

SAM Talking Objects: Collection Gallery Guide For Everyday Art

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Talking Objects at Singapore Art Museum is useful for visitors who want contemporary art that starts from familiar materials rather than distant theory. SAM lists the exhibition at Level 3, Gallery 4, SAM at Tanjong Pagar Distripark, with hours from 10am to 7pm.

The official page says the exhibition examines the meanings that everyday objects and representations gather through use and circulation. That is a good way to approach the show: look first at what the object is, then ask what histories, emotions or social meanings the artist has attached to it.

What The Exhibition Covers

SAM says Talking Objects draws primarily from its collection and encourages visitors to find new ways of seeing, thinking and making meaning. It is presented in parallel with The Living Room, giving the Collection Gallery a broader conversation about how art is encountered and carried through time.

The listed artists include Christine Ay Tjoe, Simryn Gill, Subodh Gupta, Nilo Ilarde, Myat Kyawt, Nguyen Huy An, Sim Chi Yin, Gerardo Tan and Suzann Victor. That range gives the exhibition a regional and international spread without losing the everyday-object anchor.

- Dates listed: 12 September 2025 to 2 August 2026.
- Hours: 10am to 7pm.
- Venue: Level 3, Gallery 4.
- Admission: general admission, free for Singaporeans and PRs.



SAMâ??s official Talking Objects page shows Subodh Guptaâ??s Hungry God.

How To Look

Start with material and scale. Stainless steel, found objects, video, text and domestic items can feel ordinary until the artist changes the setting or the relationship between viewer and object.

This is also a good exhibition for repeat museum visitors who want something less event-like than a blockbuster show. The reward is in slower attention, not rushing from one photo stop to the next.

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SAMâ??s official Talking Objects page shows Suzann Victorâ??s artwork highlight.

Planning Notes

If you are visiting with someone new to contemporary art, pair Talking Objects with Learning Gallery on Level 1. The two shows offer different entry points: one childlike and exploratory, the other more collection-based and interpretive.

Read the official SAM Talking Objects page. More museum guides are in our Things To Do section.

Location Notes

- SAM at Tanjong Pagar Distripark

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