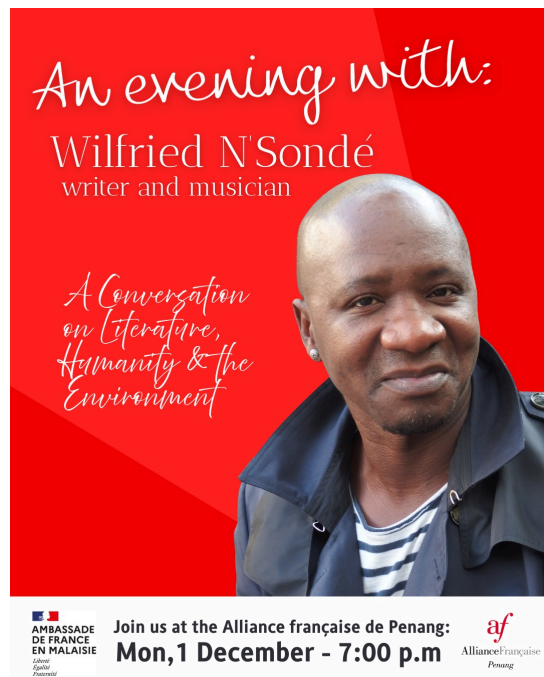
Hong Kong artist Sim Chan talks about his upcoming exhibition at Blank Canvas, in which each piece constitutes a miniature world, collectively assembled into a theme park-like dreamscape. Free of charge.

Coex, 123 Jalan Timah

Talk - An Evening with
Wilfried N'Sondé
Monday December 1st, 7pm

An evening of stories, conversations
and exchange with a ward-winning
French author Wilfried N'Sondé. Free
of charge, register [here](#).

Alliance Française,
Jalan Phua Hin Leong



Theatre - Clue on Stage
Thursday & Friday December 4th &
5th, 7pm

Powiis School's senior production
invites you to step into Boddy Manor,
where a dinner party takes a deadly
turn. Six guests, one shocking
murder, and countless twists, a night
of suspense and laughter that will
keep you guessing till the end. Tickets
RM 20 for adults, RM 10 for students,
available [here](#).

POWIIS Balik Pulau Auditorium

Theatre - The Relationship Chronicles
Friday & Saturday December 5th &
6th, 8.30pm

A comedy showcase that brings
together eight unique monologues,
each highlighting the chaos,
heartbreak, and hilarity of
relationships gone wrong, written and
directed by Fa Abdul. RM 48 tickets
available [here](#).

Auditorium C, Komtar



Music - The Fox and the Box
Saturday December 6th 11am, 3pm &
8pm

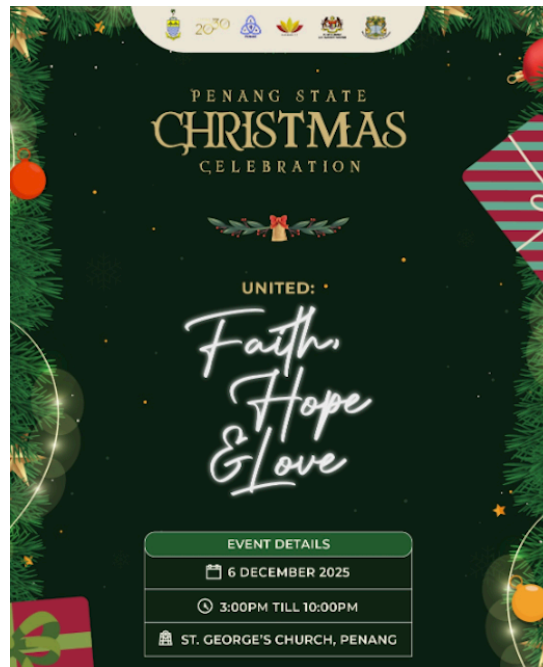
Family-friendly concert-dance-theatre
telling a story of friendship, gratitude,
and the precious gift of life through
beautiful Christmas music, dazzling
dance, and heartwarming drama.
Tickets from RM 85 available [here](#).
Use discount code at check out
PENANGFREESHEET for 15% off.

Auditorium A, Komtar

Festival - Penang State Christmas Celebration
Saturday December 6th, 3pm-11pm

Christmas market, performances, food and drinks, and family activities. Free of charge. More information [here](#).

St George's Church, Lebuh Farquhar



Music - Ode to Hope
Saturday & Sunday December 6th & 7th, 6.30pm

The Salvation Army's fund-raising Christmas choral performance, featuring the Messengers Choir. Suggested donation RM 100, register [here](#).

Chapel Hall, St. Jo's Level 2, Gurney Paragon Mall

Performance - Palestine Memorial
Saturday December 6th 7pm

A documentary film screening inspired by the poetry of Palestine, a dance performance by Aida Redza, a book reading, poetry by Cecil Rajendra, and music. Free of charge, [email](#) to reserve.

Hin Bus Depot, 31a Jalan Gurdwara

PALESTINE MEMORIAL


FILM


DANCE


POETRY

* World premiere of documentary film "Palestine Will Survive" by Andrew Han inspired by the poetry of Palestinian Poet Laureate Mahmoud Darwish & Cecil Rajendra *

* Modern dance performance - "Sumud : Existence is Resistance" - choreographed by acclaimed diva Aida Redza *

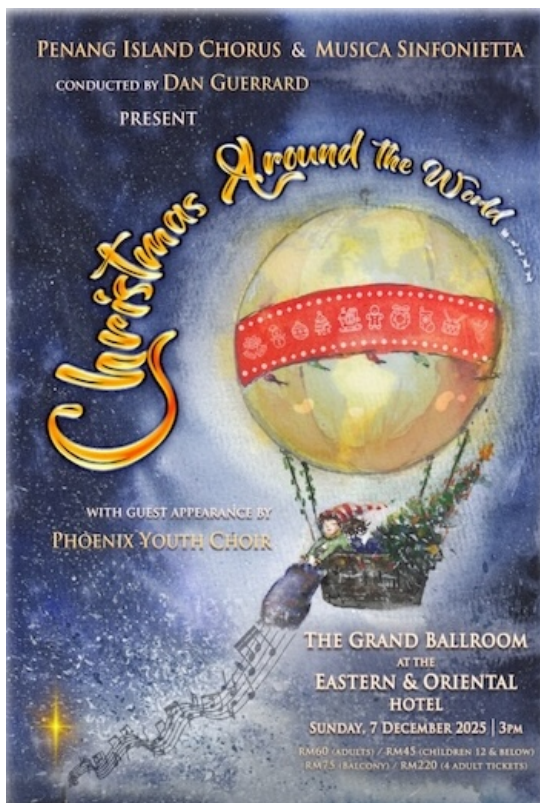
* Book launch of "Blood In The Sand" - a stark pictorial & poetic testament of the genocide in Gaza - featuring major international poets from Wilfred Owen to WH Auden and Brecht to Darwish... *

* Followed by a music & poetry recital by the BRYL-Cream Quartet (Bernardine, Yasunari, Leon Thum & Cecil Rajendra) *

Venue : **HIN BUS DEPOT**
Jalan Gurdwara, Penang
Date : **Saturday 6 December 2025**
Time : **7.00 P.M. sharp**

FREE ADMISSION! But due to limited seating, early reservations are required to avoid disappointment.

E-mail booking at : foalpg@gmail.com



Music - Christmas Around the World
Sunday December 7th 3pm

Penang Island Chorus, joined by musicians from Musica Sinfonietta and other friends hosts a fun-filled annual Christmas concert, with a Christmas Around the World hot air balloon stopping off in a range of different locations to bring you carols and music from other cultures. Children RM 45, adults RM 60, tickets [here](#).

Grand Ballroom, E&O Hotel

Talk - Penang, the Land of Inventors
Thursday December 11th 9pm

A session bringing together distinguished inventors born in Penang who have made remarkable contributions across industries, to discuss their challenges, breakthroughs, and the defining moments that shaped their path to success. Free of charge, register [here](https://bit.ly/Penang-Inventors).

Penang Institute, 10 Jalan Brown



Workshops - Harmony of Hope
Saturdays & Sundays December 13th
& 14th, 20th & 21st, 11am & 1pm

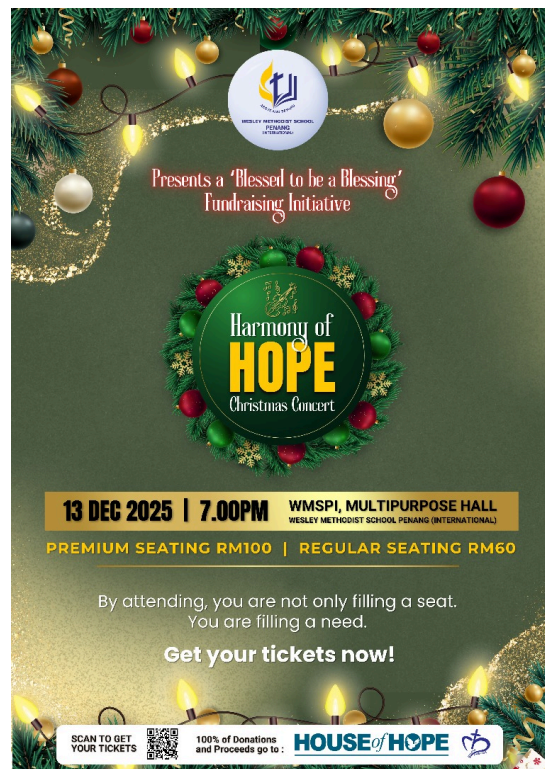
Christmas workshops for children to make: Christmas Clay, Christmas Wreath, Sand Art Candle and Christmas Clay Colouring. RM 27. More information and registration [here](https://bit.ly/Penang-Inventors).

City Junction, Jalan Tanjung Tokong,

Music - Harmony of Hope
Saturday December 13th, 7pm

A fundraising Christmas concert by the students of Wesley School, in support of House of Hope and Charis Hospice. Tickets RM100 or RM60 available [here](#).

Wesley Methodist School,
1 Lebuh Sungai Pinang 1,



Comedy - Funny by Nature
Saturday December 13th, 7pm

Stand-up comedy with Nicholas Lim, Fattah Azeem and Ugo Temple. RM 35 tickets available [here](#).

The Founders, 17 Jalan Hutton

Music - A Season for Rejoicing
Sunday December 14th, 3pm

Penang Philharmonic Orchestra and
Penang Chinese Girls School play
excerpts from Pan, Polar Express and
Harry Potter. Tickets RM 40
available [here](#).

Penang Chinese Girls School,
Jalan Gottlieb



Music - Stella Splendens
Sunday December 14th, 8pm

Wicked Music People and the award-winning Young KL Singers in a grand baroque Christmas celebration, with music by Giovanni Gabrieli, Claudio Monteverdi, Arcangelo Corelli, and *Messe de minuit pour Noël* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, plus traditional Christmas carols. RM 60 tickets available [here](#).

Church of the Assumption,
Farquhar Street

EXHIBITIONS

Main

Until November 30th

A Solo Exhibition by TeeBai in which he approaches glass as both medium and metaphor. Through the slow act of hand-grinding, he revisits moments of childhood wonder, immortalising them in glass and framing them in wood crafted together with his father. Free of charge.

O Sculpture, Hin Bus Depot

Fri-Sun 10am-6pm



Lost in Wonderland

Until November 30th

A solo exhibition by ERYN (Winnie Cheng). Free of charge.

Hin Bus Depot, 31a Jalan Gurdwara

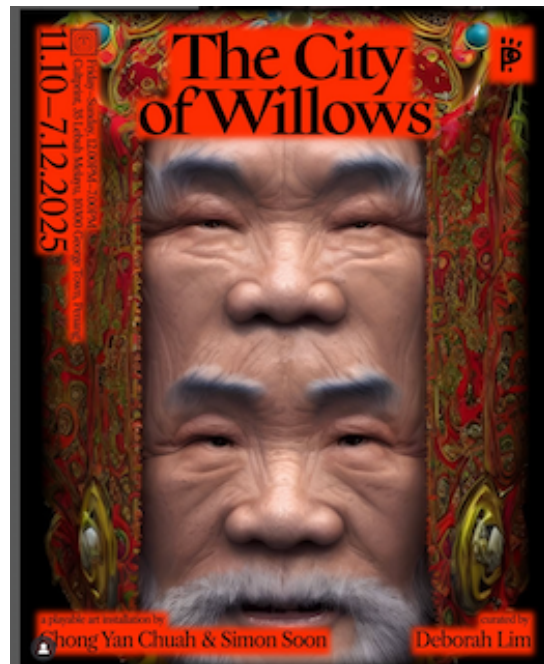
Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm,

Sat-Sun 11am-7pm

The City of Willows
Until December 7th

A playable art installation by artist Chong Yan Chuah & scholar Simon Soon, curated by Deborah Lim. Blending history and digital art, the game is narrated by a disembodied voice and reimagines the rituals of 19th-century Chinese secret societies (triads) in the Malay archipelago.

Fridays-Sundays 12pm-7pm
Cultprint, 35 Lebuhraya



My Lines, My George Town
Until December 7th

Kek Hoon Pin presents George Town not just as a place, but as a story of culture, community and spirit.

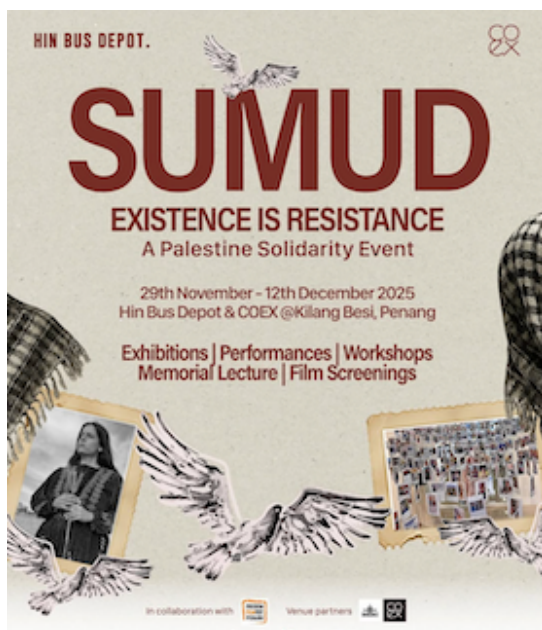
G Hotel Kelawai Art Gallery, 24 hours.

EL Mama Wave
Until December 12th

A painted and written documentation of artist El's own experiences since becoming a mother in 2018. Free of charge.

Daily 11am-6pm
Hikayat, 226 Beach Street





Sumud: Existence is Resistance
November 29th until December 12th

A cross-cultural celebration of art, memory, and resilience, bringing together Palestinian and Malaysian artists, researchers, and storytellers to share voices, traditions, and creative expressions that connect communities beyond borders. Free of charge.

Coex, 123 Jalan Timah
10am - 6pm daily,
closed Wednesdays

Treasures of the Nanhai
December 5th-14th

An exhibition commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Wanli Shipwreck, featuring artists from seven regions.

Daily 10am-4pm

UAB Building, Gat Lebuh China





Borderless Voices
Until December 14th

A group exhibition of 14 visual artists from Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Syria and the UK. Free of charge.

ChinaHouse Art Space 1 & 2
155 Beach Street

Transient Spaces
Until December 14th

A post-Bonton-residency solo exhibition by young Filipino artist Dennis Bato. Free of charge.

ChinaHouse Art Space 3
155 Beach Street



The Infinite Land
December 6th-29th

A solo exhibition by Hong Kong artist Sim Chan, in which each piece constitutes a miniature world, collectively assembled into a theme park-like dreamscape.

Thursday-Monday 12pm-7pm, RM 15

Blank Canvas, 85 Lorong Soo Hong

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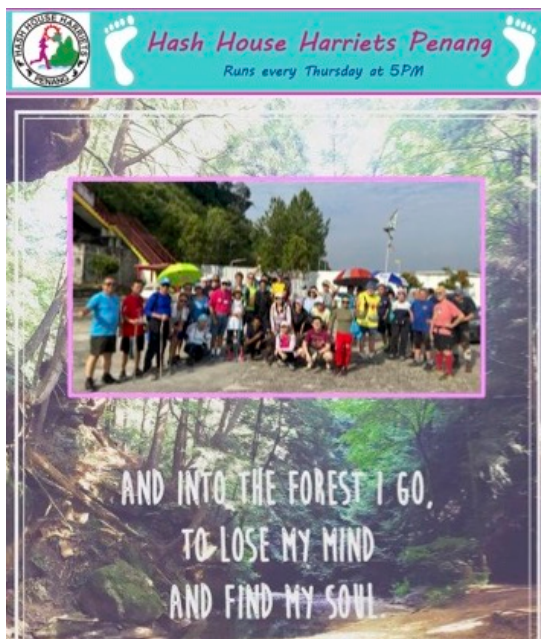


Front
December 1st-31st

Christian Falsnaes invites the audience to become active participants, helping transform a large wooden structure through spray painting, destruction, and reconstruction, all while engaging in euphoric group behaviour.

Penang Institute, 10 Jalan Brown

EVERY WEEK IN PENANG



Hash House Harriets, every Thursday 5pm. Run or hike weekly with like-minded thrill-seekers and nature-lovers. Join the whatsapp group [here](#).

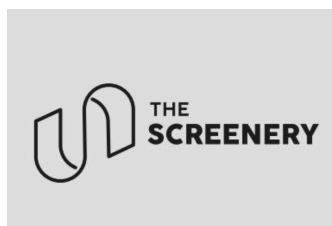


Hin Market takes place every Saturday and Sunday 11am to 5pm. Arts, crafts, souvenirs and food for sale in a relaxed open-air environment. Hin Bus Depot, Jalan Gurdwara.

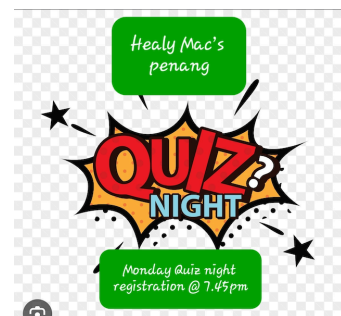


Kaki Kino film club in November is showing award-winning films with the theme "Reappearnces".

Hikayat, 226 Beach Street, Tuesday & Wednesday 6.00pm, Thursday at 6.30pm. Screening and refreshments RM 15. [Email](#) to book a seat.

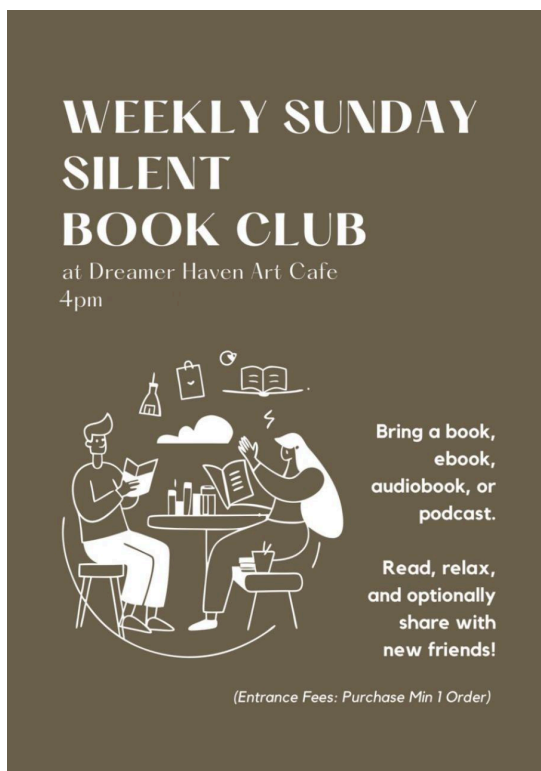


Film club based in Midlands Mall, Lot G-41, Pulau Tikus, showing classics, indie and art films for educational purposes. November's theme is Norwegian cinema's bold new wave. Join the [FB group](#) for more information.



Quiz Night. Every Monday at 8pm. Free to enter. 8 Booze prizes up for grabs. Guest quiz master each week and definitely NOT a British quiz.

Healy Mac's, Straits Quay



Silent Book Club every Sunday at 4pm. Bring your own reading material then chat with your fellow readers. More info on [Facebook](#). Dreamer Haven Art Cafe, 251, Lebuhr Kimberley



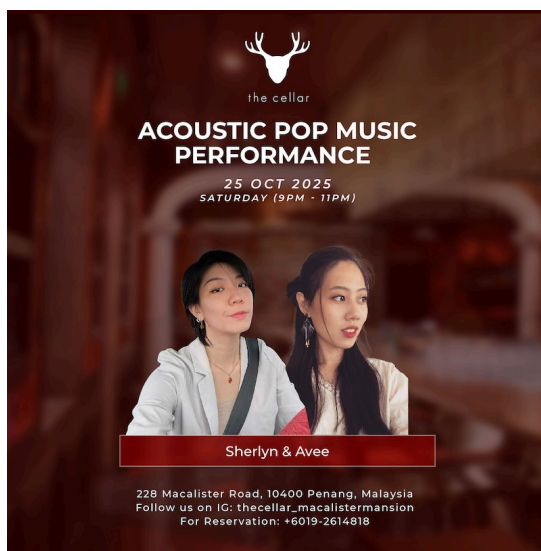
The Urban Sketchers Penang is a group of sketchers and water colour painters who meet at different outdoor locations around Penang on Sunday mornings to draw and paint on location. More information [here](#).



Live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7pm under the mango tree on the grounds of the iconic Blue Mansion.



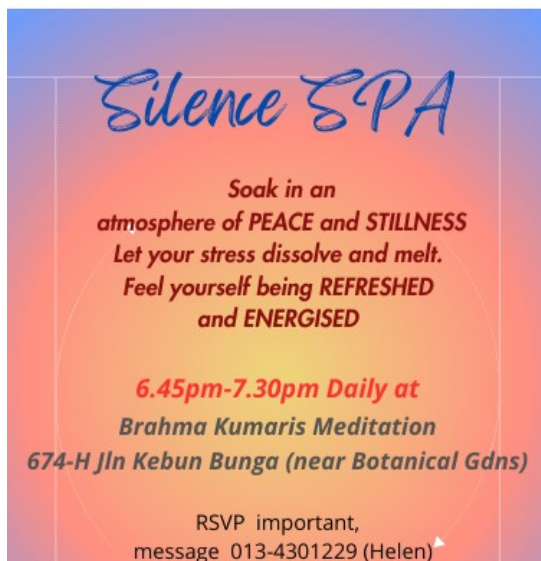
Daily live music at the Canteen, China House. 9pm until midnight.



Live bands every Friday & Saturday,
9pm–11pm at The Cellar, Macalister
Mansion



Live bands and/or DJs every night at
Chulia Court, Chulia Street. Times
vary, check schedule for details!



Free meditation 6.45pm daily.
Brahma Kumaris, 674-H Jalan Kebun
Bunga. More information on the
[website](#). Whatsapp 0134301229 to
book.



Guided tours of Cheong Fatt Tze, the
Blue Mansion. Explore the historical
grandeur of Cheong Fatt Tze's
Penang home, learn about life in
those times, and about the enormous
renovation project that took place in
the 1990s. Daily 11am & 3.30pm. RM
25 per adult, RM 12.50 per child. To
book click [here](#).



Penang Coffee and Chat
Every Monday from 10am-12pm

Meet up with old friends and make new friends, no need to register.
Daily Coffee Signature,
188 Jalan Burma, Pulau Tikus.
Contact Denise McNamara
WhatsApp +61411735011 or [email](#)



Every Friday Friends Meet Up
10am - 12pm

Please feel free to join for friendly chat, meet new and familiar faces and introduce new friends to this warm welcoming group. WhatsApp Siew 01136043357.

Winter Warmers, Straits Quay



Alcoholics Anonymous Penang:
Support for anyone who wants to stop drinking alcohol or using drugs.
Whatsapp 011 5123 1396 for more information.



Whatever is troubling you, talk to us.
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