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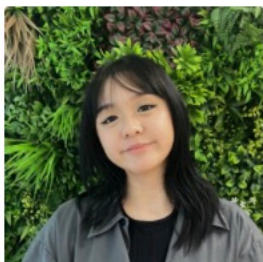
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Chinese Dance Fiesta 2023 to feature free performances, masterclasses and talks from Apr 29 to May 7

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This year's edition of the nationwide Chinese dance outreach event, Chinese Dance Fiesta, organised by Singapore Chinese Dance Theatre (SCDT), will take place from Apr 29 to May 7.

Titled *Where The Flowers Bloom*, the SCDT's 2023/24 Dance Season aims to encourage audiences to appreciate the journey of growth.

Audiences can look forward to the dance performances by SCDT's company dancers as well as Children, Junior, and Youth performance troupes held at Bedok Town Square and Our Tampines Hub Festive Plaza on Apr 29 and 30 respectively. VivoCity Amphitheatre will play host to the dance performances on May 5.

The fiesta will also feature dance performances by Wu Yue Dance Studio Arts Troupe, Hwa Chong Alumni Association Dance Club and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts School of Young Talents at Esplanade Outdoor Theatre on May 7.

Interested audiences are required to **pre-register** for the dance performance at VivoCity Amphitheatre.

Event-goers can also look forward to a dance masterclass as well as a dance talk and demonstration led by associate professor Nongbu Qilin, the principal of Yunnan Arts University Affiliated Art School in China.

Nongbu had previously been invited to Chinese Dance Fiesta in 2017 and 2018, where he shared about various minority ethnic folk dances of the Yunnan province in China.

This year, he will share the origins and characteristics of the *Wa* ethnic folk dance during the talk and demonstration, which will also be further explored during the masterclass.



The Wa is a transnational ethnic group in Asia, residing across Myanmar and China. They are known for their unique traditional dance style, dancing not just with their hands and feet, but with their hair too. PHOTO CREDIT: SINGAPORE CHINESE DANCE THEATRE

The dance masterclass will take place from 10am to 12pm on May 6 at the Singapore Hokkien Huay Kuan Cultural Academy Multi-purpose Hall. Interested participants are required to **pre-register**.

The dance talk and demonstration will be held from 3pm to 3.30pm on May 7 at Esplanade Upper Concourse.

Interested participants can also catch another session from 4pm to 4.30pm live streamed online on **SCDT's Facebook page**, along with a livestream dance performance at 7pm on the same day.

The SCDT believes that since its inauguration in 2015, the Chinese Dance Fiesta has served as a platform to unite the local Chinese dance community.

The event aims to deepen the public's understanding and appreciation of Chinese dance through programmes such as dance performances, dance masterclasses, talks and demonstrations.