

UPLIFTING LIGHT PROJECTIONS TO WELCOME 2024 AT THE MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN

Singapore, 21 December 2023 – As the year-end approaches, Singapore's iconic Marina Bay precinct is gearing up to usher in 2024 with a line-up of highly-anticipated programmes and activities, including a brand-new series of inspirational light projections based on artworks created by students from local educational institutions. Presented by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA), the **Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2024** invites everyone to come together to revel in an array of programmes, which also includes dazzling fireworks, exhilarating attractions such as a go-kart arena and winter playground as well as live performances.

Usher in a brighter new year with uplifting light projections

In partnership with local philanthropic organisation The Majurity Trust, the **Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2024** will present **Brightening Lives**, a series of light projection shows on the facades of three iconic Marina Bay landmarks – The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, the Merlion and the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands – from 26 to 31 December. This year, visitors can feast their eyes on 21 original artworks by students from five local educational institutions*. These projections depict stories of hope and empowerment in our community and celebrate the spirit of resilience and care for others.

* The five local educational institutions are LASALLE College of the Arts, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Temasek Polytechnic and Republic Polytechnic.

The students took inspiration from stories of various charities and their beneficiaries shared with them by The Majurity Trust and translated these experiences into poignant artworks spotlighting social issues in Singapore, ranging from mental health of our youth, caring for elderly people who live in isolation to the often-unseen stories of migrant workers.



LASALLE College of the Arts student Veronica Leow May Gwen's artwork highlights the lesser-known struggles and sacrifices of migrant workers in Singapore

One such artwork that will be projected on the façade of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore pays tribute to the role that migrant workers play in contributing to our cityscape. Adapting from a theatre stage design, the artwork depicts construction workers working tirelessly to bring a set to life, much like how migrant workers toil behind the scenes to build our city. As their sacrifices and struggles often go unnoticed, the artwork seeks to acknowledge the hard work they do to better our lives.



Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts student Sri Sukmawati Wijaya's artwork depicts the value of compassion in supporting those with dementia

Over at the Merlion, another heartfelt artwork illustrates the story of an elderly person dealing with dementia, tracing her journey from being alone and struggling to remember the path home to eventually encountering kind strangers who helped her find her way. The artwork illuminates the value of compassion and how community support can minimise challenges brought about by dementia.



Temasek Polytechnic student Shepherdson Cheryl Anne's artwork pays homage to the orchid by drawing parallels with the tenacity of youths dealing with mental health issues

Another poignant artwork to be projected onto the facade of the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands utilises the motifs of orchids, known for their strength and resilience, to draw a parallel with the tenacity of youths who are dealing with mental health issues. The collective beauty of these orchids reflects the student's hope for greater community awareness and understanding of such issues in society.

Catch the ***Brightening Lives*** light projection shows every 15 minutes from **8pm to 10.30pm** from **26 to 30 December**, and from **8pm to 11pm** on **New Year's Eve (31 December)**.

Revel in breathtaking fireworks, exhilarating attractions and exciting performances

Through the months of December and January, soak in the festive atmosphere as Marina Bay comes abuzz with a myriad of delightful activities for all.

This year, the crowd-favourite countdown fireworks on New Year's Eve will be launched from a more central location within the Bay, allowing more spectators from all around to enjoy an immersive viewing experience. Specially choreographed fireworks will set the night aglow across three chapters (at 11.10pm and 11.35pm and culminating in the finale at 12am), telling an uplifting story of reflection and new beginnings as we ring in the new year.

From now till 21 January 2024, fun-seekers can head to ***Ice Magic: Winter Wonderland*** at the Bayfront Event Space, a snow-and-ice-themed playground spanning 3,000 square metres.

Here, they can frolic in snow and indulge in exciting rides such as a merry-go-round on ice, a double-lane ice slide, a 98-metres-long snow slope and a five-lane mini ice slide. At the ***TurboCharged*** arena also located at the Bayfront Event Space, adrenaline junkies can indulge in heart-pounding go-kart races against the iconic Marina Bay skyline from now till 31 December 2023.

Over at Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay, music enthusiasts can immerse themselves in ***Come Together***, a series of free performances by up-and-coming musicians at the DBS Foundation Outdoor Theatre and Esplanade Concourse from now till 31 December 2023. On New Year's Eve, Mediacorp's ***Let's Celebrate 2024*** countdown show will also feature electrifying performances from home-grown and international acts, alongside entertainment options such as a live DJ segment, food and beverages and carnival games.

With a wide variety of experiences lined up, the ***Marina Bay Singapore Countdown 2024*** promises to be an unforgettable celebration where we collectively ring in the new year with hope, joy and excitement.

Public safety remains a priority

For public safety, the number of people entering and leaving key areas around the Bay and its surrounding districts will be regulated on New Year's Eve. These areas will be closed when their capacities reach the planned safety thresholds. Members of the public are also advised to take public transport to Marina Bay, as there will be road closures in the area to facilitate the event. If necessary, certain exits of MRT stations in the Marina Bay area will be closed with visitors diverted to other areas. The public is advised to follow the instructions of police officers, auxiliary police officers and security officers on site.

The public is also reminded not to engage in activities that may compromise the safety of others or interfere with the event. This includes flying of unmanned aircraft, including drones, around Marina Bay. They are also advised not to cycle in the vicinity of Marina Bay as the area will be congested.

The public can refer to the [Marina Bay Singapore Instagram](#) account, [Marina Bay Singapore Facebook](#) page and [Crowd@MarinaBay map](#) for timely updates on the crowd situation on New Year's Eve and plan their routes and activities accordingly.

Refer to Annex A for a map of programmes and activities, Annex B for a map of road closures on New Year's Eve and Annex C for more details of the programmes. Visit www.marinabaycountdown.gov.sg for the latest information and updates.

ANNEX A: MAP OF MARINA BAY SINGAPORE COUNTDOWN 2024 PROGRAMMES



ANNEX B: MAP OF ROAD CLOSURES ON 31 DECEMBER 2023



ANNEX C: PROGRAMME DETAILS

Brightening Lives

Venue(s): The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, the Merlion, the ArtScience Museum at Marina Bay Sands

Date: 26 – 31 December 2023

Showtimes*:

- 8pm to 10.30pm (26 – 30 December 2023)
- 8pm to 11pm (31 December 2023)

**Show runs every 15 minutes*

Free admission.

Visit <https://www.marinabaycountdown.gov.sg/brightening-lives/about-brightening-lives> for more details of the artworks.

Ice Magic: Winter Wonderland



Venue: Bayfront Event Space

Date: 9 December 2023 – 21 January 2024

Operating hours:

- **Ice Magic Experience**

10am to 7pm daily (3 Sessions per day)

Session 1: 10am - 12.45pm

Session 2: 1pm - 3.45pm

Session 3: 4pm - 6.45pm

- **Winter Food Village (Free admission)**

10am to 10pm daily*

**Opening hours will be extended to 12am on New Year's Eve*

Ticketing information:

- Tickets available from \$19

Ice Magic: Winter Wonderland, Asia's largest touring pop-up winter playground, returns to Bayfront Event Space from 9 December 2023 to 21 January 2024. The attraction returns bigger and better, with a taller and longer snow slope and dual-lane ice slide for thrill-seekers, as well as family-friendly rides such as a merry-go-round on a snowy landscape. Visitors can also admire majestic ice sculptures, head to the Ice Magic arcade for more games and entertainment or savour winter flavours at food and beverage stalls.

Visit <https://www.sistic.com.sg/events/icemagicsg2023> for more details.

TurboCharged



Venue: Bayfront Event Space

Date: 14 – 31 December 2023

Operating hours:

- **Monday to Thursday**
1pm to 10pm
- **Friday to Sunday and Public Holidays**
10am to 11pm*

**Opening hours will be extended to 1am on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*

Ticketing information:

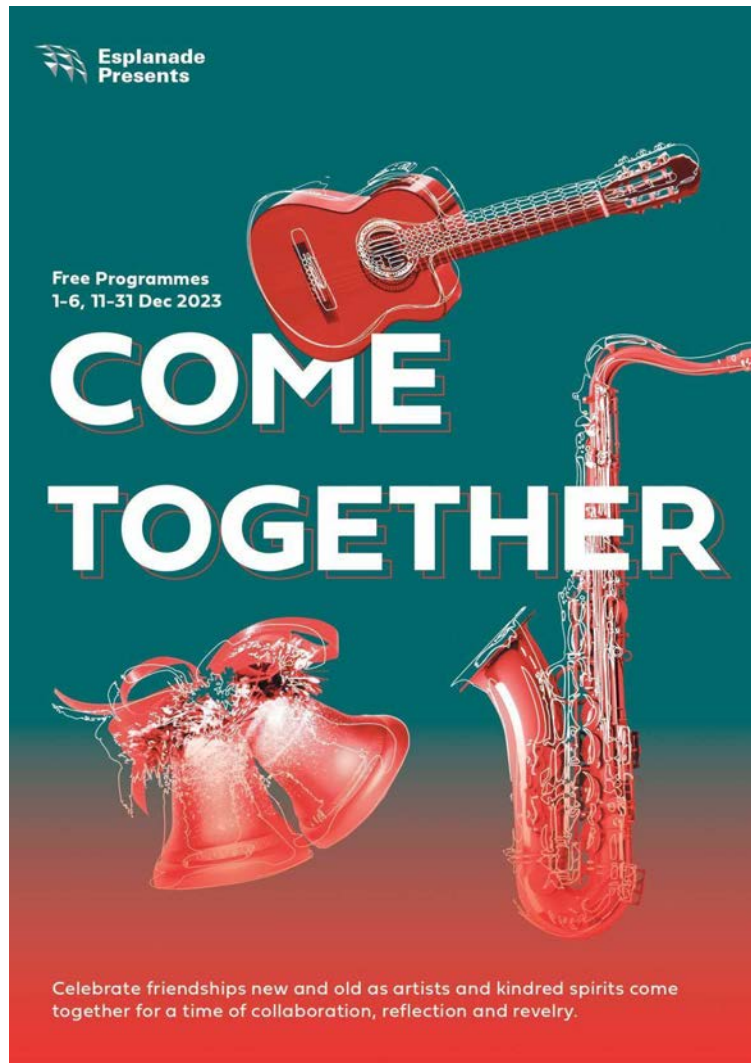
- **Novice (30km/h)** – \$35 for 10mins
- **Advanced (50km/h)** – \$45 for 10mins*

**Valid driving license required*

Gear up for an electrifying holiday celebration like never before at the ***TurboCharged*** Go-Kart Arena, presented by KF1, the proud host of Singapore's largest go-kart circuit. From 14 to 31 December, adrenaline junkies are invited to challenge your friends or fellow thrill-seekers to heart-pounding races against the stunning backdrop of the iconic Marina Bay skyline.

Visit <https://kf1karting.com/> for more details.

Come Together



Venue: Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay

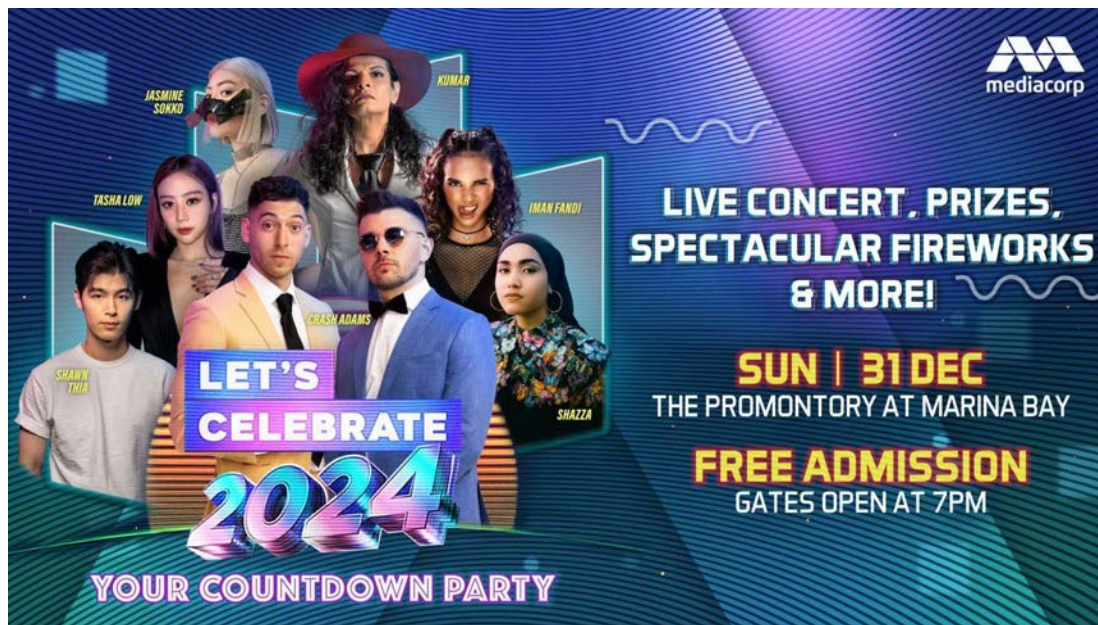
Date: 1 – 31 December 2023

Time: Various

Ticketing information: Free admission

Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay presents ***Come Together***, a series of free music performances at the DBS Foundation Outdoor Theatre and Esplanade Concourse throughout December. Visit <https://bit.ly/esplanadecometogether> for the full line-up of performances.

Let's Celebrate 2024



Venue: The Promontory at Marina Bay

Date: 31 December 2023

Time: Gates open at 7pm

Ticketing information: Free admission

Soak in the festive atmosphere at The Promontory with Mediacorp's annual countdown concert, ***Let's Celebrate 2024*** on New Year's Eve. Themed "Hit Parade", this year's edition features an exciting line-up of performances from home-grown and international artists including Crash Adams, Kumar, Jasmine Sokko, Iman Fandi, Tasha Low, Shazza, Shawn Thia and many more. There will also be other leisure and entertainment options including a live DJ segment, delectable food and beverages and carnival games where attractive prizes can be won.

The countdown concert can also be viewed on [mewatch](#), [Mediacorp Entertainment YouTube Channel](#) and Channel 5 from 10pm on 31 December 2023.

Visit <https://www.mediacorp.sg/letscelebrate> for more details.