

MEDIA RELEASE

Very Special Arts Singapore presents exhibition by Chng Seok Tin

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Very Special Arts Singapore (VSA) is proud to present *MY JOURNEY – Feel the Hope, Embrace The Shine* exhibition by renowned local artist, Chng Seok Tin. The solo exhibition is run in conjunction with the Singapore Art Week.

MY JOURNEY is a showcase of Chng Seok Tin's latest multidisciplinary artworks that were never exhibited before. It comprises works of sculptures, paintings, prints and literature, including a special poem written for VSA, marking her 25th year of working with the organization, since its inception.

CONQUERING CANCER & VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

A woman of vigour and life, Chng completed her works while battling through lung cancer and living with a deteriorated eyesight. As she conquers each of her obstacles in life, her strength of character is transferred to her artworks, which have become an inspiration to many local artists, and especially those with disabilities. At the Opening Night, Guest-of-Honour will be Professor Chan Heng Chee, Ambassador-at-Large for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chairman of the National Arts Council and a member of the Presidential Council for Minority Rights. Her presence is a recognition of homegrown artists who have achieved distinction in their field of art.

BIOGRAPHY OF CHNG SEOK TIN

Born in 1946, Chng contributed largely to the local arts scene by teaching arts and language at various institutions. She taught at LASALLE College of the Arts before losing her eyesight in a tragic incident, which was the biggest turning point in her career and life. With the support of her loved ones, Chng gained the courage and motivation to continue her career in teaching and the arts and has become one of Singapore's celebrated female artist. She once quoted, "What is important to me is not how to create picture, but how to live." Winner of the Singapore Cultural Medallion in 2005, Chng has held over 24 solo and 138 group exhibitions. Chng has worked with Very Special Arts Singapore since its inception in 1993. Hence, this solo exhibition marks her 25th year working with Very Special Arts Singapore. Through the obstacles that she has faced in life, Chng has become a motivation and inspiration to many local artists, significantly artists with disability. She remains a person with great generosity, vigour and a passion for life.

EXHIBITION

MY JOURNEY is presented in conjunction with Singapore Art Week 2019 and honours one of Singapore's most celebrated female multidisciplinary artist, Chng Seok Tin. This solo exhibition showcases past and new works which were never exhibited before, and they include sculptures, paintings, prints and literature. Chng has also spent much of her life as an arts educator. Part of the exhibition features her interviews with the media which reveal

her insights on the arts landscape in Singapore. The exhibition opens on 15 January 2019, 7:00pm – 10:00pm and will run from 15 – 21 January 2019, 10:00am – 10:00pm daily.

PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

MY JOURNEY also comprises two printmaking workshops by Chng Seok Tin, the artist herself. The workshop aims to provide an intimate learning experience with the artist as well as to better understand the art of printmaking. Participants will be blindfolded and encouraged to engage their senses in the printmaking activity on Saturday, 19 January 2019, at The Arts House, Gallery 1:

- Session 1: 11:00am – 12:30pm
- Session 2: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

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About Very Special Arts Singapore

Very Special Arts Singapore Ltd (VSA) is a registered charity under National Council of Social Service in Singapore. VSA Singapore is also affiliated to VSA International in the United States. Founded by Singapore's Ambassador-at-large, Professor Tommy Koh, on 27 September 1993, the mission of VSA is to create and provide access and opportunities for people with disabilities through the arts. To achieve this, VSA promotes the educational, social, rehabilitative and therapeutic benefits of visual, performing and literary arts. In March 2018, VSA Singapore produced and presented the inaugural Asia-Pacific performing arts festival, True Colours, which featured disabled dancers and musicians from Asia Pacific and invited performers from other parts of the world and Singapore.