

MEDIA ADVISORY

The Lost World!

29 – 30 August 2009 (Sat – Sun), Asian Civilisations Museum



[26 August 2009, SINGAPORE] Come this weekend, visitors to the Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM) will turn explorers as they are transported to the lush rainforests of Borneo at ACM's *The Lost World!* festival. From **29 – 30 August 2009**, visitors can come face-to-face with **real-life Dayak tribes from East Kalimantan** as they present authentic cultural performances. Other activities include martial arts demonstrations, games and craft for children. **Admission to the museum is free from 9am to 7pm on both days.** *The Lost World* is held in conjunction with ACM's special exhibition – *Hunters and Collectors: The Origins of the Southeast Asian Collection*.

From 12pm to 5pm on both days, visitors can enjoy a wide variety of performances and activities. Key highlights of the programme are performances by two Dayak tribes – the *Dayak Kenyah* and *Dayak Benuaq* – from East Kalimantan. The groups will present five types of performances, including musical and dance items. One such performance is *Kancet Lasan*, an exciting hunting dance with weapons such as the blowpipe, used by the Dayaks to hunt animals like deer. Visitors will also be treated to *Kancit Temengang*, a celebratory dance that is performed with hornbill feathers to welcome returning warriors and mark the end of the harvest season. The hornbill, which is native to Borneo, is the most revered bird of the Dayak people, who believe them to be the messengers of the gods.



These exciting performances will be accompanied by 'live' music with traditional instruments such as *kelintang* (drums), *sape* or *sampek* (a string instrument), a gong and more. Visitors will also get to try their hand at the dances as the members of the audience will be invited to join the Dayak dancers on stage. Other performances featured include *silat* martial arts demonstrations by the Singapore Silat Federation.

The explorer's journey continues at the museum's *Hunters and Collectors* special exhibition, which follows the exciting journeys of explorers and collectors who travelled in tribal Southeast Asia from the late 19th century onwards. The exhibition features a recreation of Singapore's first museum – the Raffles Library & Museum – along with its cabinets of curiosities, rich ethnographic collection and natural history specimens. Among these are wildlife like crocodiles, tigers and leopards that roamed the jungles of the region. Adding to the drama are students from the School of the Arts, who will present exciting skits in the gallery.

To encourage visitors to come dressed according to theme, prizes will be given to the first 40 children who visit the museum dressed in explorer gear. Children can also enjoy storytelling sessions and win goodie bags by hunting for tribal symbols in the *Hunters and Collectors* gallery. All-day free activities include shooting and fishing carnival games, where visitors can test their survival skills as an explorer. For visitors who prefer to go native, they can dress up in Dayak costumes for a photograph, have their faces painted or get a temporary tribal tattoo. Free craft activities for children include sand art, finger-painting and papercraft in a dedicated craft zone for families.

The Lost World! is held in conjunction with *Hunters and Collectors: The Origins of the Southeast Asian Collection*. For more information, log on to www.acm.org.sg or call 6332 7798.



The Lost World! - Event Programme

TIME	Shaw Foundation Foyer (Level 2)	Hunters & Collectors gallery (Level 2)	ACM Green (Outside the museum)	ACM Green (Outside the museum)	River Room (Level 2)	ACM Lobby		
1200 - 1215			Silat martial arts Singapore Silat Federation			<p>Dress Like A Dayak! Take a photo wearing elaborate headdresses</p> <p>Tribal Tattoos Get your face or arms painted with tribal symbols</p> <p>Little Adventurers' dress-up competition Kids can win prizes for dressing up as an adventurer! Limited to the first 40 kids aged 12 and below</p>		
1215 - 1230		<p>Guided tours** ACM Museum Volunteers</p>		<p>Carnival Games Test your explorer skills with our archery and fishing games!</p>	<p>Children's Craft Activities Sand art Finger painting Papercraft Jungle story-telling @ 2.00pm and 4.00pm</p>			
1230 - 1245	<p>Thrilling dance and music by Dayak performers Era Dance Theatre</p>							
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1330 - 1345	<p>Thrilling dance and music by Dayak performers Era Dance Theatre</p>							
1345 - 1400								
1400 - 1430			Silat martial arts Singapore Silat Federation					
1430 - 1445		<p>Echoes from the Rainforest Drama in the galleries by School of the Arts</p>						
1445 - 1500								
1500 - 1515	<p>Thrilling dance and music by Dayak performers Era Dance Theatre</p>							
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1530 - 1600								
1600 - 1615	<p>Thrilling dance and music by Dayak performers Era Dance Theatre</p>							
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1630 - 1700								

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About the Asian Civilisations Museum

The Asian Civilisations Museum's mission is to explore and present the cultures and civilisations of Asia, so as to promote awareness and appreciation of the ancestral cultures of Singaporeans and their links to Southeast Asia and the World. The Asian Civilisations Museum first began its operations at Armenian Street in 1997, which closed at end-2005, and re-opened on 25 April 2008 as the Peranakan Museum. The ACM's flagship at the historic Empress Place Building opened on 2 March 2003.

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Opening Hours

Mondays: 1pm – 7pm

Tuesdays – Sundays: 9am – 7pm (to 9pm on Fridays)