



## SAM Art Carnival 2026: Free Admission Day at Singapore Art Museum's 30th Anniversary

### Description

Singapore Art Museum (SAM) is marking its **30th anniversary** with a jam-packed July and August lineup and the centrepiece is a free-admission **SAM Art Carnival on 25 July 2026**. Whether you're a regular at the galleries or haven't visited SAM in years, there's never been a better time to drop by.



The galleries at SAM are currently home to *Talking Objects* and *The Living Room*, both closing 2 August. Image: Singapore Art Museum

## SAM Art Carnival is Free Admission on 25 July 2026

The annual **SAM Art Carnival** returns on **Saturday, 25 July 2026**, offering free admission to Singapore Art Museum for the day. Expect a festive weekend of hands-on art-making activities, live performances, and special giveaways – all completely free. The Carnival is the museum’s signature community event, and celebrating its 30th year means this edition is particularly special.



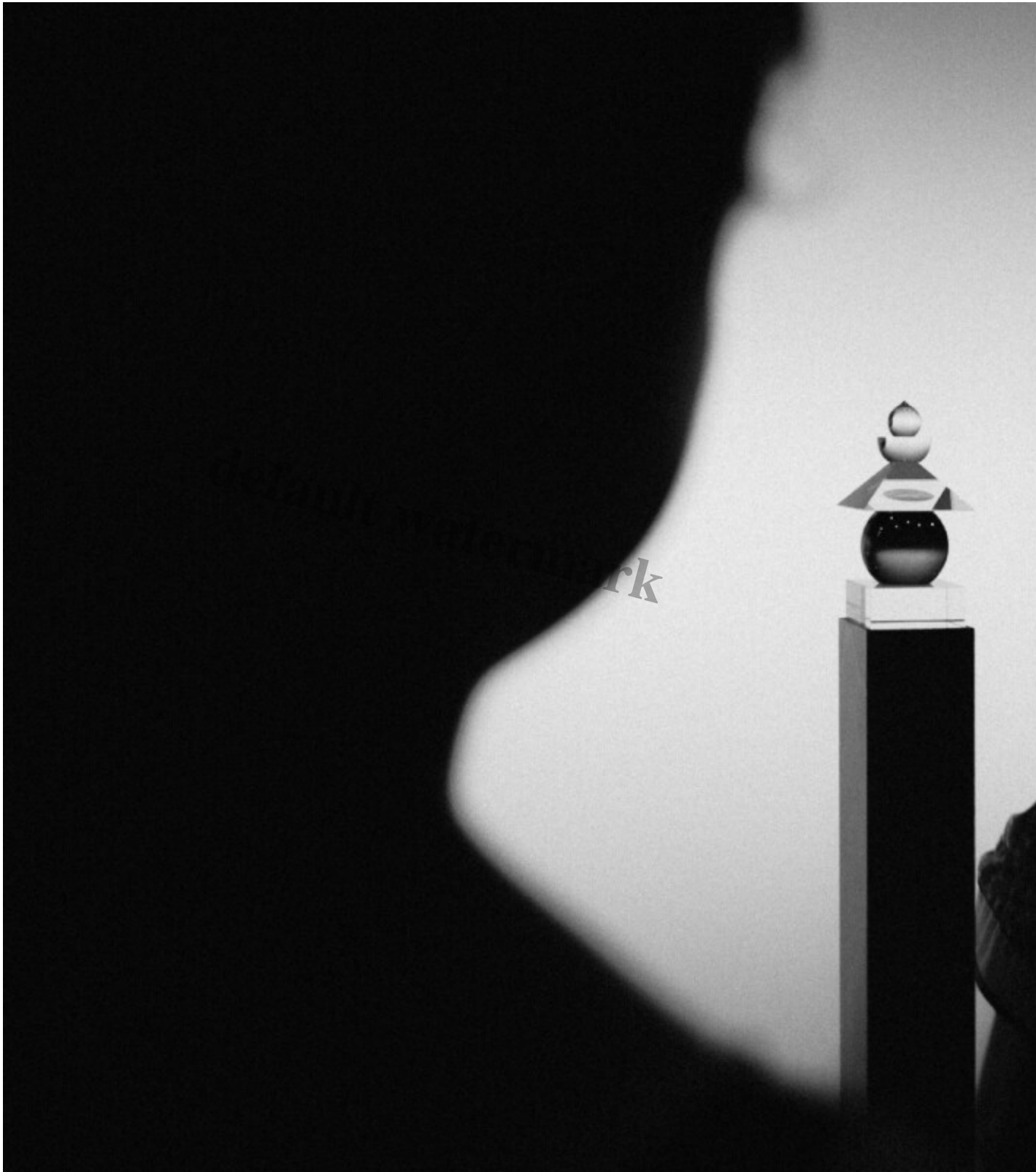
SAM publications and activity materials are the kind of things you can expect at the Carnival. Image: Singapore Art Museum

On the same day, catch curator tours, artist talks and live performances across three current exhibitions: [Hiroshi Sugimoto: Form Is Emptiness](#), *Talking Objects*, and *The Living Room*. Note that *Talking Objects* and *The Living Room* both close on **2 August**, so 25 July is among your last chances to catch them.

## Hiroshi Sugimoto: Form Is Emptiness (Until 4 October 2026)

If you haven't yet seen [Hiroshi Sugimoto: Form Is Emptiness](#) the legendary Japanese photographer's major solo exhibition at SAM make the SAM Art Carnival your occasion. The exhibition runs until **4 October 2026**, and it's the kind of quietly arresting show that rewards a slow, unhurried visit.

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*Hiroshi Sugimoto: Form Is Emptiness* at SAM on until 4 October 2026. Image: Singapore Art Museum

## Momentary Pulses: Moving Encounters in the CBD (Until 19 July)

Act quickly on this one â?? **Momentary Pulses: Moving Encounters** wraps up on **19 July 2026**. Part of SAMâ??s broader [Momentary Pulses: Art in the Central Business District](#) initiative, this series of guided walks, performances and conversations takes participants through Singaporeâ??s CBD, exploring themes of movement, memory and embodied encounters in unexpected urban spaces.

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A guided walk through the CBD as part of *Momentary Pulses: Moving Encounters*. Image:  
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Performances spill into the streets as part of *Momentary Pulses*. Image: Singapore Art Museum

## Two Who Remember the Sea at Wessex Estate 18 July

On **18 July 2026**, SAM presents a special evening programme at Wessex Estate featuring artists **Apichatpong Weerasethakul** and **Guo-Liang Tan** a new way to experience their Singapore Biennale commission, *Two Who Remember the Sea*. The Wessex Estate setting adds an evocative, atmospheric quality to this one-night event.

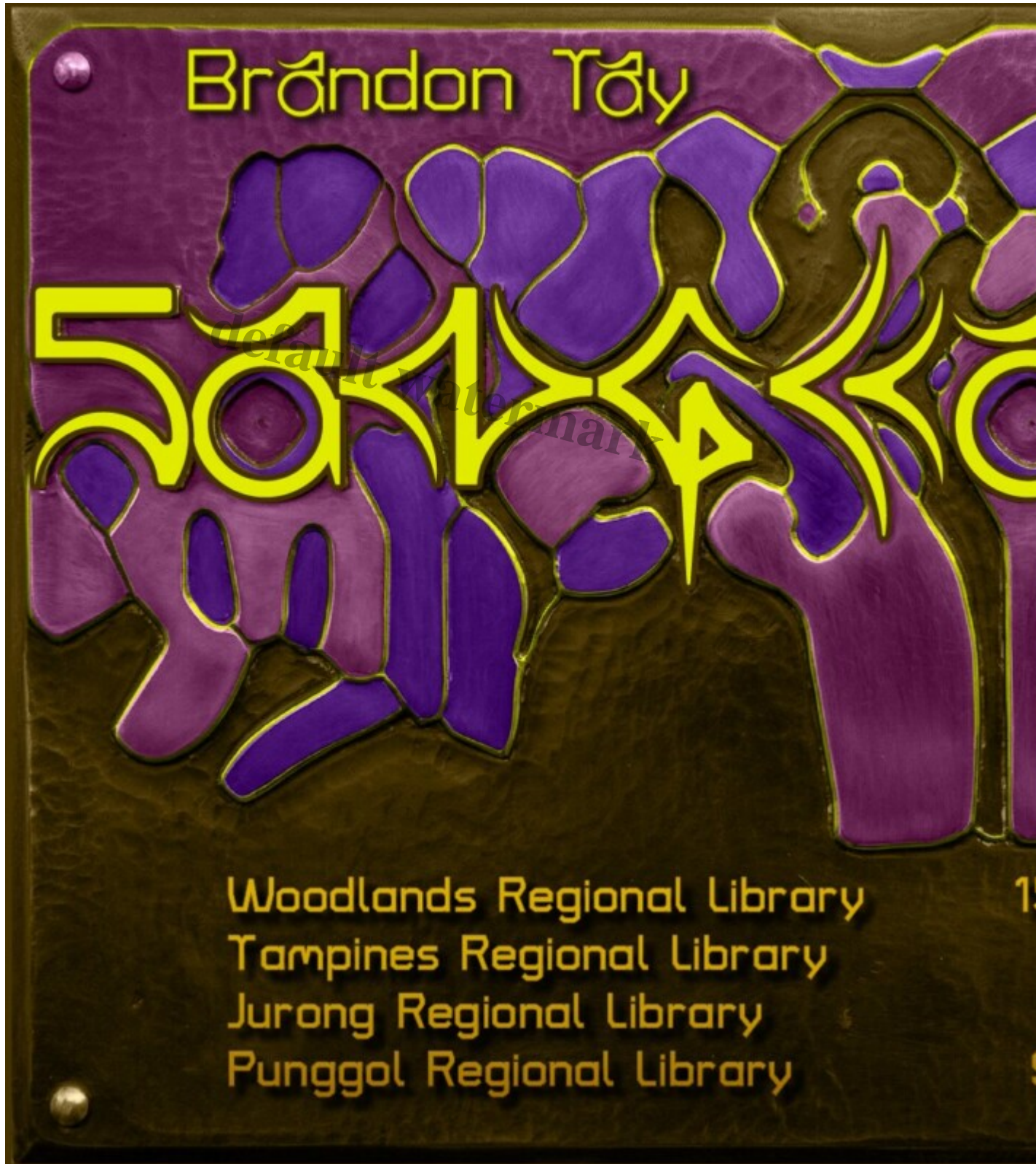
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*Two Who Remember the Sea* - an evening programme at Wessex Estate on 18 July.  
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## Brandon Tay: Sangkalan at Regional Libraries

[Brandon Tay: Sangkalan](#) continues its journey through Singapore's regional libraries. Currently at **Tampines Regional Library** until 19 July, the travelling exhibition moves to **Jurong Regional Library** from 22 July to 6 September. A playful and quietly profound piece worth seeking out at whichever library is nearest you.



*Brandon Tay: Sangkalan* moves to Jurong Regional Library from 22 July. Image: Singapore Art Museum

## Also Coming Up: Maria Taniguchi: Afterimage (Opens 24 July)

If you're planning your visit around the SAM Art Carnival on 25 July, you'll also be there for the opening weekend of [Maria Taniguchi: Afterimage](#), which opens the day before on **24 July**. This first Singapore museum show dedicated to the acclaimed Filipino artist features her iconic brick paintings, sculptural works and video installations. Perfect timing for a full SAM day.

SAM is located at 39 Armenian Street and 71 Bras Basah Road, Singapore. Admission to the galleries is \$20 for adults, with free admission on 25 July for the Art Carnival. Check [singaporeartmuseum.sg](http://singaporeartmuseum.sg) for updated programme details and ticketing.

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