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***SCAPE Presents *comma*, -
A Creative Arts Festival that Aims to Inspire, Showcase, and Celebrate Youth in their
Artistic Pursuits**

- *comma*, will feature a wide range of art forms including dance, music, visual and interdisciplinary programmes across one month
- An inaugural festival by *SCAPE, it brings together young creatives from the local burgeoning arts scene through mentorships, incubations, and residencies
- *comma*, will run from 16 December 2022 to 15 January 2023

Singapore, 7 December 2022 - Today, *SCAPE unveiled *comma*, - a creative arts festival that brings together youth through a series of curated programmes focused on music, dance, and visual arts. In a first to bring together young artists from different art disciplines, the festival will feature an array of creatives who have journeyed with *SCAPE over the years through mentorships, incubations, or residencies, underscoring *SCAPE's commitment in supporting local youth. *comma*, will also spotlight interdisciplinary art forms that showcases the collaborative spirit of local youth artists, which is a defining aspect of the local arts scene and a nod to the diversity of talents in Singapore. Spanning a month from 16 December 2022 to 15 January 2023, this inaugural festival celebrates the vibrancy of our local youth and their artistic talents while paying homage to Singapore's budding creative scene.

Aptly titled *comma*, which indicates an unfinished sentence, this festival reflects the fluidity of the arts and never-ending pursuit for excellence among our young creatives. As *SCAPE undergoes a year-long facelift and concept refresh, *comma*, also represents *SCAPE's current transitional stage that is open for youth to play a part in shaping.

"We are extremely excited to unveil *comma*, and unlike past programmes that had a large focus on dance and music, *comma*, will continue to leverage on these areas and further expand into visual arts and multidisciplinary arts. We believe that by not limiting creative art forms being showcased here at *SCAPE, we open up more avenues for the youth of Singapore to express and reflect upon themselves to identify the change they want," said Ivy Lim, Executive Director of *SCAPE.

comma, will feature a myriad of activities ranging from dance showcases, music workshops, visual arts exhibitions, and is expected to receive more than 5000 attendees across the month. Programmes will include both novel and returning events, including crowd-favourite Music Day Out! and my_space, a contemporary residency dance showcase. As

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part of *SCAPE's commitment to encourage greater collaborative opportunities across different youth interests, *comma*, will also see multidisciplinary art forms presented during the festival.

Programmes are organised into four pillars - music, dance, visual and interdisciplinary arts - with respective headline segments below.

Celebrating the growing indie music culture with Music Day Out!

Dedicated to uplifting the local indie music scene, Music Day Out! will see a series of music conferences and workshops featuring a variety of speakers and networking opportunities. Spanning three days from 21 to 23 December, the event aims to support local indie artists by providing them a space to meet creative and cultural entrepreneurs, organisations, and practitioners to expand their knowledge and resources in the music industry. A music showcase will also be happening on the final day of Music Day Out!, which will serve as a platform for independent artists to showcase their craft to a wide audience.

As part of fringe activities, music-lovers can also enjoy a music scoring workshop that features industry veterans, Alex Oh, NohGhani and Teo Wei Yong, who will be sharing techniques, strategies and problem-solving skills in music scoring for a variety of media such as short films and advertisements. These final works will be screened in February 2023 as part of efforts to support local music. More information on the screening will be released in January 2023.

Experimenting with technology through dance choreographies

*SCAPE will present its first dance residency showcase, featuring its 2022 dance residents on 6 and 7 January 2023. Titled *my_space*, it puts together two thought provoking performances, each choreographed by a different *SCAPE dance resident that explores the relationship between humans and the spaces we occupy. This year, residents will also be experimenting and performing with HoloLens technology to give audiences an intriguing look into how technology can be incorporated into dance choreographies.

Between 14 December 2022 to 14 January 2023, youth can also participate in a variety of dance programmes taught by established South Korean street dance instructor Girin Jang, while catching performances and workshops by dance groups K-Pop Dance Off, Roar City Grounds and Lion City Lockers.

Exploring the visual and interdisciplinary arts scene through MOV:MENT and Wallflowers SG

Youths will be able to explore the visual and interdisciplinary arts scene of Singapore through two showcases, MOV:MENT and Wallflowers SG.

Pioneering its first edition, MOV:MENT will feature four incubated dance films from MOV:MENT Lab, a workshop that invited youth filmmakers, choreographers, dance and movement artists to collaborate and create screen-based works that experiments cinematography and somatic movements. As part of the exhibition, selected works from local and international artists will also be showcased. In addition to being one of the highlights for *comma*, is MOV:MENT, will also be part of Singapore Art Week 2023.

Through Wallflowers Somerset, youths can expect to rediscover the everyday lives of Singaporeans in this community art project where participants were invited to translate the hidden sights and sounds of Somerset into art, music, and video creations. The outcome of the community art project will be presented at *comma*, in the format of an exhibition.

comma, is organised by *SCAPE, an organisation that supports the development of Singaporean youth, through empowering them to realise their potential. To find about more or register for *comma*, please visit <https://www.scape.sg/comma/>

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About *SCAPE

*SCAPE Co., Ltd. is a non-profit organisation with its mission and vision rooted in support of youth, talent and leadership development. As the integrated talent and resource hub for young people in Singapore, *SCAPE offers a holistic network of programmes, communities, partners and facilities to support youths in their pursuit of interests and passion areas. Through guidance and facilitation, the youth of today will be inspired and empowered to DREAM IT AND LIVE IT at *SCAPE!

For more information, visit www.scape.sg

ANNEX - comma, Festival Programme Schedule

Venue	Programme
16 December – 18 December 2022	
The Ground Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Dance Intensives (15 – 18 December 2022)
Level 2 Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: REVALations (10 December 2022 – 9 January 2023) • Dance Film Exhibition: MOV:MENT (16 December 2022 – 15 January 2023) • Dance Interest Group Showcase <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. K-Pop All In 2022: Reunion (17 December 2022) • Somerset Film Snaps (16 – 18 December 2022) • MOV:MENT Artist Tour (17 December 2022)
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: LOL – We are all Pieces of Gum (L3, 16 December 2022 – 9 January 2023) • Play: Vertical Lines (Treetop, 15 – 19 December 2022)
19 December – 24 December 2022	
The Ground Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Day Out! Main Stage (23 December 2022)
Level 2 Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: REVALations (10 December 2022 – 9 January 2023) • Dance Film Exhibition: MOV:MENT (16 December 2022 – 15 January 2023) • Music Day Out! 2022 (21 - 23 December 2022)
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: LOL - We are all Pieces of Gum (L3, 16 December 2022 – 9 January 2023) • Lab: Music Scoring for Media Workshop (23 December 2022)
6 January – 15 January 2023	
The Ground Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-studio showcase (14 January)
Level 2 Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: REVALations (10 December 2022 – 9 January 2023) • Dance Film Exhibition: MOV:MENT (16 December 2022 – 15 January 2023) • my_space Dance Residency Performance (6 & 7 January 2023) • Wallflower Somerset Exhibition (7 – 15 January 2023) • Wallflower Somerset Artist Tour & Conference (14 & 15 January 2023) • Home Ground, A Street Dance Showcase (13 – 14 January 2023) • SomerSET by Youth: Pastel Nagomi Art Festival (6 – 15 January 2023) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love Stories Nagomi (6 – 15 January 2023) 2. Love Stories Nagomi Mass Workshop (14 January 2023)
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition: LOL - We are all Pieces of Gum (L3, 16 December 2022 – 9 January 2023)