National gallery

On the steps of Singapore's City Hall, two Japanese artists from the exhibition “Art in the City” stand poised for the camera, their faces hidden by the rich, colorful canvas of their work. The artists, Hironori Kondo and Shinya Yamaguchi, are among the 24 artists from 14 countries who have contributed to the exhibition, which opens on 11 August.

The exhibition is part of Art in the City, a series of events and exhibitions that take place from November to December each year. This year's theme is “Asia in the City”, which explores the role of art in shaping urban landscapes.

The exhibition is held in the galleries of the National Gallery Singapore, which features over 8,000 works by some of the world's most renowned artists, including Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, and Pablo Picasso. The gallery's collection is one of the largest and most comprehensive in Asia, and it is a must-see for art lovers.

Top five Galleries

1. Art Forum: This gallery is dedicated to contemporary art and features works by artists from around the world. Visitors can explore a range of media, from painting and sculpture to video and installation art.

2. Valentine Williams Fine Art: This gallery specializes in modern and contemporary art, with a focus on artists from the United States and Europe. Visitors can see works by artists such as Andy Warhol, Jackson Pollock, and Roy Lichtenstein.

3. Fortune Cookie Projects: This gallery is dedicated to emerging artists, with a focus on artists from Asia. Visitors can see works by artists from countries such as China, Japan, and South Korea.

4. Takako (former Singaporean Artists) Gallery: This gallery is dedicated to artists from Singapore. Visitors can see works by artists such as Shenton D'Silva, K. K. Choo, and Ho Ang Chuan.

5. River Gallery: This gallery is dedicated to artists from the Netherlands. Visitors can see works by artists such as Piet Mondriaan, Willem de Kooning, and Jan van Eyck.

Top five Artists

1. Milošek Prvacki: Prvacki moved to Singapore from Croatia in 1967, where he has lived ever since. His work is characterized by its bold colors and use of abstract forms.

2. Joana Vasconcelos: Vasconcelos was born in Portugal in 1964 and has lived in Singapore since 1998. Her work explores themes such as gender, identity, and power.

3. Alexei Kostroma: Kostroma is a Russian artist who has lived in Singapore since 1984. His work is characterized by its use of bright colors and abstract forms.

4. Andy Warhol: Warhol is one of the most famous artists of the 20th century. His work is characterized by its use of repetition and mass media images.

5. Yayoi Kusama: Kusama is a Japanese artist who has lived in the United States since 1958. Her work is characterized by its use of bold colors and repetitive patterns.

Bookshop

Judy Doherty of Books Actually launched her new outlet in Singapore on 11 August. The store stocks a wide range of books, including fiction, non-fiction, and children's books, all in English.

The shop is located in the heart of Singapore's Creative District, and it is open from 10am to 10pm daily. The store has a comfortable seating area, and it also offers a selection of coffee and snacks.

Record shop

The Vickers, a record store in Singapore, has launched a new online store. The store stocks a wide range of vinyl records, as well as CDs and cassette tapes.

The online store is available 24 hours a day, and it offers free shipping on orders over $50. The store also offers a selection of exclusive items, such as limited edition vinyls and vinyl art prints.

Taksu: Taksu's Suherwan Abu opened his Singapore gallery in suburban Holland Village in 2005. The gallery represents both international and regional artists and runs a residency programme at its sister gallery in Kuala Lumpur.

Footnote 08: Clear vision: Singapore was the first Southeast Asian country to launch commercial high-definition television in 2007.