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Children's Season

Do away with monotone and embark on Colourful Journeys

Singapore, 3 May 2010 – The National Museum of Singapore, in collaboration with local theatre company I Theatre's *ACE! Festival*, presents **Children's Season: Colourful Journeys** from **14 May to 13 June 2010**. The family-sized festival is back for its third consecutive year with a whopping number of performances from local and international groups, workshops, museum tours, interactive art installations, storytelling, roving acts as well as outdoor film screenings.

Ms Lee Chor Lin, Director of National Museum of Singapore, says, "We sense eagerness from our audience for varied activities and more quality performances for children, so I dare say that in our third year of *Children's Season*, we have put together a festival of unquestionable magnitude. The Museum will be transformed into a playground of workshops, world-class acts and carnivals, which will surely hold our audience in wonderment."

In collaboration with local theatre company I Theatre's *ACE! Festival*, **Children's Season: Colourful Journeys** sees the **debut of three notable performances in Singapore**: *The Dandelion's Story* by Modl Theatre (Korea), *Antoine and the Paper Aeroplane* by Blak Wulff Productions (UK) and *Shiro and the Cherry Blossom* by I Theatre (Singapore). Each is a lively and colourful play inspired by well-loved tales, and tells a heart-warming story with a life lesson to learn.

Three **Interactive Corners** by local artists convert the Museum grounds into a playing field. Commissioned by the Museum, *Cartoon Mural* by Miel showcases the award-winning cartoonist's brilliance in a visionary, panoramic mural; *The Imaginary Story Land* by Tay Bee Aye allows children

to create landscapes using soft sculptures; and *Public Power: Public Secrets* by Twardzik Ching Chor Leng whose popular magnetic wall of possibilities returns for its fourth instalment.

Other highlights at ***Children's Season: Colourful Journeys*** include the outdoor screening of two renowned classic films from the 1960s – *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* and *Mary Poppins* – on 28 and 29 May respectively. The Museum had specially sourced for the restored 35mm versions of both films and for *Mary Poppins*, a sing-along version with customised on-screen lyrics so audience can join in the fun. *Carnival at the Green*, a weekend carnival on 29 and 30 May, will have fun-filled activities such as kite-making, cookie decorating as well as roving acts from Australia – *Tubby the Robot* and *The Broom People* – that will interact and entertain with the audience with their madcap antics.

Children's Season: Colourful Journeys is part of International Museum Day on 23 May, and visitors can enjoy free admission to all galleries at the National Museum of Singapore on that day.

For more details and the full list of programmes in Children's Season: Colourful Journeys, please refer to the Editor's Notes appended.

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About the National Museum of Singapore

With a history dating back to its inception in 1887, the National Museum of Singapore is the nation's oldest museum with a young soul. Designed to be the people's museum, the National Museum is a custodian of the 11 National Treasures, and its Singapore History and Living Galleries adopt cutting-edge and varied ways of presenting history and culture to redefine conventional museum experience.

A cultural and architectural landmark in Singapore, the Museum hosts vibrant festivals and events all year round – the dynamic Night Festival, visually arresting art installations, as well as amazing performances and film screenings – in addition to presenting lauded exhibitions and precious artefacts. The programming is supported by a wide range of facilities and services including F&B, retail and a Resource Centre. The National Museum of Singapore re-opened in December 2006 after a three-year redevelopment.

For details, please visit www.nationalmuseum.sg.

About International Museum Day (IMD) 2010

NHB's annual museum awareness campaign, *IMD*, is back for its fifth year from 14 to 23 May 2010 at museums island-wide. *IMD 2010* revolves around the theme *I Love Museums – Kids' edition* with the young ones and the young-at-heart taking centre stage and aims to showcase the diversity of museums and cultivate a museum-going culture among the young. *IMD 2010* is held jointly with the Museum Roundtable, a grouping of over 50 museums around Singapore, and features over 40 engaging activities created for kids and families.

The campaign will kickstart with the well-loved *Children's Season* as one of the highlights. This year, *Children's Season* returns on a larger scale with the Singapore Art Museum (SAM) hosting its inaugural showcase in addition to National Museum of Singapore's third instalment. *Children's Season* is part of the museums' efforts to inspire children through early engagement and learning with museums. For more information, visit www.museums.com.sg.