

Annex B – Programme highlights

As part of the "Untold Stories: Four Singapore Artists' Quest for Inspiration in Bali 1952" exhibition, guided tours and other programmes will be available from March to August 2025. Admission is free and members of the public and professionals can register via <https://go.gov.sg/untoldstories-progs>.

Programme	Details
Curator's Tours Thu, 27 Feb, 27 Mar, 24 Apr, 29 May, 26 Jun, 24 Jul 2025 7 pm – 8 pm Meeting Point: The Gallery, Level 10, National Library Building	Limited to 20 participants per session; In English. Registration is required.
Public Tours Sat, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Mar 2025 5, 12, 19 & 26 Apr 2025 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May 2025 14, 21 & 28 Jun 2025 5, 12, 19 & 26 Jul 2025 2 Aug 2025 Conducted in English: 10 am – 11 am Conducted in Chinese: 3 pm – 4 pm Meeting Point: The Gallery, Level 10, National Library Building	Limited to 20 participants per session; Led by docents. Registration is required.
Meet the Author: <i>Bali 1952: Through the Lens of Liu Kang – Forgotten Photographs: Untold Stories</i> Mon, 3 Mar 2025 7 pm – 8 pm The Pod, Level 16, National Library Building	In 1953, four China-born artists who had made their home in Singapore held an exhibition titled Bali that was a sensation. The works were inspired by a sketching trip to Java and Bali in June and July the previous year. The exhibition is regarded as a major milestone in Singapore's art history. Yet few details of the trip have ever surfaced. This changed with the discovery of over 1,000 photographs taken by Liu Kang during the seven-week adventure. Author Gretchen Liu takes you behind the scenes and shares the story of how <i>Bali 1952: Through the Lens of Liu Kang</i> came together – from finding the forgotten photographs to delving into archival and other sources to make sense of it all.
Introduction to Balinese Textiles Sat, 15 Mar 2025 11 am – 12 pm	Bali is an island with a rich textile tradition. A variety of different textiles are produced there such as <i>songket</i> brocades, <i>ikats</i> and tapestry weaves.

Learning Space, Level 10, National Library Building	<p>These textiles also feature heavily in Balinese social life and are full of symbolisms and stories.</p> <p>This talk by Hafiz Rashid and Tony Sugiarta will explore the history and stories behind Balinese textiles and unveil more about contemporary Balinese textile traditions. This will be followed by a commentary and identification of the types of textiles that appear in the paintings and photographs of the National Library's exhibition "Untold Stories", and collections at the Art X Stacks display. Participants will also have the chance to examine Balinese textiles up close during the session.</p>
<p>Children's Workshop: Stories by the River (inspired by Liu Kang) Sat & Sun, 22 & 23 Mar 2025 11 am – 12.15 pm / 1 pm – 2.15 pm Learning Space, Level 10, National Library Building</p>	<p>This programme introduces children (suitable for 6-10 years old) to the art of Liu Kang while fostering creativity and a connection to Singapore's heritage. Participants will explore Liu Kang's artworks and the Singapore River through historical and contemporary images, and be guided on how to use appropriate vocabulary for art appreciation. Inspired by Liu Kang's bold style and vivid palette, children will use a variety of mediums to create their own imaginative river-themed artworks.</p>
<p>Curators' Talk: The Making of Untold Stories Wed, 18 Jun 2025 7 pm – 8 pm Possibility Room, Level 5, National Library Building</p>	<p>Go behind the scenes with our curators Gretchen Liu, Nadia Ramli and Goh Yu Mei as they uncover the creative journey behind the "Untold Stories" exhibition, from concept to creation.</p>

Details on the following programmes will be shared when available:

- Talk by Edward Herbst and Marlowe Makaradhwaja, who will give a live narration of a video montage made specially for the "Untold Stories" exhibition.
- Talk by Zhuang Wubin, exploring early postwar photography in Singapore.
- Talk by Dr Bridget Tracy Tan, touching on Bali in other artists' art.
- Talk by Leo Hee Tong, who will share his experience as a student under Liu Kang and Cheong Soo Pieng.
- Children's Workshops on Indonesian folklore/folktales storytelling.