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A three week festival of the best in contemporary arts from Southeast Asia including live music, cabaret, theatre, talks, exhibitions and club nights



4 and 5 March, 8pm performance

Ruu Utami's, Saman

Shakuntala, a bisexual dancer, counsels her best friend Leila about losing her virginity. An animated and poetic adaptation of Ayu Utami's successful 1998 novel, which has been likened to the TV series "Sex in the City".

Wed 9 Mar, 7pm performance-lecture

Alfran Sa'at presents: Mengapa ISA? + Optic Trilogy + Asian Boys Vol 1 & 2

One of the brightest sparks of Singapore's literary world, Sa'at explores gender and sexual politics, violence, innocence, ethnicity, and the nature of martyrdom.

Fri 11 and Sat 12 Mar, 6.30pm performance

The Ism Talk Show with Najip Ali

Asia's leading talent show host, singer, choreographer and Asian pop icon Najip Ali brings us TV:ism — an all singing, all dancing live talk show extravaganza.

Fri 11 and Sat 12 Mar, 10pm performance

Orag Queen Galore: A dramatization of Alhan Sa'at's Asian Boys Vol 1

"Top pick for a good night out" Wallpaper*

On a queer tour of Singapore, from gay love in an opium den to anti-war patriots, Agnes, daughter of God, has been sent down to earth to rehabilitate gay men. Starring Kumar, Singapore's foremost drag queen and stand-up comic.

Sun 12 Mar, Spm, in conversation

The Pink Dollar in Singapore, with Alex Au, Alhan Sa'at and Stuart Koe

Leading gay activist Alex Au, playwright Alfian Sa'at and Stuart Koe, founder of Asia largest gay and lesbian media company, discuss the increasing acceptance of the Pink dollar in Singapore, despite homosexuality being illegal.

For full details check out www.ica.org.uk and www.singaporeseason.com



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