



Sentosa Buskers Festival 2013

A performance pitch for local and international buskers

02 September 2013 – The wackiest street performances are ready to take the stage once again, on Sentosa! This September, Sentosa Buskers Festival returns with over 17 busking acts from Singapore and around the world. For nine days, you will be entertained by a variety of performances on the island ranging from good old traditional juggling to high technology robot busking!

The festival stretches from the Merlion Plaza to Siloso Beach, with busking, a food street and beer garden. An art and design flea market where guests can get their hands on some quirky handicraft made by specialist craft artists will also add to the festival's buzz. For busker wannabes who yearn to try out circus acts, this year's Sentosa Buskers Festival will also showcase an interactive corner run by local circus school, Circus in Motion, to impart some tips and skills to aspiring entertainers. You may well become the next busking star in Singapore!

Busking on Sentosa

As a lifestyle destination for both local and international audiences, the buskers at Sentosa will get to interact and perform for audiences from different cultures. Since February 2013, Sentosa has opened up the island and invited local buskers of all ages and talents to perform regularly at locations with high pedestrian traffic. Some busk as a profession, while others perform for the passion.

The youngest busker on Sentosa is Shannon Boesch, a 10-year-old girl who forms a singing duet, 'Way Past Curfew' with her 12-year-old brother, Christian Boesch. This young busking duo, singing the greatest pop hits on the music charts, will be charming you at the Sentosa Buskers Festival, so please show your support to these young budding talents too!

Busking and Tipping Culture

"Now into its fourth year, Sentosa Buskers Festival has established a good following and we are pleased to be able to continue bringing everyone more fun and entertainment. Besides inviting more buskers to perform this year, we are giving them the opportunity to open their hats for collection at the festival for the very first time. Such spontaneous tipping would enable our guests to show their support and appreciation of the performances," said Regina Chia, Senior Manager, Entertainment and Programming, Sentosa Leisure Management.

“We have extended our invitation to local budding artists who wish to showcase their talents at the festival and have the opportunity to mingle with the international buskers to learn from their experiences. We are also featuring some of Singapore’s very own professional buskers like Alexander Yuen the amazing magician, and Jay Che the circus performer who has been invited to perform at other international buskers festivals. We hope to raise the profile of street arts and busking as a profession in Singapore through such events, and develop Sentosa as a platform for local and international talents to showcase their visual and performance arts”.

Busking Cultural Exchange Programme

To cultivate a community of practice through the sharing of artistic experiences between local and overseas buskers, Sentosa has incorporated a busking cultural exchange programme into this year’s Sentosa Buskers Festival. Designed in collaboration with the National Arts Council (NAC), this initiative will bring together the Singapore busking community through workshops conducted by international buskers, Javi Javichy and Tuto Tul, who are experienced in performing at different countries and renowned festivals such as the Halifax International Buskers Festival.

The workshops allow knowledge exchange and sharing of best practices for all involved. The programme also aims to enhance local buskers’ performing skills in areas such as showmanship and audience engagement.

Visiting the Sentosa Buskers Festival

The festival is open to the public from 7 to 15 September, 4.30pm to 10.30pm daily. All performances will be staged along Merlion Plaza to Siloso Beach, and no event admission is required, but usual island admission and carpark charges will apply. For more information, please visit <http://buskers.sentosa.com.sg/> or call 1800-SENTOSA (736 8672).

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About Sentosa

Sentosa is Asia’s leading leisure destination and Singapore’s premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island. The Corporation also manages the Southern Islands, and owns Mount Faber Leisure Group which runs Singapore’s only cable car service.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences - making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. Making Sentosa its home, too, is Singapore’s first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which operates South East Asia’s first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa Island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive residential enclave. By 2014, it will be bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. Offering

Singapore's only truly oceanfront residences, Sentosa Cove is fast becoming the world's most desirable address.

The Island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. In 2013, Sentosa Golf Club hosted the HSBC Women's Champions, featuring some of the world's best female golf professionals. This prestigious ladies event will continue teeing off at the Serapong till 2015.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore's goal to be a global destination to work, live and play. For more information, please visit www.sentosa.com.sg.