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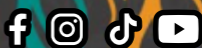
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ROOTS

By the  
community,  
for the  
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# WELCOME



## Message from The Honourable Dato Sri Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah

- Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak
- Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development Sarawak

I am delighted to welcome you back to our beautiful capital city for the 7th edition of WAK Kuching Festival 2025. It is truly inspiring to see how this homegrown festival has grown from humble beginnings into one of Sarawak's most cherished celebrations of arts, culture and lifestyle.

I am pleased that the WAK Festival now not only activates October, but has extended its creative energy into June through the satellite festivals in SibU and Miri, both of which have successfully staged their second editions this year. This remarkable growth highlights WAK's expanding reach, uniting communities and celebrating what makes Sarawak unique, our diversity, creativity, and warm spirit of togetherness.

Since its inception, WAK has embodied the spirit of "By the Community, For the Community." This open-access, multi-genre platform gives local creatives, especially our youth, a chance to shine alongside visiting artists. It has become vital for nurturing talent, sparking ideas and elevating our creative industry and performing arts scene.

I am proud to highlight recent success stories that show how Sarawak's creative industry is thriving. Talents like Amir Jahari, winner of Anugerah Juara Lagu, Alena Murang, whose Warrior Spirit won Best Music Video and Best Ethnographic Film in New York, national Sape maestro Mathew Ngau Jau, BOH Cameronian Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and international crafts creator Edric Ong, honoured with the Medal of Honour from the World Crafts Council, are inspiring examples. Groups like our At Adau band, now regulars on global stages, show our vibrant, world-class talent.

The WAK Festival continues to boost tourism, supporting our Culture, Adventure, Nature, Food, and Festival (CANFF) strategy, and positioning Sarawak as a destination for unique cultural experiences. Just as importantly, it drives local economic growth through the tourism and creative sectors, benefiting communities, entrepreneurs and businesses alike.

As WAK enters its seventh year, I am thrilled to see an exciting line-up that celebrates who we are, our rich heritage, living traditions, and colourful modern identity. From music and theatre to visual arts, crafts, gastronomy, and community programmes, there truly is something for everyone.

To our artists, collaborators and the hardworking WAK team, thank you for your commitment and vision. You have built a platform that grows stronger every year, inspiring connection and pride in us all.

I encourage everyone to immerse themselves in this celebration. Let us come together to fill Kuching's streets and venues with creativity and joy. Let the festivities of WAK 2025 begin!

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## EVENT PARTNERS



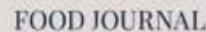
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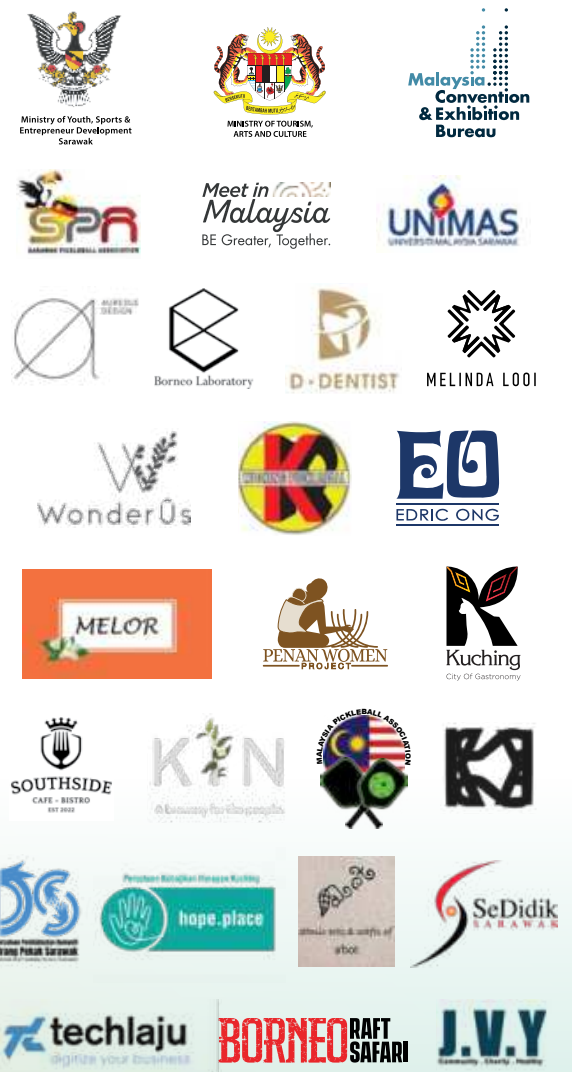


## EVENT COLLABORATORS

In Collaboration with:



## EVENT SUPPORTERS



# THANK YOU

## FOR CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this festival truly unforgettable!

Kuching's journey is a living story we're writing together each day through our shared love for the arts, culture, and lifestyle.

You are the soul of this city, and we're excited to create even more unforgettable moments with you in 2026!



## THE WAK FESTIVAL

Every October since 2017, Kuching transforms into a vibrant hub, extending Sarawak's tourist season with a month-long celebration of arts, culture and lifestyle.

This journey began with the vision and passion of Donald and Marina, who rallied Kuching's communities to unite under one banner: What About Kuching Festival - Celebrate Arts, Culture & Lifestyle, or simply WAK.

The festival's name was born from a serendipitous mishearing that sparked the question, "What about Kuching?" Seven years on, that question has grown into a powerful, community-driven movement that invites everyone to showcase their creative spirit every October.

WAK thrives on collaboration. Its success is made possible through the unwavering support of the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak, city, municipal and district councils, related agencies, the private sector and an ever-growing community of creatives.

This partnership has ignited Kuching, and now Sibü and Miri, with an explosion of diverse events including art exhibitions, music gigs, theatre, comedy, dance, film screenings, talks, workshops, pop-ups and more.

After a two-year pandemic pause, WAK returned in 2022 to unprecedented support, and each edition since has built on that momentum. The

sixth edition in 2024 marked a milestone with the addition of satellite festivals in Miri and Sibü, strengthening connections across Sarawak and bringing more communities together under this shared creative banner.

With this growth, the WAK Festival movement has evolved to carry an even deeper meaning. Today, the acronym WAK proudly stands for 'We Are Kindred', a poignant reminder that no matter where we come from, we are bound together by creativity, community and culture. Each year, we now celebrate not just WAK Kuching, but also WAK Sibü and WAK Miri — three cities, one spirit.

Looking ahead to WAK 2025, we invite you to journey further with our theme: Roots. This year, we explore and honour the many roots that ground us, our cultural and historical roots that define who we are, and the literal roots that nourish our homeland, from ancient rainforests to the fertile earth of Sarawak and Borneo.

In doing so, WAK 2025 becomes more than just a festival, it is a call to celebrate the stories, heritage and natural wonders that keep us anchored, while nurturing new shoots of creativity that will inspire generations to come.

Join us as kindred spirits from all walks of life to celebrate the roots that connect us all through art, music, dance, theatre, film, food, crafts and lifestyle. This October, let your roots grow deeper and your spirit soar higher with WAK Kuching Festival 2025. We Are Kindred.

## MISSION

To celebrate the arts, culture and lifestyle to a global audience thereby creating greater appreciation and support of these amongst the local community.

## OBJECTIVES

- Enhance greater tourism arrivals to benefit the local economy
- Provide platforms for personalities to showcase their different pursuits
- Create awareness, educate and garner a greater appreciation of these pursuits
- Foster regional and international collaborations to elevate local standards

## NEW WAK LOGOS

2025 marks an exciting new chapter for What About Kuching Festival as it evolves into The WAK Festival, following its expansion into Sibü and Miri. This evolution is anchored by the unveiling of a new family of logos.

At its core is a unifying WAK Festival logo, symbolising a shared vision across Sarawak.

Kuching, Sibü, and Miri now carries its own distinct identity under this vibrant creative banner.

Together, they form a dynamic, all-inclusive platform that spans the cultural heartbeat of southern, central, and northern Sarawak.



## FROM THE FESTIVAL DIRECTORS

We are honoured and delighted to present the 7th edition of the WAK Festival in 2025, a testament to the extraordinary energy, creativity and unity of our ever-growing community of collaborators and supporters.

This year, we proudly embrace the evolution of our WAK acronym into a powerful new identity: 'We Are Kindred'. This transformation beautifully symbolises the expansion of our festival platform from Kuching to Sibü and Miri, three vibrant cityscapes that now stand as living showcases of Sarawak's rich cultural tapestry and dynamic creative spirit.

At the heart of WAK Kuching Festival 2025 is the inspiring theme of 'Roots'. This year's theme invites us to reflect on and celebrate the deep cultural and historical roots that anchor us to our homeland, our heritage and each other. It reminds us to honour our shared past even as we grow new connections that branch outward, nurturing fresh collaborations that breathe life into our city's creative landscape. Just like the strong roots of the ancient trees that define Borneo's rainforests, our cultural roots bind us together and keep our creative communities resilient and ever-evolving.

As an open-access, multi-genre festival platform, WAK remains dedicated to welcoming new collaborators from near and far, while celebrating the return of our loyal creative communities. Together, your fresh ideas, performances, exhibitions, and showcases transform our streets, lanes, parks, and spaces, weaving a colourful tapestry that connects our kindred spirits across the region.

We are deeply grateful for the steadfast belief and support from the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry, and Performing Arts Sarawak, led by our Honourable Minister, and for the invaluable contributions of all government and non-government agencies who have journeyed with us on this rapidly accelerating platform. Your trust empowers us to dream bigger and reach further.

As we look ahead, we appeal to more sponsors and partners to join us on this journey. It is only with collective resolve, collaboration and a shared vision that we can grow WAK Festival into a global player that not only celebrates our cultural and creative roots but also elevates Sarawak onto the world stage.

To all our returning and new collaborators, let us once again light up Kuching, Sibü, and Miri with your art, passion, and spirit. To every festival-goer, come with open hearts and curious minds, and discover the magic that happens when 'We Are Kindred'.

Here's to another year of celebrating arts, culture, and lifestyle together rooted in who we are, and reaching for what we can become!

Donald & Marina Tan  
Festival Directors  
WAK Festival 2025

# THE WAK FESTIVAL TEAM



WAK 2024: CALL OF THE TRIBES

The WAK Festival Team is a coming together of talents with a bold vision to take the festival global. They're not just any group, they're a creative force, constantly crafting fresh, innovative ideas that elevate the festival each year.

Their passion for arts, culture, and lifestyle is the heartbeat of every decision they make, driving them to boost the local creative scene and share the festival's magic with audiences far and wide. Inclusivity remains at their core, embracing new perspectives and voices that add richness to the festival's offerings.

As proud Sarawakians, they celebrate our diverse cultures while building strong, inspiring partnerships that fuel growth and creativity. Ever eager to push boundaries, the team actively seeks collaborations with like-minded individuals and organisations that can propel the festival to greater heights. Beyond the festival month, they also pursue off-season collaborations to weave even more excitement and momentum into this dynamic creative platform.

Their exemplary teamwork is key to placing Sarawak on the global festival map, transforming not only Kuching city but Sarawak itself into a leading festival hotspot, one that welcomes the world to experience the warmth, creativity, and boundless energy of our people.



## WAK AMBASSADORS

Ever wondered who's behind the warm welcomes, helpful directions, and all-around great vibes at the WAK Festival? Meet our WAKAs, the WAK Festival Ambassadors, a lively, passionate team of individuals from all walks of life who truly embody the spirit of the festival.

Throughout October, you'll find WAKAs stationed across all festival venues, ready to elevate your experience in every way possible:

**Ticket Experts:** Hunting for tickets to that must-see show? WAKAs are here to help you secure your spot.

**Merch Matchmakers:** Looking for that perfect festival souvenir? They'll guide you to the best merch and help you pick the right keepsake.

**Info Gurus:** Feeling a bit lost? Whether it's schedules, maps, or general info, WAKAs are your on-ground support system.

**Event Navigators:** From finding the right venue to ushering you to your seat, WAKAs make sure you get where you need to be, smoothly.

**Festival Recommenders:** Not sure what to check out? Ask a WAKA, they're full of insider tips and can recommend events based on what you like.

**Feedback Collectors:** They'll also be helping us gather feedback through the online WAK Festival survey, so your thoughts can help us grow and improve!

WAKAs are more than just volunteers, they're the heartbeat of the festival, making sure every visitor enjoys a seamless, magical experience.

So, if you see someone in WAKA gear, be sure to smile, say hi, and let them help you unlock the full WAK Festival adventure. WAKAs; your guides, your cheerleaders, and your passport to all things WAK!



# PLANNING YOUR SCHEDULE

While the Kuching city center may seem compact, it can get quite busy during certain times of the day. It's worth planning ahead; venues may look deceptively close to each other, but traffic and parking can get challenging. Sometimes it's faster to walk! You can't go too wrong by allowing yourself ample time to arrive. There's always some place nearby to explore or rediscover and local kopitiams/coffee shops or street food stalls to get refreshed in. The best thing about Kuching city is that small wonders are found at almost every corner.

## HOW TO BUY TICKETS

If events are ticketed, please contact the event organiser directly to secure your tickets. All ticket proceeds will be channelled to the event organiser.

## STAY CONNECTED

Be the first to get the latest news, updates and media by following us on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok accounts @wakfestival

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WHAT ABOUT MUSIC 2024: HOME & AWAY

2nd Edition



from 1 to 31 Oct 2025

## EAT, SNAP & WIN!



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In 2021, Kuching earned the prestigious title of UNESCO City of Gastronomy, a recognition of its vibrant street food culture. The WAK Food Adventure Trail 2.0 (FAT) invites you to explore this culinary haven, sampling everything from fiery curries to rare jungle ingredients at local restaurants, stalls, and coffee shops. Use your FAT Passport to collect stamps along the way and redeem a special memento to commemorate your delicious journey through Kuching's rich food landscape.

Step  
1

Pickup A Free FAT Passport\*

Step  
2

Collect Stamps at participating FAT Vendors.

Step  
3

Redeem\*\* your rewards:

- 20 Stamps - FAT Tee
- 30 Stamps - WAK Tee

\* at participating FAT vendors and main WAKA stands during WAK events.

\*\* To redeem prizes:

1. **POST** your best foodie moment with your STAMPED FAT passport on your Instagram or Facebook.
2. **TAG** @wakfestival and any 3 friends who should join the trail too!
3. **DM** us at 011-1312 0898 with your Full Name, IC Number, Contact Number and Email Address.
4. Only one prize redemption per FAT passport.
5. Bring along your FAT passport and redeem latest by **31 Oct 2025** at WAK office, 98 1F Main Bazaar Kuching.

# EVENT VENUES



## VENUES ON THIS MAP

1. Annie Kolo Mee at 243, Jalan Padungan
2. Old Court House Auditorium
3. Borneo Cultures Museum
4. Dataran Ibu Pertiwi
5. Kuching Waterfront
6. Lifestyle Gallery, The, Tun Jugah Tower
7. Padang Merdeka
8. Pangkalan Sapi
9. Telang Usan Hotel
10. Think & Tink
11. The Borneo Hotel
12. The Hills

## OUTSIDE OF MAP

13. AEON Mall Kuching Central
14. Association of Churches in Sarawak
15. AwahCafe @ DBNA
16. Black Bean Coffee @ Tabuan Desa
17. Boulevard Shopping Mall, South Atrium, GF, Malls 1 & 2
18. Cafe Cafe @ Rubber Road
19. Dewan Malaysia Jaya, Samariang
20. Dewan Masyarakat Kampung Pinang Jawa
21. Dewan Masyarakat Penghulu Haji Hamid Bin Sulong, Kampung Bako Tengah

22. Dewan Sekolah Kebangsaan Rakyat, Jalan Haji Bolhassan
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24. Dewan Sri Bunga Rampai
25. GSC, CityOne Megamall
26. Haz Creatives Studio
27. La Promenade Mall
28. LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
29. Lit Club, The
30. MBKS covered carpark
31. Pantai Kampung Pasir Pandak
32. Rebel Fitness
33. Pikabol Kuching
34. Podium, The - Kuching's New Heartbeat
35. Purrfect Studio
36. Sama Jaya Forest Park
37. Saradise Edge
38. Straight Blast Gym Borneo
39. Studio Hak Milik Lanun, Kubah Ria
40. Tanoti House
41. Tegas Digital Village
42. tHe Spring Shopping Mall, Premier Carpark, Basement, 1st Floor, 2nd Floor
43. Tugu Pahlawan
44. Wonderboom, Green Heights Shopping Mall
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# EVENTS DETAILS



## SONGKET WEAVING WORKSHOP AND CRAFTS GALLERY

📅 Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

🕒 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

📍 Tanoti House

🎫 FREE

👤 Tanoti Sdn Bhd

📞 Jacqueline Airine +6012 8977876

WORKSHOP

Tanoti House in Kuching is a songket weaving studio and gallery dedicated to preserving Sarawak's heritage. Visitors can watch live weaving, explore handmade textiles, and join hands-on workshops with local craftswomen. The space showcases songket, batik, and indigenous crafts for viewing and purchase. Tanoti House celebrates traditional craftsmanship while supporting rural, women-led artisanship through the promotion of heritage skills and sustainable livelihoods.



## PROJECT CRAFT CONNECTIONS: SARAWAK INDIGENOUS CRAFT ANTHOLOGY

📅 Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

📍 The Spring Shopping Mall  
Ground floor & 2nd floor

🎫 FREE

👤 Tanoti Sdn Bhd

📞 Jacqueline Airine +6012 8977876

ART

Curated exhibition and sales event unites Sarawak's indigenous artisans with contemporary designers, showcasing handcrafted pieces from woven accessories to intricate beadwork. Featuring collaborations across Iban, Penan, Bidayuh, and Malay communities, each item blends traditional techniques with modern design, celebrating cultural identity and craftsmanship. Alongside co-created works, independently made artisan products are also available. More than a marketplace, the event honours the stories, skills, and heritage behind each piece supporting sustainable enterprise and empowering indigenous communities through creativity, collaboration, and cultural pride.



## INTERLINKED

📅 Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

🕒 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

📍 Think & Tink

🎫 FREE

👤 Think & Tink

📞 Wendy Teo +6016 2406303

ART

Towards a Confluence of Art, Matter, and Reciprocity is a month-long program by Think & Tink, in collaboration with UNIMAS and international partners. Featuring exhibitions, talks, and performances, it explores how material transformation and relational art foster cross-cultural collaboration. Program highlights include Material Transformation, On Reciprocity 2.0, a student-artist showcase, a talk series, and interdisciplinary performances. Positioning Kuching as a hub for cultural exchange, Interlinked offers a platform for co-creation, dialogue, and reimagining art's role in society.



## WAK: FOOD ADVENTURE TRAIL 2.0

📅 Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct

🕒 Respective opening hours

📍 Various Location around Kuching

🎫 FREE Food Adventure Trail Passport.  
More information at page 13

👤 WAK Festival

📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

FOOD

In 2021, Kuching was designated as UNESCO City of Gastronomy, a recognition of its dynamic and diverse street food culture. The WAK Food Adventure Trail 2.0 invites you to dive into this flavorful landscape from fiery curries to the unique tastes of jungle ingredients, served by countless local stalls and coffee shops. Pick up your Food Adventure Trail Passport, collect stamps as you enjoy each dish, and earn a reward, an exciting way to celebrate your culinary adventure in this haven for food lovers.



## WAK: STINKY TOE TRAIL

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Fri 31 Oct
- 🕒 All Day All Night
- 📍 Various Location around Kuching City
- 🆓 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

ART

On the Stinky Toe Trail activates Kuching's green spaces into a playful public art playground this October. A step further from Sarawak architect TS's imaginative creations in KL's Taman Tun's Zaaba Park, these upcycled stinking toe pods painted into whimsical characters are hidden in trees and secret spots across Kuching's city centre in October 2025. Originally a father daughter Covid lockdown project, TS's creations celebrate creativity, sustainability, and surprise. Now, WAK brings this joyful experience to life in Kuching. **Spot the 'stinky toes', snap your finds, and claim attractive festival merchandise.** Fun for all ages, this quirky treasure hunt turns everyday walks into imaginative adventures in art, nature, and fosters a convivial community spirit.

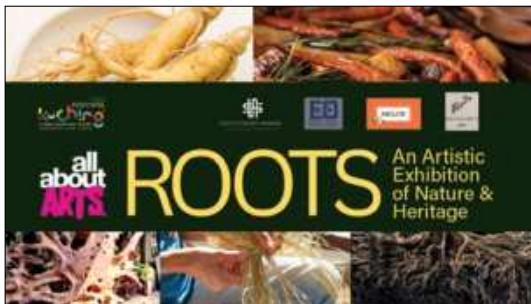


## CELEBRATING MALAYSIA THROUGH THE LENS

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Thurs 30 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- [Guided walkthroughs every Sat 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM]
- 📍 1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 🆓 FREE
- 👤 Canon Marketing Malaysia & WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

EXHIBITION

This vibrant photo exhibition showcases the creative vision of Canon EOS Masters, Mentors, product specialists, photography clubs, and passionate photographers nationwide. From the charm of kampung life and everyday rituals to the beauty of nature and Malaysian cuisine, each photo tells a story rooted in heritage and identity. Join the guided walkthroughs every Saturday, 2PM-4PM, and hear directly from the photographers about their journeys and inspirations. Celebrate the extraordinary in the everyday through powerful images that capture the spirit of Malaysia seen, shared, and immortalised through the lens of dedicated storytellers.



## ALL ABOUT ARTS

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Thurs 30 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 🆓 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

EXHIBITION

**ROOTS: An Artistic Exploration of Nature and Heritage**  
This evocative exhibition curated by Edric Ong celebrates roots in all their forms, ecological, medicinal, edible, and ancestral. From the aerial roots of rainforests to mangrove swamps and floating flora, it highlights nature's vital systems. Cultural narratives are woven through fashion, photography, and crafts inspired by heritage and memory. Natural roots are also explored as sources of dyes and artistic expression. Interactive workshops on root-based dyeing and decoration deepen this immersive journey into our connections with the earth.



## ORIENTAL STREET FESTIVAL

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Sun 5 Oct
- 🕒 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 The Podium
- 🆓 FREE
- 👤 Urban Moon
- 📞 Ronald Lim +6012 8338865

LIFESTYLE

The China Oriental Street Festival at Podium, Kuching, is poised to be a landmark event that celebrates the vibrant and diverse culture of China. The festival will offer a unique and immersive experience, featuring traditional performances, interactive workshops, authentic cuisine, and a bustling marketplace. The festival will not only provide an enriching cultural experience but also contribute to the local economy by attracting tourists and promoting local businesses.



## WAK X TEXHOUSE ARTSPACE

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Wed 15 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 TEXHOUSE @ Rubber Road
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival x Techno Expo
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

EXHIBITION

WAK X Texhouse Artspace transforms this exciting new venue into a vibrant creative playground for the first time! Experience digital art and photo exhibitions, striking art and sculptural installations, pop-up pickleball competitions, delicious food vendors, and laid-back live acoustic performances, all in one dynamic space. Stay tuned to WAK social media for the full programme and schedule. Come celebrate arts, culture, and lifestyle in a whole new setting!



## tHe SPRING SUNDOWN MUSIC & FOOD FESTIVAL

- 📅 Wed 1 Oct - Sun 5 Oct
- 🕒 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- 📍 Premier Carpark, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 The Spring Management Services Sdn Bhd
- 📞 Aderine Lo +6017 8188691

LIFESTYLE

The Spring's Premier Carpark transforms into a vibrant open-air venue for the Sundown Festival — daily from 4PM to 11PM. Enjoy local vendors, street eats, handcrafted drinks, and live sets by homegrown talents. With a laid-back, festival vibe, it's the perfect evening hangout that showcases our community's talent, creativity, and love for good food and music.



## ZOZO COCKTAIL MASTER CLASS

LIFESTYLE

- 📅 Weds 1 Oct, 8 Oct, 15 Oct, 22 Oct, 29 Oct
- 📅 Sats 4 Oct, 11 Oct, 18 Oct, 25 Oct
- 🕒 Wed 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- 🕒 Sat 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 ZOZO Beans & Booze
- 🎫 RM50 per pax (Inclusive of 2 cocktails & light refreshments)
- 👤 ZOZO Beans & Booze
- 📞 Billy Lee +6012 2056080

Shake, stir, and sip your way into the world of mixology! A hands-on cocktail masterclass where you'll learn to craft your own signature drinks under the guidance of experienced mixologists, Alvin Chia & Nin Chaw. Whether you're a curious beginner or a cocktail enthusiast, this fun and interactive session will teach you the basics of balancing flavours, using bar tools, and creating both classic and creative cocktails. All materials provided so just bring your tastebuds and a spirit of fun. Perfect for groups, dates, or anyone looking to level up their hosting game.



## OKTOBERFEST 2025

LIFESTYLE

- 📅 Fri 3 Oct - Sun 5 Oct
- 🕒 6:30 PM - 12:00 AM
- 📍 La Promenade Mall
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 La Promenade Mall by HSL
- 📞 Abraham Tiong +6019 8168866

Oktoberfest at La Promenade Mall is a fun, family-friendly outdoor celebration held from Friday to Sunday. Enjoy lively performances by local bands from 6:30 PM to midnight, with nights often ending in dancing under the stars. The festival features Sarawakian favourites, classic snacks, and dedicated beer vendors offering a unique local twist on the traditional Bavarian Oktoberfest. With free entry, an inviting open-air setting, and a vibrant, community-focused atmosphere, it's the perfect place to gather with friends and family. Eat, drink, dance, and celebrate Oktoberfest at La Promenade Mall is a highly anticipated event you won't want to miss!



## WAK GALAU NIGHT FEATURING NAKI

- 📅 Fri 3 Oct
- 🕒 8:00 PM onwards
- 📍 Dewan Sri Bunga Rampai
- 🏠 RM40
- 👤 WAK Festival
- ☎️ WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

MUSIC

An intimate night of heartbreak, harmony, and homegrown soul. Get in your feels at WAK *Malam Galau*, a special evening of emotionally charged tunes and slow-burning grooves. Opening the night is Time Signature, delivering a live set of iconic lagu galau- the bittersweet anthems of longing and loss we all know too well. Headlining the night is Naki, the soulful singer-songwriter hailing from Miri, bringing his raw vulnerability and heartfelt melodies to the WAK stage for the first time. Expect honest lyrics, lush soundscapes, and a performance that stays with you long after the last note. Let the music hurt (in a good way).



## KUCHING NATURAL FARMERS' MARKET: TRUSTY FRIENDS, FOOD AND FUN!

- 📅 Sat 4 Oct & Sat 18 Oct
- 🕒 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- 📍 MBKS covered carpark
- 🏠 FREE
- 👤 Nature Resource Solutions & Kuching Urban Farming
- ☎️ Ai Chin Wee +6010 9638820

LIFESTYLE

KNFM, "The Friendliest Market in Town," is a lively community hub offering healthy, locally sourced products from organic veggies and Certified Organic chicken to forest honey, goat's milk, and Vietnamese coffee. Enjoy fresh juice, kombucha, artisanal bread, heritage foods, and traditional tuak. The market also features plants, herbs, natural skincare, and eco-friendly gardening goods. Children can pet rabbits, baby goats, and SSPCA puppies, with live sape music on 4 Oct and 18 Oct, plus line dancing on the 18 Oct. KNFM is a joyful space that nourishes body and soul.



## ASEAN DESIGNERS SHOWCASE @ THE LIFESTYLE GALLERY

- 📅 Fri 3 Oct - Sat 4 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 The Lifestyle Gallery, Tun Jugah Tower
- 🏠 FREE
- 👤 The Lifestyle Gallery
- ☎️ Julia Marlisa +6012 8185055

EXHIBITION

The ASEAN Designers Showcase is a curated two-day fashion and retail exhibition at The Lifestyle Gallery, Tun Jugah Tower, Kuching. It will feature a selection of distinguished and emerging designers from across the region, each bringing their unique cultural perspective and creative excellence to the event. Among the featured names are Keith Sim, Harizan Khaider, Zaireen Iskandar (*Jewelry by Kin*, Kuala Lumpur), and the Penan Women Project. The event celebrates diversity, artistic expression, and regional brand promotion. One of the highlight is the Tuak Cocktail Hour on Fri 3 Oct with live demos, tastings, and artisan tuak cocktails available at a pop-up bar.



## TELL ME YOUR STORY






- 📅 Sat 4 Oct & Sun 5 Oct, Sat 11 Oct & Sun 12 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 The Lit Club
- 🏠 One parent + one child: RM150  
Both parents + one child: RM200  
One parent + two children: RM180  
A family of both parents + two children: RM230 (+RM30 per additional child) (includes an Event Kit)
- 👤 The Lit Club @ Subject Matter Company
- ☎️ The Lit Club +6012 3170654

WORKSHOP

A creative storytelling experience that strengthens the parent-child bond through stories, art, games, music, and snacks. Guided by themes of connection and imagination, this hands-on session encourages joyful, meaningful interaction. Activities are designed to spark fun and engagement in a relaxed setting. It's a special opportunity to grow closer, build memories, and explore creativity together.



## CELEBRATING US






 Sat 4 Oct  
 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM  
 Pangkalan Sapi  
 FREE  
 WAK Festival  
 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

CULTURE

Step into a dazzling celebration of unity and heritage at Celebrating Us, a vibrant convergence of Sarawak's many communities in traditional costumes, pulsating with unique sounds, rhythm, and dance. This spectacular cultural showcase, creates a joyous mixed match cacophony of colours and sounds, capturing the heart of who we are. From mesmerising melodies to heartfelt moments, this event is a powerful tribute to the shared spirit, pride, and identity that bind us together as one Sarawakian family.



## INDIE THEATRE PROJECT

 Sat 4 Oct, Sat 11 Oct, Sat 18 Oct  
 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM  
 Studio Hak Milik Lanun, Kubah Ria  
 RM8 per session [Limited to 40 pax per session]  
 Sang Rawi Sdn. Bhd.  
 Hafizy Arash +6019 8145425

THEATRE

A platform dedicated to empowering Sarawak's theatre scene by showcasing diverse performance styles physical, musical, forum, and interactive theatre. This initiative offers local artists the opportunity to refine their craft, explore innovative storytelling, and engage audiences in meaningful ways. By encouraging collaboration and artistic experimentation, it aims to strengthen the local theatre industry, foster creativity, and nurture emerging talent. Ultimately, it seeks to cultivate a deeper appreciation for the performing arts within the community and contribute to a vibrant cultural landscape in Sarawak.



## WAK FESTIVAL FOREVER YOUNG X ATELIER'S MAD HATTERS






 Sat 4 Oct  
 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
 Dewan Sri Bunga Rampai  
 RM150 per pax  
 Society Atelier Sarawak & WAK Festival  
 Melinda Omar +6016 8869459  
 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

MUSIC/FASHION

Get ready to party at WAK FESTIVAL FOREVER YOUNG x ATELIER'S MAD HATTERS DINNER SOIRÉE, a wild fusion of live music, bold fashion, and outrageous headgear! With top Sarawak bands playing evergreen hits, the dance floor is calling. Eight local and international designers showcase stunning headpiece-inspired looks in a vibrant runway show. Guests are encouraged to dress up, join in, and let loose. Expect fun surprises, great food, and awards for the most imaginative hats. It's playful, stylish, and unapologetically ageless!



## PEMENTASAN DRAMA TARI KPG PASIR PANDAK: THE ORIGIN OF PULAU KERIS

 Sat 4 Oct  
 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
 Pantai Kampung Pasir Pandak  
 FREE  
 Kejiranan Mesra Salak @ N4 Pantai Damai  
 Rafidah Bt Bujang +6013 8651038

CULTURE

A dance-drama that retells the legend of Pulau Keris, said to have formed in Kuching's Pasir Pandak area. Blending storytelling, music, and dance, the performance preserves traditional culture and celebrates the village's communal spirit. Once central to kampung life, such gatherings featuring local youth and cultural groups remain a cherished tradition in Kampung Pasir Pandak. This event not only entertains but also strengthens community bonds and ensures local legends and heritage are passed down to future generations in today's changing world.



## SATURDAY SERENADES

- 📅 Sat 4 Oct, Sat 11 Oct, Sat 25 Oct MUSIC
- 🕒 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM
- 📍 The Borneo Hotel Lounge
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 The Borneo Hotel
- 📞 Razif Ismail +6012 7944122

Saturday Serenades brings a wave of musical variety and vibrant energy to the lounge every Saturday night. Designed to keep things fresh and exciting, each week showcases a new musical theme or genre from mellow jazzy grooves to soulful acoustic sets and catchy Mando-pop hits. Guests can enjoy a unique live band experience each time, featuring talented local performers. October's lineup includes Ivan, Randie & Erfan with Mando Hits on Oct 4, Reening & Ashwahree delivering smooth R&B on Oct 11, and Reening & Dell performing nostalgic Anime, Movie & Game Hits on Oct 25. Let the music elevate your weekend vibes.



## PICKLED ON THE STREETS - KUCHING

- 📅 Sun 5 Oct SPORT
- 🕒 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- 📍 Padang Merdeka
- 🎫 **Open - Combined Age ≥70 yrs Doubles:** RM80 per pair  
**Family - Combined Age ≥45 yrs Doubles:** RM80 per pair  
**Children's Fun Challenge (7 - 13 yrs old):** RM30 per pax
- 👤 WAK Festival x The Podium Project
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Get ready to get Pickled on the Street - WAK Festival's most exciting family event! Downtown Kuching comes alive with pop-up pickleball courts, infectious DJ beats, vibrant vendor stalls, and non-stop fun for all ages. Whether you're playing, dancing, or just soaking up the atmosphere, this street-style celebration promises high-energy action, laughter, and unforgettable moments. It's sport, it's spectacle, it's pure joy in the heart of the city. Don't miss out so grab your partner and register now for the ultimate pickleball party



## KUCHING CAR FREE MORNING 2025

- 📅 Sun 5 Oct & Sun 19 Oct LIFESTYLE
- 🕒 6:30 AM - 10:00 AM
- 📍 Tugu Pahlawan, Padang Merdeka, Tebingan Kuching, Pangkalan Sapi & Dataran Ibu Pertiwi
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara
- 📞 Ramli Omar Baki +6082 524440

A monthly event organised by Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU) on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. The program aims to reduce carbon emissions and traffic congestion while promoting a healthier, eco-friendly lifestyle among Kuching residents and surrounding communities. By creating a car-free zone, the event encourages walking, cycling, and other recreational activities, fostering community interaction and environmental awareness. It is part of DBKU's ongoing effort to support sustainable urban living and improve the quality of life in the city through greener and more active public spaces.



## BOXING 101 CLASS AT REBEL FITNESS

- 📅 Sun 5 Oct SPORT
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 📍 Rebel Fitness
- 🎫 RM20 per class (usual class price is RM30)  
 [Ages 12 and above]
- 👤 Rebel Fitness
- 📞 Coach Gerald +6014 9941245

A high-energy, beginner-friendly boxing class that introduces fundamental techniques in a fun, supportive environment. Led by experienced coaches, this 60-minute session blends basic skills with cardio and conditioning for a full-body workout. No experience needed. Just bring your energy and an open mind. Whether you're aiming to boost fitness, relieve stress, or try something new, this is the perfect starting point. Spaces are limited, so book early and get ready to punch it out!



## EXPLORE, EXPERIENCE AND ENERGIZE WITH LAVIE!

- 📅 Sun 5 Oct, 12 Oct, 19 Oct & 26 Oct LIFESTYLE
- 🕒 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 📍 LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
- 💰 RM39 per pax (inclusive of lunch & mini workshops)
- 👤 LaVie Wellness Sanctuary by Dr. Lowell Chai
- 📞 Michelle Lim +6016 9229582

A transformative 4-week workshop designed to reconnect you with your body, mind, and inner balance. Each week, we explore a unique theme to help you build lasting wellness from the inside out.

**5 Oct:** Back to Basics - Rediscover the core pillars of health, nutrition, hydration, rest, and movement. Simple in nature, yet profoundly impactful.

**12 Oct:** Hormone in Harmony - Discover how hormones affect mood, weight, sleep, and energy plus simple ways to rebalance naturally.

**19 Oct:** Breathe to Heal - Tap into the healing power of breath. Understand Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, the natural healing that allows you to reverse aging.

**26 Oct:** Beyond the Scale - Shift your focus from numbers to nourishment. The weight loss journey is easy with LaVie!



## SHARING MY PASSION #100 CELEBRATING OUR WAK ROOTS

- 📅 Wed 8 Oct TALK
- 🕒 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- 📍 AwahCafe @ DBNA
- 📄 For Past WAK Collaborators Only
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Celebrating Our WAK Festival's Roots marks the 100th edition of Sharing My Passion, the platform that sparked the idea for the WAK Festival back in 2017. We're inviting past collaborators from all six editions for an evening of stories, memories, and creative nostalgia. Expect photos, video highlights, and good vibes as we celebrate the journey we've shared. We invite all past collaborators to kindly contact the WAK Hotline to confirm your participation by 3 October 2025.



## JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL 2025 IN KUCHING

- 📅 Wed 9 Oct - Sun 12 Oct FILM
- 🕒 To check official Japan Foundation Kuala Lumpur and GSC website
- 📍 GSC, CityOne Megamall
- 📄 To check official Japan Foundation Kuala Lumpur and GSC website
- 👤 The Japan Foundation Kuala Lumpur
- 📞 Hannah Hir +6019 3223329

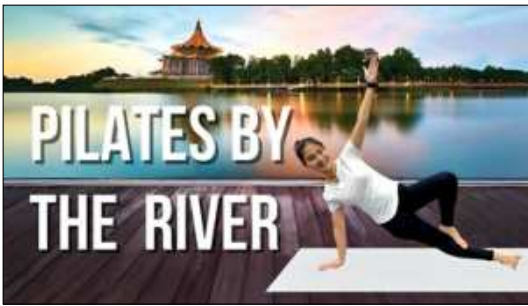
The Japanese Film Festival returns to Kuching from 9-12 October at GSC CityOne Megamall, showcasing a vibrant selection of films that celebrate the richness of Japanese cinema. Enjoy genres ranging from heartfelt romance and food stories to modern dramas and cultural tales, offering a deeper look into Japan's heritage. Whether you're a film lover or curious about Japan, there's something for everyone. Don't miss this annual cinematic journey that bridges cultures and highlights the best of Japanese storytelling.



## PINK IT UP! MARKET PLACE

- 📅 Fri 10 Oct - Sun 12 Oct, Fri 17 Oct - Sun 19 Oct, Fri 24 Oct - Sun 26 Oct LIFESTYLE
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 2nd Floor, the Spring Shopping Mall
- 💰 FREE
- 👤 The Spring Management Services Sdn Bhd & WAK Festival
- 📞 Haiyani Iman +6016 8006332

In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Spring and WAK Festival present *Pink it Up!* Market Place, a vibrant 3-weekend bazaar celebrating strength, hope, and community. Discover local entrepreneurs, artisans, and wellness brands offering handcrafted goods, fashion, and lifestyle items. Every visit supports awareness and empowers lives affected by breast cancer. Whether you're here to shop, connect, or show support, your presence makes a difference. This October, let's come together to celebrate resilience and *pink it up* for a cause!



## PILATES BY THE RIVER

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct WELLNESS
- 🕒 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM  
(6:30am onwards arrival of participant)
- 📍 Pangkalan Sapi, Waterfront Kuching
- 💰 RM20 per pax
- 👤 Pilates Concept by Rehab Concept
- 📞 Nuraishah Ruslan +6011 56379866

Pilates by the River invites you to reconnect with your core and flow through movement in the heart of Kuching's waterfront. Bring your mat, water bottle & your best self. Set against a serene riverside backdrop, this open-air session is designed to restore, strengthen, and refresh, all while immersed in nature.



## BROOKS RUNNING DRILLS KUCHING

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct SPORTS
- 🕒 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- 📍 Padang Merdeka
- 💰 RM15 per pax (includes drinks and goody bag)
- 👤 RR Running Drill Club
- 📞 Mus +6019 8060893

A dynamic 2 hour outdoor session designed to boost running performance and overall well-being. Led by World Athletics Certified Trainer Jetson Hoo, it features 5 progressive components: dynamic warm-up, running drills, circuit training, mat-based strength work, and a recovery cool-down. Open to all fitness levels, this empowering event promotes purposeful movement, resilience, and long-term running goals. Presented by RR Running Drill Club, Brooks Sarawak, and Meditel Kuching under KOSPEN Active, it celebrates community, culture, and a healthy lifestyle.



## WILD ABOUT NATURE - CLOSER TO NATURE

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct - Thu 30 Oct EXHIBITION
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM  
[Guided walkthroughs every Sun 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM]
- 📍 Basement, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 💰 FREE
- 👤 Canon Marketing Malaysia & WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +60111 3120898

Organised with Canon Marketing Malaysia, this photo exhibition unveils nature's hidden world through the lens of passionate Canon photographers across Malaysia alongside renowned EOS Masters, insightful Canon EOS Mentors, and dedicated product specialists. Wild About Nature aims to spark appreciation and awaken a deeper connection with our rich biodiversity - while reminding us of our responsibility to protect it through conservation and sustainable living. Walkthrough sessions are held every Sunday from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, guiding visitors through powerful stories captured in each image. Every frame invites us to celebrate Earth, care for it, and keep its beauty alive.



## PRESSED FLOWER ART WITH SARAWAK ARTIST NIA LATIF AT WONDERBOOM

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct ART
- 🕒 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- 📍 Wonderboom, Green Heights Mall
- 💰 RM80 per session (Includes all art materials, completed craft to take home and a mocktail)
- 👤 Wonderboom
- 📞 Tommy Ho +6012 8890114

Join Sarawak artist Nia Latif for a relaxing Pressed Flower Art Workshop at Wonderboom, a cozy, sunlit space in Green Heights Mall. Create your own floral artwork using real pressed flowers on acid-free paper. All materials are provided, along with a complimentary mocktail from the Wonderboom bar. Whether solo or with friends, it's the perfect creative escape to unwind and reconnect with nature. Slots are limited; bookings close one week before the event.



## SARAWAK COFFEE CEREMONY

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct LIFESTYLE
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- 📍 Black Bean Coffee @ Tabuan Desa
- 💰 RM55 per pax [Ages 12 and above]
- 📝 Limited to 20 persons. Registration closes 7 Oct.
- 👤 Black Bean Coffee & Tea Company
- 📞 Sandra Wong +6012 8388428

A unique Coffee Appreciation Ceremony celebrating Sarawak's rich coffee heritage. Begin with a guided gallery tour tracing coffee's journey from farm to cup - harvesting, processing, roasting, and brewing. Then, experience a live brewing session as our coffee master prepares three specialty varieties: Sarawak Liberica, Robusta, and Arabica, highlighting each bean's unique aroma, flavor, and story. Whether you're a connoisseur or curious, this immersive tasting invites you to sip, learn, and savour the soul of Sarawak's specialty coffee.



## WAK MUSIC PORTAL: HIDDEN GIGS

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct MUSIC
- 🕒 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 Check WAK social media @wakfestival
- 📄 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Discover music like never before. Hidden Gigs is a series of intimate pop-up shows set in some of Kuching's most unique and offbeat spaces. From quiet corners of heritage buildings to hidden rooftops, back alleys, and riverside nooks. These one-of-a-kind experiences strip music down to its raw essence, inviting you to connect closely with the artists and the city's hidden charm. Each show features curated local acts, paired with unexpected locations to spark fresh perspective, emotion, and connection. Limited capacity. Secret locations. Follow WAK's IG for the location and artist reveals!



## KOLO MEE COOKING SESSION

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct WORKSHOP
- 🕒 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 Annie Kolo Mee @ 243 Jalan Padungan
- 💰 RM15 per pax
- 👤 Annie Kolo Mee
- 📞 Annie +6012 893 1282
- 📞 Georgina Koh +6013 8161282

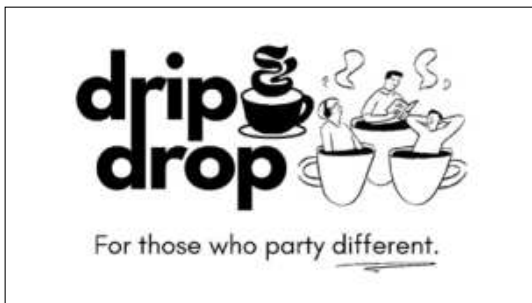
Learn to cook the perfect Kolo Mee at home in this hands-on workshop for food lovers of all levels. Guided by an experienced chef, you'll master Sarawak's iconic dish from creating the signature seasoning to achieving ideal noodle texture with everyday ingredients. Explore noodle variations and their impact on taste and presentation. Whether you're a beginner or an aspiring home chef, this fun, flavorful session ends with your own Kolo Mee to take home. Come hungry, leave inspired!



## MALAM SENI BERSEMI de TUPONG

- 📅 Sat 11 Oct CULTURE
- 🕒 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM
- 📍 Dewan Masyarakat Kampung Pinang Jawa
- 📄 FREE
- 👤 Kejiranan Mesra Gita 2 @ N6 Tupong
- 📞 Mohamad Taufek Bin Kamil +6019 8752550

Join us for *Malam Seni Bersemi de Tupong*, a vibrant "Night of Cultural Expression in Tupong." Celebrate the rich heritage of diverse local communities i.e Malay, Javanese, Indian, and more through traditional dances, music, and songs. Each performance reflects the pride and spirit of Tupong's people. Be captivated by our talented young performers and their graceful expressions. Bring the whole family for an unforgettable evening of cultural beauty, shared stories, and heartfelt celebration.



## DRIP & DROP

- 📅 Sun 12 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
- 📍 To check @dripdrop.wav on IG
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- 👤 Drip & Drop
- ☎ Farouk +6012 8509410

MUSIC

Drip & Drop is a coffee-fueled daytime pop-up party, brought to life by AOK Records and local DJ collective Sonic Syndicate. Picture this, you have a 9 am meeting the next day, but your favourite DJ is playing the night before. Why should you wait until 11 pm or 2 am for them to perform and have a headache the next day AND miss your meeting? Us at Drip & Drop can ensure you make it for that 9 am meeting and still have an enjoyable chill party with your favourite DJ at 2 pm at a cafe instead!



## MATTA MALAYSIA PICKLEBALL GRAND SLAM 2025 (MPG2025)

- 📅 Mon 13 Oct - Mon 20 Oct
- 🕒 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 Pikaboh, Kuching
- 📦 **Team Event** : RM2,000 per team
- 👤 **Singles (Men's/Women's)**: RM200 per pax
- 👤 **Doubles (Men's/Women's/Mixed Doubles/ Mixed Masters/>50 years)** : RM400 per pair
- 👤 **Double (Boys' s/Girls - U14 & U18)**: RM100 per pair
- 👤 Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA)
- ☎ Mei/Danesh +603 9222 1155

SPORT

Open to all skill levels, this national tournament features individual and team events with an RM100,000 prize pool. Enjoy 8 days of exhilarating matches, cultural experiences, and networking with athletes, industry pros, and fans. MPG2025 combines competitive sport with tourism, offering a unique chance to showcase your talent, explore Sarawak's rich heritage, and support Malaysia's growing sports tourism movement.



## HeART SPACE: A JOURNEY INTO ART AND MUSIC THERAPY

- 📅 Sun 12 Oct & Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- 📍 Tegas Digital Village
- 📦 RM50 per person (Ages 18 and above)  
(Includes refreshments, materials, a journal, & helps fund Teduh Jiwa's ongoing mental health outreach for marginalised communities)
- 👤 Teduh Jiwa Counselling and Consultancy
- ☎ Anis +6019 8393607  
Teduh Jiwa's Admin +6019 6113108

ART/MUSIC

A safe, creative space where art and music support emotional healing. Guided by certified counselors, participants engage in expressive activities like emotion-themed collages and watercolors, paired with mental wellness tools such as grounding and thought reframing. Reconnect with your emotions and process stress through personalized art-making and group reflection. 2 sessions available: Expressive Art Therapy (12 Oct) & Music Therapy with Prof. Dr. Merikan (26 Oct). All materials provided. Come feel, express, and heal.



## FIT CAMP BY FIT MOM PROJECT

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct
- 🕒 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- 📍 Saradise Edge
- 📦 FREE
- 👤 Fit Mom Project
- ☎ Coach Siow Chei Lew +6019 9969202

WELLNESS

Kickstart your morning with Fit Camp by Fit Mom Project, a free, fun fitness event for ladies, moms and families. Led by energetic Coach Siow Chei from Saradise, the session welcomes all fitness level. Enjoy a group fun dance and cardio in the fresh air, followed by family-friendly workouts, allowing for socializing and connection. Engage with our team of coaches for tips on nutrition and a healthy breakfast! The event concludes with a cool down exercise, celebrating movement, health, and community. Be sure to grab your Wellness Pass before we part ways. Looking forward to seeing you there!



## THE UNFORGETTABLE 1945: A FOREST TIMEWALK FOR PEACE

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct & Sun 19 Oct
- 🕒 Session 1: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Session 2: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- 📍 Sama Jaya Forest Park
- 🎫 Standard (>Ages 18 years): RM 48 per pax  
Concession (Student/Senior): RM 38 per pax  
Family Bundle (1 adult + 1 child): RM 68 per combo
- 👤 Kempzee Camp
- 📞 Tom Low +6017 8528113

NATURE

Experience an immersive outdoor storywalk inspired by the true story of Haji Abdul Razak, a Malaysian survivor of the Hiroshima bombing. You wake in a ruined city, memories lost. Guided by cinematic videos, character dialogue, hidden clues, and GPS, the forest whispers its secrets. Step into a journey through time — a timewalk of remembrance, discovery, and hope. Solve the mystery. Feel history beneath your feet. Limited spots available. Book your peace journey now.



## VEGETABLE PRINTMAKING WITH SARAWAK ARTIST NIA LATIF AT WONDERBOOM

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct
- 🕒 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- 📍 Wonderboom, Green Heights Mall
- 🎫 RM90 per session (Includes all art materials, completed craft to take home and a mocktail)
- 👤 Wonderboom
- 📞 Tommy Ho +6012 8890114

ART

Join Sarawak artist Nia Latif for a hands-on workshop where you'll transform everyday vegetables into vibrant stamp tools to decorate your own kitchen tea towel. No experience needed, just curiosity and a love for creativity. Perfect for all ages, this fun session includes all materials and a refreshing mocktail from the Wonderboom bar. Whether you're coming solo or with friends, it's a playful way to explore art and take home a unique creation. Slots are limited and bookings close one week before the event.



## SHOWCASE SENI TARIAN MALAYSIA

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- 📍 Dewan Sekolah Kebangsaan Rakyat, Jalan Haji Bolhassan
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 Kejiranan Mesra Kampung No.5 @ N8 Satok
- 📞 Nur Nadia +6011 25165956

CULTURE

An event showcasing traditional dances from Malaysia's diverse ethnic communities, including Malay, Chinese, Iban, and Indian dances. This vibrant performance highlights the beauty and uniqueness of each cultural heritage through movement, music, and costume. The showcase aims to preserve and promote Malaysia's rich dance traditions, passing them on to new generations while sharing them with local and international audiences. By celebrating these cultural expressions on one stage, the program fosters greater appreciation and understanding of our shared heritage, reinforcing the importance of unity in diversity through the universal language of dance.



## POUR OVER COFFEE WORKSHOP

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 Black Bean Coffee @ Tabuan Desa
- 🎫 RM88 per pax [Ages 12 and above]  
Limited to 10 persons. Registration closes 16 Oct.
- 👤 Black Bean Coffee & Tea Company
- 📞 Sandra Wong +6012 8388428

WORKSHOP

Explore the story of Sarawak's coffee, from farm to cup, and get hands-on with brewing. Each participant receives their own pourover set to brew and experiment with three main coffee varieties, Arabica, Robusta, and Sarawak Liberica. Learn brewing basics, compare aroma, flavour, and body across beans, and share your brews with fellow participants. This immersive session blends coffee education with practical experience, helping you discover your personal taste preferences through guided exploration and comparison.



## PANGGUNG SAMARIANG

📅 Sat 18 Oct CULTURE  
 🕒 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
 📍 Dewan Malaysia Jaya, Samariang  
 🎫 FREE  
 📞 Kejiranan Mesra Taman Sukma @ N7 Samariang  
 📞 Zulhilmi +6016 5881595

A vibrant lineup of cultural performances including poetry recitation, traditional Sape music, children's fashion shows, folk singing, and traditional dances. This programme aims to revive and celebrate local heritage through live stage performances while fostering stronger ties within the community. It also serves as a creative platform for cultural and artistic expression, especially through traditional performing arts. By engaging audiences of all ages, Panggung Samariang not only preserves cultural roots but also inspires pride and participation in the local arts scene.



## PESTA WARISAN ZAMAN MENSIA

📅 Sat 18 Oct CULTURE  
 🕒 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM  
 📍 Dewan Masyarakat Penghulu Haji Hamid Bin Sulong, Kampung Bako Tengah  
 🎫 FREE  
 📞 Kejiranan Mesra Kampung Bako Seberang @ N5 Demak Laut  
 📞 Ahmad Bin Mohammad +6013 6649975

Organised by KJM Kampung Bako, this cultural program celebrates the rich heritage of Kampung Bako through traditional performances, food, and community storytelling. Experience the Silat Kibau, a rare local martial art performed by villagers, and enjoy authentic Mensia cuisine featuring delicacies like belacan, cencalok, bubuk, and forest vegetables like midin and bamboo shoots. The event also highlights the Mensia Cultural Dance, a traditional Malay performance unique to Kampung Bako, choreographed and passed down through generations. Join us for this immersive celebration of rural Sarawakian culture and living traditions.



## WAK JAZZ IT UP FEAT. NISA ADDINA

📅 Sat 18 Oct MUSIC  
 🕒 8:30 PM - 11:30 PM  
 📍 The Borneo Hotel Lounge  
 🎫 RM98 (includes dinner)  
 📞 WAK Festival & Nisa Addina  
 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Step into an unforgettable evening of rhythm, soul, and swing with Sarawak's very own Nisa Addina, a Berklee-trained contemporary violinist, composer, and producer known for her expressive performances and quirky sonic alter ego, Lyrit. From reimagining P. Ramlee classics to crafting genre-bending RnB, pop, and jazz pieces, Nisa captivates audiences both at home and abroad. Joining forces with classical and jazz fingerstyle guitarist Hady Afro and a full jazz ensemble, this electrifying night pays tribute to legends like Stéphane Grappelli and Louis Armstrong. Expect sultry ballads, vibrant swing, and irresistible grooves that will have you swaying all night long.



## NOT JUST THE FUTURE: YOUTH ARE HERE NOW

📅 Sun 19 Oct TALK  
 🕒 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 📍 Borneo Cultures Museum  
 🎫 FREE  
 📞 Pertiwi Progresif (PRO Youth Club)  
 📞 Ivan Alexander Ong +6014 3760932

Young people are often hailed as "leaders of tomorrow," yet are too frequently excluded from shaping today's decisions. This session explores the gap between potential and participation, focusing on the realities of youth representation in Sarawak. Though they make up a large part of the population, young people remain underrepresented in leadership, policy, and civic spaces. Featuring speakers from healthcare, social enterprise, and civil society, the session discusses real barriers and actionable steps toward youth inclusion. Panelists include Dr. Jawing Chunggat, Sulie Abell, and Melvin Jangga, who bring grounded insights on mentorship, rural empowerment, and grassroots leadership across Sarawak's diverse communities.



## SHARING MY PASSION #101 : WAYANG KITCHEN

- 📅 Wed 22 Oct
- 🕒 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- 📍 AwahCafe @ DBNA
- 🎟 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

TALK

"In a study I conducted, 9 out of 10 Malaysian Grab drivers have never been to the theatre. But they'll spend on food, so I thought, why not peg the arts to a commodity?" And thus, Wayang Kitchen was born. Join Razif Hashim, actor, director, educator, and somehow, also a tortilla manufacturer, as he shares how a life across stages, screens, classrooms, and kitchens led to an immersive dining theatre experience that serves up storytelling with every plate. A session for artists, foodies, and other industrious individuals.



## WAK IMMERSIVE DINING THEATRE BY WAYANG KITCHEN

- 📅 Thur 23 - Sat 25 Oct
- 🕒 7:00 PM onwards
- 📍 Cafe Cafe @ Rubber Road
- 🎟 RM 250 per pax (Dinner only)  
RM 350 per pax (Dinner + Alcohol Pairing)  
[Limited to 30 pax per session]
- 👤 WAK Festival x Wayang Kitchen
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

FOOD/THEATRE

Explore the spirit of Día de los Muertos through a 5-course immersive Mexican dinner that blends memory, humour, and storytelling. Created by Razif Hashim and Chef Iván Chavarría, this dining theatre experience invites you into a ritual where food, performance, and audience connection come together. Each course opens a door to personal reflection, shared laughter, and cultural remembrance. Inspired by the tradition of honouring the dead, this living performance shifts with its audience — no three nights are ever quite the same.



## 3X3 KUCHING STREET SLAM

- 📅 Fri 24 Oct - Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 AEON Mall Kuching Central
- 🎟 FREE
- 👤 U.G. Events
- 📞 Simon Tham +6010 2882862

SPORT

Experience the thrill of fast-paced streetball at our 3x3 Basketball Competition where skill, speed, and teamwork collide! Open to all age groups and levels, this high-energy event promises electrifying matches, dynamic plays, and a vibrant urban atmosphere. With music, emcee hype, and crowd engagement, it's more than just a game, it's a community celebration of sport and street culture. Prizes, bragging rights, and non-stop action await. Who will dominate the court?



## REBEL STRENGTH 101 CLASS AT REBEL FITNESS

- 📅 Sat 25 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 📍 Rebel Fitness
- 🎟 RM20 per class (usual class price is RM30)  
[Ages 12 and above]
- 👤 Rebel Fitness
- 📞 Coach Gerald +6014 9941245

SPORT

Unleash your potential at Rebel Fitness with our 60-minute Strength & Conditioning class, a full-body workout that builds strength, boosts mobility, and elevates your overall fitness. Led by expert Rebel coaches, this dynamic session combines functional movements, resistance training, and cardio for a smarter, stronger you. All fitness levels are welcome, with workouts scaled to meet your needs. Come break a sweat and discover the power of community. Your strongest self starts here.



## BRAINS + BOTS: UNDERSTANDING AI

📅 Sat 25 Oct

WORKSHOP

🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

📍 Haz Creatives Studio (Co-working space)

🎟 FREE

👤 KenyalangDev - Tech Community

📞 Melvin Jangga +6017 4268002

Curious about Artificial Intelligence but don't know where to start? Join Brains + Bots: Understanding AI by KenyalangDev, a beginner-friendly workshop where you'll learn what AI is, how it works, and why it matters. Discover how AI shapes your world and how you can prepare for the future. No tech background needed!



## WAK MUSIC PORTAL: SIDEWALK RHYTHMS

📅 Sat 25 Oct

MUSIC

🕒 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

📍 Check WAK social media @wakfestival

🎟 FREE

👤 WAK Festival

📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

We return to the streets with ROOTS, a heartfelt celebration of where we come from and who we are. Against the vibrant backdrop of Kuching's cityscape, music takes center stage, blending timeless traditions with fresh, contemporary sounds. Each note becomes a tribute to heritage, each rhythm a reflection of identity, transforming the ordinary into a living tapestry of memory, culture, and expression. Rooted in Culture, Alive in Sound.



## BOULEVARD HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT

📅 Sat 25 Oct

LIFESTYLE

🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

📍 Boulevard Shopping Mall  
Ground Floor, Mall 1 & Mall 2

🎟 FREE

👤 Boulevard Shopping Mall Kuching

📞 Janice Jeofery +60113 1736559

Boo-tiful costumes + sweet treats = Halloween happiness! Calling all superheroes and tiny pumpkins, it's trick and treat time! Spooky fun is in the mall, costumes and candy everywhere. Meet us at Boulevard Shopping Mall Kuching to get your candy and spooky smiles ready!



## KUCHING LOVE BOOK ASSOCIATION CHARITY RUN 3.0 DINO TREASURE HUNT

📅 Sun 26 Oct

SPORT

🕒 6:30 AM - 9:30 AM

📍 MBKS

🎟 3KM & 5KM Charity Run

Normal Rate (until 15 Sep)

Cat. A (Tee + Medal + Bib + Bag) - RM50

Cat. B (Tee + Bib + Bag) - RM40

Cat. C (Medal + Bib + Bag) - RM30

👤 Kuching Love Book Association

📞 May +6012 8831972 | Ryan +6016 3879931

A fun-filled family adventure and charity run by the Kuching Love Book Association. Blending the thrill of a treasure hunt with the joy of running, this event strengthens bonds between parents and children through teamwork and exploration. Open to families of all ages, it promises lively outdoor fun and lasting memories. Part of the proceeds support the Sarawak Deaf Community Services Association. Let's run for fun, family, and a meaningful cause together!



## HALLOWEEN KIDS CONTEST 2025

- 📅 Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- 📍 Boulevard Shopping Mall Kuching  
South Atrium, Ground Floor, Mall 2
- 🎫 RM5 per participants
- 👤 Boulevard Shopping Mall Kuching
- 📞 Janice Jeofery +60113 173 6559

LIFESTYLE

Get ready for a spooky splash of creativity at the Halloween Kids Colouring Contest! Children can showcase their artistic skills in two age categories: 7-9 years (Cat A) and 10-12 years (Cat B). Dress to impress for a chance to win the Best Halloween Dress Award! Parents are welcome to join the fun by donning their own Halloween costumes and celebrating alongside their kids. It's a festive day of art, imagination, and family fun perfect for creating unforgettable Halloween memories!



## WOMEN SELF DEFENSE - BY WOMEN, FOR WOMEN

- 📅 Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- 📍 Straight Blast Gym Borneo
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 Straight Blast Gym Borneo & Hornbill  
Grappling Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club
- 📞 Doreen Wong +6012 8018218

SPORT

This beginner-friendly self-defense workshop empowers women with practical skills to stay safe and confident. Learn key techniques from Jiu-Jitsu and stand-up defense, including setting boundaries, managing personal space, escaping grabs, and staying calm under pressure. The session also highlights using your voice to assert yourself and defuse threats. Open to all women, regardless of fitness or experience, the workshop provides a safe, supportive space to build awareness, confidence, and strength. Come as you are & leave feeling prepared, empowered, and ready to stand strong.



## DON'T GET PLAYED: ONLINE SAFETY 101

- 📅 Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- 📍 Haz Creatives Studio (Co-working space)
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 Youth Empowerment Society Stapok (YESS)
- 📞 Melvin Jangga +6017 4268002

WORKSHOP

A fun, beginner-friendly workshop by YESS to explore the fast-evolving world of online scams. Learn about phishing, impersonation, fake links, and real Sarawak case examples. Discover how scammers exploit emotions, spot red flags, and take control of your digital habits. With simple tools, games, live demos, and hands-on activities, you'll build real-world cybersecurity skills. Perfect for youths, students, parents, and digital newcomers. Stay alert, stay informed, and take charge of your online safety with confidence.



## NOISEKRIEG IN KUCHING

- 📅 Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 7:00 PM onwards
- 📍 Purrfect Studio
- 🎫 Early Bird RM40 (until 24 Oct)  
RM50 (At the door)
- 👤 Punkcaroba Entertainment
- 📞 Marvin Gayle +6012 8503250

MUSIC

Get ready for a high-voltage celebration of underground and indie music, fueled by the raw energy of hardcore and punk. Featuring 5 explosive acts The Prim, Serangga, Dance On Your Grave, Schiv, Lois Lane and Torture Of Agony. This electrifying gig delivers an unforgettable night of sound and spirit. It's a vital platform for both rising and established musicians to connect, share, and strengthen the alternative scene. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just curious, expect loud, authentic, no-frills live music at its finest.



**MUSIC FOR HOPE: A VIOLIN & GUITAR FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

- 📅 Tue 28 Oct
- 🕒 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM
- 📍 Auditorium, Old Court House
- 👤 Adult: RM80
- 👤 Students: RM50 (>12 years presenting ID Cards)
- 👤 Kids below 12 years: RM50
- 👤 VIP seat: RM120
- 👤 Philip x Prodigy x YS
- 📞 Sharnaz Saberi +6012 2221105

MUSIC

*Music for Hope* is a heartfelt live concert by violinist Philip Law and guitarist YS Tang, part of their East Malaysia Tour 2025. Blending classical, folk, and popular tunes with light storytelling, the performance offers an evening of beautiful melodies with a meaningful purpose. All proceeds support Hope Place Kuching in aiding local communities. This special fundraising event combines artistic expression with social impact, a night where music uplifts, connects, and inspires. Come and be part of something truly hopeful.



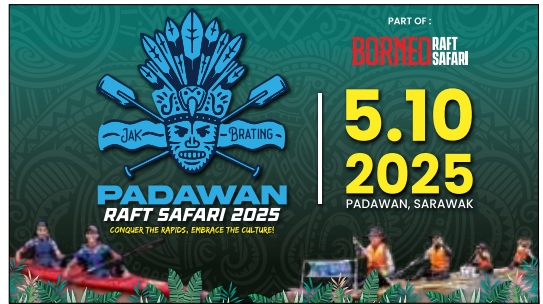
Sharing My Passion Series # 102  
**CLIMBING KUCHING'S FAIRY CAVES**  
by Malcolm Jitam

**SHARING MY PASSION #102 : CLIMBING KUCHING'S FAIRY CAVES**

- 📅 Wed 29 Oct
- 🕒 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
- 📍 AwahCafe @ DBNA
- 👤 FREE
- 👤 WAK Festival
- 📞 WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

TALK

Join seasoned adventurer Malcolm Jitam as he takes you on an exhilarating journey into the vertical world of Fairy Cave, Sarawak's premier rock climbing destination just 45km from Kuching. A pioneer of the sport, Malcolm shares his passion for climbing this iconic limestone crag, home to the legendary Batman Wall and over 28 routes ranging from 6A to 7B+. With tales of grit, growth, and community, this Sharing My Passion session celebrates the evolution of rock climbing in Sarawak through Malcolm's eyes and climbs.



**PADAWAN RAFT SAFARI 2025**

- 📅 Sun 5 Oct
- 🕒 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
- 📍 Dewan Serbaguna Kpg Git, Padawan
- 👤 RM200/team (4-person raft)
- Includes meals & souvenirs
- RM100/team (2-person kayak)
- Includes meals & souvenirs
- Optional: Raft build add-ons & kayak rentals
- 👤 Padawan Municipal Council
- 📞 Grit Event Management +6012 4002890

SPORT

Experience the thrill of the Padawan Raft Safari, a 22-40 km river race along Sungai Sarawak Kiri. Open to 2-person kayak and 4-person raft teams, this eco-tourism event features jungle scenery, rapids, and vibrant local culture. Organized by Padawan Municipal Council with local villages, it promotes community and environmental appreciation. As part of Borneo Raft Safari, this event blends adventure, tradition, and nature into an unforgettable Sarawak river journey.



**FOCY'S BLOOD DONATION EVENT**  
《热血献爱心·携手送温情》

- 📅 Sun 12 Oct & Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 📍 12 October - The Hills
- 26 October - Boulevard Shopping Mall
- 👤 FREE
- 👤 Federation of Chinese Youth Associations (FOCY)
- 📞 Zhe Ming Kong +6010 6688233

WELLNESS

In response to the urgent appeal from Sarawak General Hospital Blood Bank, the Federation of Chinese Youth Associations (FOCY) proudly launches the 《热血献爱心, 携手送温情》 Blood Donation Campaign. As part of its 25th annual drive, this meaningful event aims to boost dwindling blood supplies, save lives, and inspire more young donors to discover the benefits of regular blood donation. Join us, spread the word, and make a difference because every drop of blood is a gift of life.



**ROOTS AND FRUIT CARVING WORKSHOP**

- 📅 Sun 12 Oct WORKSHOP
- 🕒 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 📍 1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 💰 RM20 (inclusive of materials)  
Limited to 20 pax
- 👤 WAK Festival
- ☎ WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Discover the art of turning roots and fruits into intricate designs through traditional food carving. Learn from skilled artisans as they shape natural ingredients into beautiful decorative pieces that celebrate culture and creativity.



**ENGKUDU, AKAR PENAWAR LANDAK AND NATURAL INDIGO DYE WORKSHOP**

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct & Sun 19 Oct WORKSHOP
- 📅 Sat 18 Oct
  - Session 1 : 10:30AM - 12:00PM
  - Session 2 : 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- 📅 Sun 19 Oct
  - Session 3 : 10:30AM - 12:00PM
  - Session 4 : 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- 📍 1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- 💰 RM20 (inclusive of materials)  
Limited to 20 pax
- 👤 WAK Festival
- ☎ WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Discover the traditional art of transforming plain white cloth with natural dyes from roots and plants. Guided by Ejah Jepon & Injan Lekong, you'll learn how to use engkudu (noni) for rich brick-red tones, akar penawar landak for vibrant yellow, and indigo for deep blue. Explore age-old techniques to craft beautiful patterns and unique plant-based shades on fabric.



**TAPESTRY: HARMONISING PERANAKAN CULTURE (AN INTERCULTURAL MUSIC WORKSHOP)**

- 📅 Sat 18 Oct WORKSHOP
- 🕒 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 Telang Usan Hotel
- 💰 RM35
- 👤 WAK Festival x Tapestry
- ☎ WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

"Tapestry: Harmonizing Peranakan Cultures" is a hands-on, interactive workshop designed to introduce participants to the rich and diverse world of Peranakan music. Through a combination of listening sessions, rhythmic exercises, and collaborative music-making, participants will explore the fundamental principles of music from Peranakan cultures. The workshop aims to break down cultural barriers and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation for the Baba/Nyonya language of music.

The workshop will be conducted by Mr. Alvin Tan, Baba Richard Tan, and Ms Saedah Samat-Alkaff.



**AN EVENING WITH BABA G.T. LYE**

- 📅 Sun 19 Oct THEATRE
- 🕒 7:30 PM onwards
- 📍 Old Courthouse
- 💰 RM45 (inclusive of *Makan Kecil*)
- 👤 WAK Festival x Tapestry
- ☎ WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Baba G.T. Lye is a revered figure in Peranakan theatre. Since his first performance in 1984, he has shaped the art form over the decades. Renowned for his iconic matriarch roles, he has acted in, written, and mentored younger actors in over 23 plays. In 2020, he was honoured as a Steward of Singapore's Intangible Cultural Heritage for his lifelong contribution to wayang Peranakan. Enjoy a light-hearted evening of charming short performances culminating in an intimate question-and-answer session with the doyen.



## THE PODIUM AFTER DARK “ENTER IF YOU DARE... OR JUST FOR THE CANDY”

- 📅 Fri 24 Oct - Fri 31 Oct
- 🕒 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 📍 The Podium
- 🎫 FREE
- 👤 Woo Woo Whimsy
- 📞 Jeremy Veno +6012 876 5384

LIFESTYLE

This Halloween, The Podium becomes a haunted haven of spooky fun! Explore our Haunted House, indulge in candy and food stalls, and get creative at our arts and crafts corner. Whether you're here for the screams or the sweets, there's something for everyone. Costumes welcome. Fun guaranteed. Fear optional.

Join us after dark at The Podium - if you dare...



## HAND & SIGN DAY 2025

- 📅 Sun 26 Oct
- 🕒 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 📍 Association of Churches in Sarawak
- 🎫 RM50 per coupon booklet
- 👤 Sarawak Society for the Deaf
- 📞 Genevieve Lim +6017 852 2620  
Ernest Ting +6016 871 6216 (Whatsapp Only)

CULTURE

The objective of this event is to highlight the message “Malaysian Sign Language Unites Us”. By bridging communication between the Deaf community and Friends of the Deaf (FOD), we aim to foster better understanding, connection, and inclusion. We also hope this event will inspire more members of the public to learn and embrace the use of sign language in everyday life.

# OUR WAK CHAMPION

ALVIN WEE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Alvin Wee for championing WAK’s mission with such passion and purpose as our very first WAK Champion.

Born and raised in Kuching and now based in Los Angeles, California, Alvin is a Grammy Award-winning music mixer, recording engineer, and music producer, celebrated for his contributions across film, TV, virtual reality, and video games.

His stellar mixing work can be heard in major productions like Columbia Pictures’ I Know What You Did Last Summer, Hideo Kojima’s Death Stranding 2, Joseph Kahn’s indie film ICK, Zoe Kravitz/MGM’s Blink Twice, Marvel Studios’ She-Hulk: Attorney at Law (2022), Encanto (2021), Top Gun: Maverick (2022), and many more.

Among his many achievements, Alvin’s work on Disney’s Oscar-winning animated feature Encanto stands out. The film received over 15 award nominations, including a Golden Globe nod for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Score. Collaborating with composer Germaine Franco and the Encanto sound team, Alvin earned the prestigious Cinema Audio Society (CAS) Award for Outstanding Sound Mixing.

In 2023, Alvin was named Gamechanger of the Year at the BOH Cameronian Arts Awards, an honour that speaks volumes of his ongoing influence in the industry. Despite his international success, Alvin remains committed to local projects too, including Malaysia Prihatin (2020) for Hari Malaysia and Sarawak Gemilang (2021) for Hari Sarawak.

Check out more of Alvin’s work at [alvinweemusic.com](http://alvinweemusic.com) and follow him on Instagram @weethewalrus.



# OUR WAK CHAMPION

ESME WONG

We are truly honoured to have Esme Wong as our WAK Champion, whose passion and contributions continue to amplify WAK's mission in meaningful and inspiring ways.

Hailing from Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysian classical pianist Esme Wong has captivated global audiences with her musicianship, performing at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall's SongStudio with Renée Fleming, Dresden Kulturpalast, and the Dallas Winspear Opera House.

Honoured by numerous institutions, she has been described by the Dallas Morning News in the USA as an "adept collaborator...with vibrant urgency". At 14, she received her Trinity College of London Licentiate Diploma, and by 16, she was a pianist with the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Esme represented Malaysia as one of only five musicians selected worldwide for a prestigious music scholarship to study at the United World College in Italy under the renowned Trio di Trieste. After recently relocating to Germany from the USA, she won her first audition as Korrepetitorin (Opera Coach) at Landesbühnen Sachsen, joining their musical artistic team.

Esme has worked with prominent musicians, including Graham Johnson, Martin Katz, and Jake Heggie. She has also served as Assistant Conductor with Red River Lyric Opera and Music Director for Nashville Opera's Mary Ragland Emerging Artist Program. Esme holds a Master of Music from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Arts from Luther College, and she currently based in Dresden, Germany. Check out more on Esme at [www.esmewongpiano.com](http://www.esmewongpiano.com)



## WAK OFF SEASON Celebrating Cultures

The WAK Festival platform proudly welcomed six cultural practitioners from the Païwan indigenous community of Taiwan to Kuching from 21 - 24 July 2025 as a WAK off season event. Their visit offered an immersive exchange rooted in memory, community and shared heritage.

Event partners and audiences were treated to evocative musical showcases, masterful craftsmanship, and emotionally resonant performances that highlighted the Païwan people's deep connection to their ancestral traditions.

More than just a cultural presentation, the visit served as a powerful reminder that art and heritage continue to be vital threads uniting diverse communities across borders.





## WAK SibU 2025: Igniting New Sparks of Creativity

Building on the success of its inaugural edition, WAK SibU 2025 elevated Sarawak’s central region with bold new expressions of arts and culture. Held at the SibU Heritage Centre, the festival continued to honour local heritage while expanding its creative reach.

This year’s edition featured a vibrant collaborator’s vendors market, which celebrated local artisans and small businesses. Live music at the iconic SibU Night Market turned familiar streets into a rhythmic cultural hub, drawing new crowds.

Festival-goers explored the striking Elements of Nature – Arts & Crafts Exhibition and Fashion Show, the Into the Wild Exhibition, and the award-winning theatre production Emily of Emerald Hill. Canon camera’s ‘Celebrating Malaysia’ Photo Exhibition drew avid photographers, adding another dimension to the diverse programme.

With greater footfall and public interest, WAK SibU 2025 reflects the growing momentum of the WAK movement, inspiring collaboration and championing Sarawak’s vibrant creative community.



## WAK Miri 2025: Igniting Imaginations Together

Staged at the Miri Handicraft Centre, the 2nd WAK Miri Satellite Festival attracted a fresh mix of festival goers recording a significant rise in visitor attendance from Brunei. This vibrant edition brought an exciting and diverse music programme that ranged from heavy metal acts to all-time favourites performed by local and visiting bands, drawing impressive footfall throughout the weekend.

A highlight of the festival, the acclaimed theatre production *Emily of Emerald Hill*, was warmly

received by both local and expatriate Miri residents, earning high praise for its moving performance. The *Elements of Nature* exhibition kept visitors engaged with its thoughtful curation, while the fashion showcase attracted an enthusiastic crowd of fashionistas keen to experience the latest creative energy by some of Sarawak's leading designers.

Across three bustling days, WAK Miri continued to strengthen its reputation as a key cultural celebration for Miri and its neighbouring communities, welcoming new audiences and sparking new connections for Sarawak's growing creative scene.

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**Kampung Semeba: Borneo Cradle's of Origin, Sarawak Delta Geopark**

Did you know that the story of Borneo's origin, dating back 400 million years, can be traced to a quiet location in Kampung Semeba? Today, this area a serene settlement, hosts the geological treasure and a heritage site that takes us back to the time when Borneo was still taking shape, can be observed as a protruding hill near the village entrance.

**Beginning at the Deep-Sea Floor: The Patiently Laid Sediments of Gondwana**

More than 400 million years ago, the area we now call Kampung Semeba, specifically along Stephen Yong Road, was once located at the deep ocean of the ancient Gondwana Supercontinent, near what is now northwestern Australia. Over time, layers of mud and sand accumulated on the seabed, forming rocks that mark the first chapter in Borneo's geological story.

**A Titanic Collision: The Birth of Semeba Schist**

Around 250 million years ago, two massive crustal blocks the Sibumasu Block and Southwest Borneo collided. This tectonic drama, characterized by movement and igneous intrusion, triggered a process known as metamorphism. This process transformed the layered ancient marine sediments into folded patterns before changing them into metamorphic rock, now known as Tuang Schist. The rocks in Semeba are not just ordinary hills with folded patterns; they are living witnesses to the powerful forces that shaped Borneo and Southeast Asia's geological history.

**Sarawak Delta Geopark: A Living Museum of Earth**

Sarawak Delta Geopark is more than just a destination; it is a living museum that tells Earth's story from the folding of crustal plates and the birth of continents to the rich biodiversity we see today. Here, nature and culture coexist in harmony, preserving the past while embracing sustainable development. 400 million years ago.

**Why You Should Visit Kampung Semeba, Stephen Yong Road**

1. See for yourself the ancient rocks that hold Earth's secrets from hundreds of millions of years ago.
2. Learn about Borneo's geology in a way that is engaging and easy to understand.
3. Support local communities, who are now playing a key role in conserving this precious heritage.

Kampung Semeba is more than just educational it is an international significant geological heritage site that tells the story of Borneo's birth. If you want to journey back in time and explore Earth's history, this is where it begins.

Sarawak Delta Geopark: Where Earth Speaks.

By : Geopark Management Unit, Forests Department Sarawak



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## AS A COLLABORATOR

Keep a look out for WAK Call for Proposals in the first quarter of 2026. Follow our social media @wakfestival and website wakfestival.com for the announcement and updates.

## AS A PARTNER & SPONSOR

Come and experience the WAK journey and co-host events with creative communities in October. For more information and to discuss opportunities, please contact us at WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898.

## AS A AMBASSADOR (WAKA)

Everyone could use an extra hand. Affectionately called the WAKAs, these driven and friendly volunteers help WAK foster and engage the festival-goers with the creative community. There are many ways you can help while you meet people and learn things, so if this sounds like you, head on over to wakfestival.com to sign up.



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