



Festival Accessibility Guide

This guide shares the accessibility features, facilities and support available to help you find what you need, plan ahead and make the most of your festival experience.

Message from Children & Youth team



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Welcome back to Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, young friends!

Octoburst! returns to Esplanade on 2 Oct 2026 as we come together to celebrate Children's Day. This year, the festival invites children of all ages and abilities to play, create, listen, sing, dance and share stories. Featuring two new commissions, Dear Story Keeper and The Story Keeper's Room, alongside music, movement, storytelling, craft activities and more, Octoburst! is a day of inclusive and accessible arts experiences for children and their families.

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While Octoburst! could not take place at Esplanade last year due to the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix, the festival continued its journey into schools, bringing arts experiences to children and encouraging them to explore their creativity. This year, we are delighted to welcome children and families back to the arts centre with programmes that invite young ones to see themselves as storytellers, creators and participants in the arts.

In Dear Story Keeper, a new commission created in collaboration with Zip Zap Zoom Collective, children are encouraged to create and share their own stories. Step into The Story Keeper's Room, a free installation featuring stories created by children from across Singapore, and meet the Story Keeper in a live storytelling session.

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Singapore artists Tan Weiying and Cheryl Ho will also bring pop-up storytelling and mass games to spaces around Esplanade.

There will be plenty of music and movement to enjoy as a family. The Joyful Voices Children's Choir will open the festival with a celebratory performance by children, for children. The Voice Company will bring popular musical theatre songs to life, with opportunities for everyone to sing along. Safuan will get both little ones and grown-ups moving with music that crosses generations, cultures and worlds.

Get creative at The Color-Your-Mood Flower Studio! with WahSoSimple, where children can craft colourful "feeling flowers". and later restaged as part of the Feed Your Imagination (F.Y.I) series in 2024.

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To round off the day, The Feelings Farm: Live in Concert! brings the much-loved songs and poetry of The Feelings Farm to the Esplanade Concourse. Led by composer Julian Wong, featuring Pam Oei, Shafiqhah Efandi, Nadya Zaheer, Marcus Cheong and Feri Susanto, the concert celebrates the music from the Esplanade production, originally commissioned for the first edition of March On in 2021.

Most of all, Octoburst! is a celebration of the child within us. Whether they are big or small, new to the arts or already budding creators, we welcome children and their families to come and play, make, listen, sing, dance and create with us in a space where everyone can join in. October is a special month for PIP, and PIP's Club members can join in the fun at the festival booth to redeem a special gift!

Happy Children's Day, and we look forward to seeing you at Esplanade!

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About Octoburst!

Octoburst! is a festival by Esplanade which is held in conjunction with Children's Day in October, specially for children and their families.

Every child is welcome at Octoburst!. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the arts.

There are different things to do at the festival. You can:



Watch and listen

Watch and listen to performances.



Create

Make your own craftwork.



Join in

Sing, dance and play.

You can participate in a way that feels comfortable for you.

About Octoburst!

All Octoburst! programmes are **Relaxed Environment (RE)** events. You can:



Make noise

You can make noise if you need to.



Leave and come back

You can leave the programme and come back at any time.



Go to the toilet

You can go to the toilet at any time.



Take your time

You can take part at your own pace.

We hope you and your family have fun at Octoburst!
You can play, create and enjoy the arts together.

About Esplanade

Explore the links below for helpful information when planning your visit.

[Where is Esplanade](#)

[Public Transport & Parking](#)

[Facilities](#)

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PIP's PLAYbox

Esplanade Level 4

Time: 11am – 2pm, 3pm – 6pm
(closed for cleaning 2pm – 3pm)



Entry is open to all *Esplanade & Me* members. Please sign up for your free membership [HERE](#) ahead of your visit. There are self-guided activities, toys and storybooks for children to engage with on their own.

You can also find Children's Toilets, a Nursing Room and Stroller Parking nearby.

About Esplanade

Calm Space

Alcove, Mezzanine Floor

Time: 10am – 8pm



This is a calm and welcoming space available for families and neurodivergent visitors who may need a quieter space to rest, recharge, or take a break from the festival environment.

Fidget toys will be prepared and made available upon request.

You can also find Washrooms and a Nursing Room located nearby.

Programme List

The Story Keeper's Room

Gallery: 10am – 6pm

Performance: 12pm, 2pm, 3.30pm, 5pm



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Come and Play – Sports Day!

10am, 11.45am, 3pm, 5.15pm



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The Color–Your–Mood Flower Studio!

10am – 6pm



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Live Performances:

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- Meet the Joyful Voices (10.30am)
- Sing, Strum, Giggle (1.15pm)
- From Page to Stage (4pm)
- Groovers 645 (6.45pm)
- The Feelings Farm: Live in Concert! (6pm, 8.30pm)

Riff, Raff, Glitter Noise

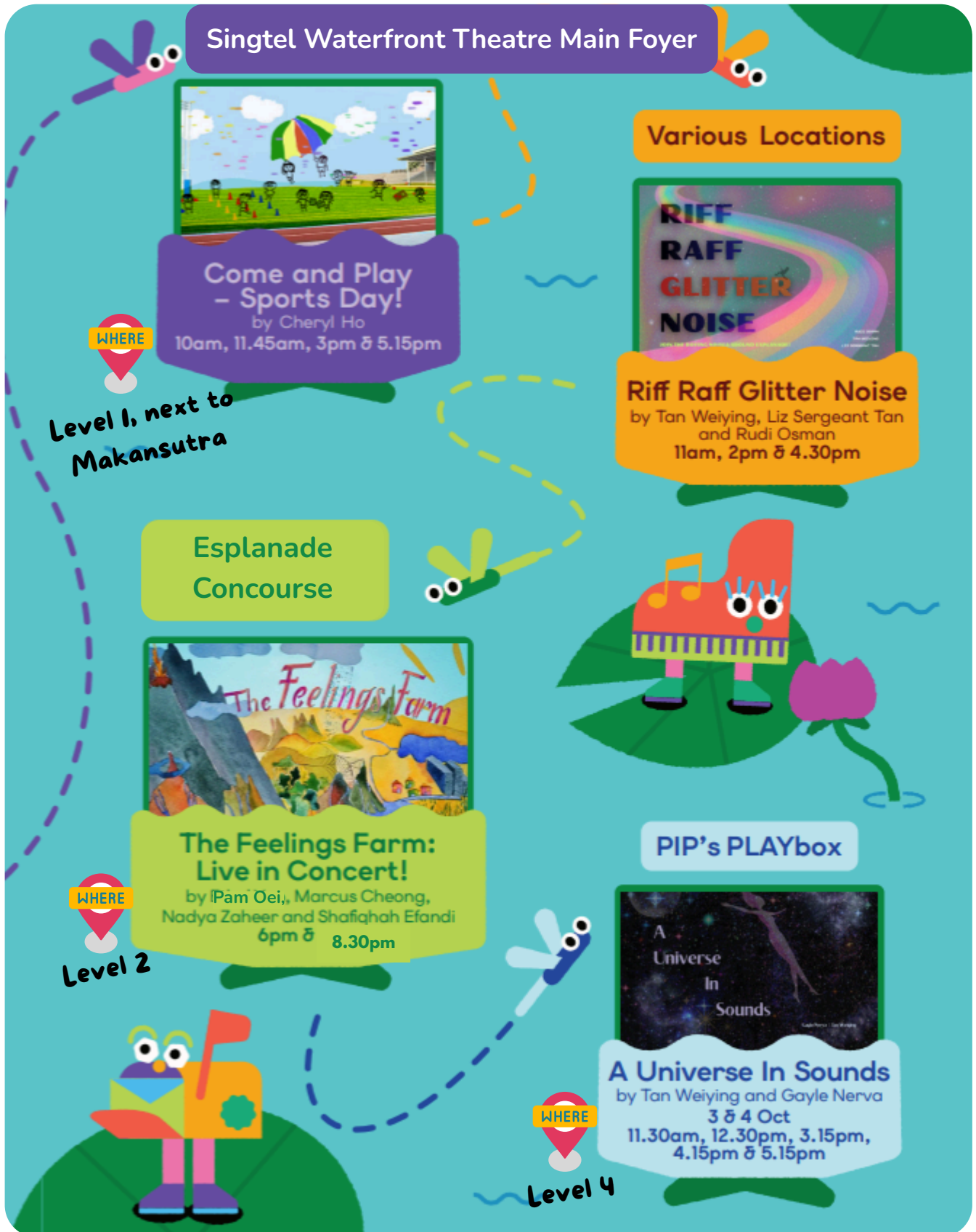
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11am, 2pm, 4.30pm

Festival Schedule



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You may also refer to [Esplanade Map](#) when locating the venues.

The Story Keeper's Room

Storytelling by Zip Zap Zoom Collective

Venue: Esplanade White Room

Exhibition Hours: 10am – 6pm

Performance Times: 12pm – 12.20pm, 2pm – 2.20pm,
3.30pm – 3.50pm, 5pm – 5.20pm



Walk through the space and read a collection of stories created by pre-school and primary school children from across Singapore.

Look out for the Story Keeper and his trusty helper! They will appear in the space and bring stories to life through a fun and interactive 20-minute storytelling performance.



Limited capacity,
first come first
served.



Suitable for
children of all
ages, with
accompanying
adult.

Come and Play – Sports Day!

Games by Cheryl Ho

Venue: Singtel Waterfront Theatre

Main Foyer

Time: 10am – 10.45am, 11.45am – 12.30pm,

3pm – 3.45pm, 5.15pm – 6pm



Non-competitive but highly energising session! Play a game of bingo or zoom around cones.

Games are played in large groups and smaller teams.

Dress comfortably and stay hydrated.



Limited capacity,
first come first
served.



Recommended for
children aged 6
and above, with
accompanying
adult.

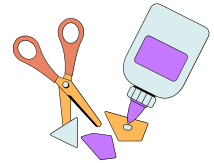
Kindly note that this programme has been relocated to the **Singtel Waterfront Theatre Main Foyer** from the Esplanade Lawn due to haze conditions.

The Color-Your-Mood Flower Studio!

Craft Workshop by WahSoSimple

Venue: Esplanade Concourse

Time: 10am – 6pm



Children will learn to create a flower using paper and felt. Paper of different colours are available and children get to choose colours that match how they feel. This is a guided activity where folding and cutting are involved.



Estimated time to complete this activity is 15 minutes.



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first come first
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Recommended for
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adult.

Live Performances @ Esplanade Concourse

Meet the Joyful Voices



Time: 10.30am – 11am

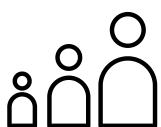
The Joyful Voices Children's Choir will be performing songs such as Disney Medley and songs from the musicals *Wicked* and the *Wizard of Oz*.

Sing, Strum and Giggle



Time: 1.15pm – 1.45pm

Listen to popular folk songs such as *Burung Kakak Tua*, *Alphabet Song*, *Down By the Bay* and *Chan Mali Chan*, performed with the ukulele and keyboard!



Suitable for all ages.



There may be loud noise(s) and crowd(s).

Live Performances @ Esplanade Concourse

From Page to Stage

Time: 4pm – 4.30pm



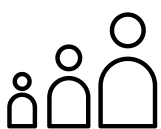
The Voice Company will be bringing children's stories like Roald Dahl to life through narration, singing and live music.

Groovers 645

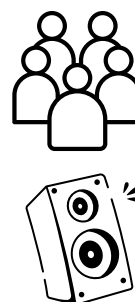
Time: 6.45pm – 7.45pm



The Concourse will be turned into a dance floor for party music! Join in and groove to music for the whole family mixed by Safuan Johari.



Suitable for all ages.



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Live Performances @ Esplanade Concourse

The Feelings Farm: Live in Concert!

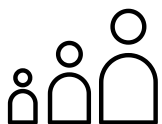


Time: 6pm – 6.30pm, 8.30pm – 9pm

What does “happy” sound like? How about “angry”, “sad” or “excited”? The Feelings Farm is an Esplanade production that gives children the language for what they feel.

Listen to songs from the original soundtrack of The Feelings Farm, and bring your handmade flower from The Color–Your–Mood Flower Studio to sway along!

This is a performance by Pam Oei, Marcus Cheong, Nadya Zaheer and Shafiqhah Efandi, Julian Wong and Feri Susanto.



Suitable for all ages.



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Kindly note that this programme has been relocated to the **Esplanade Concourse** from the DBS Foundation Outdoor Theatre due to haze conditions.

Pop-up Storytelling

**Riff Raff Glitter Noise by Tan Weiying,
Liz Sergeant Tan and Rudi Osman**



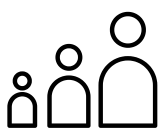
Venue: Roving

Time: 11am – 11.30am, 2pm – 2.30pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

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Three musicians are in search of movement and rhythms to accompany their music! Wear comfortable clothing, jump in, make noise and help shape the music as it happens!

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Suitable for ages 3
and above.



There may be loud
noise(s) and
crowd(s).

Tips & Support

Practical Tips

- Bring noise-cancelling headphones if your child is sensitive to sound.
 - Let your child know what to expect using the programme details and schedule in this guide.
 - Plan to arrive a little earlier before it becomes busier and more crowded.
 - Take breaks and stay hydrated between activities.
 - Stay indoors if weather conditions are not good.
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Need Assistance?

Approach our festival team! You may spot them wearing the Esplanade blue polo t-shirt.

They can help you with:

- Navigating the centre
- Guiding you to the nearest toilets
- Finding a quiet space/suitable seating area
- Providing more comfortable access for your family members that are seniors, people with disabilities, and wheelchair users at queues



Find Out More!

- **Family and children friendly programmes at Esplanade:** [Family and Children – Esplanade](#)

- **Join PIP's Club:**

A free Esplanade&Me membership, with a PIP's Club badge for those with kids ages 12 and below.

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