



Singapore Night Festival 2026: Myths and Legends in Bras Basah

Description

The city's biggest after-dark celebration is back. **Singapore Night Festival (SNF) 2026** returns for its 17th edition from **21 August to 5 September 2026**, turning the Bras Basah.Bugis precinct into a mythical district where, as this year's theme promises, legends unfold. Expect facade projections, larger-than-life performances and installations spread across the museums, lanes and lawns of the neighbourhood.



A facade projection transforms the precinct after dark. Image: National Heritage Board / Singapore Night Festival

Theme: Myths and Legends

Themed *Myths and Legends*, SNF 2026 leans into the storytelling traditions of Singapore and the wider region, inviting visitors to rediscover old tales in new light. The festival threads folklore through its artworks and performances, so a stroll through Bras Basah Bugis doubles as a walk through the stories that shaped the region.

What to look out for



Birdmen by Close-Act Theatre makes its Southeast Asian debut. Image: National Heritage Board / Singapore Night Festival

A few highlights are already worth pencilling in. **Tales of Earth and Sea** is a striking facade projection at the National Museum of Singapore by Indonesian collective The Fox, The Folks. The inaugural **MALAM Projection Mapping Competition** puts Southeast Asian artists, students and collectives on

the big canvas. And for opening weekend, Dutch group **Close-Act Theatre** brings **Birdmen**, their fantastical, pterodactyl-like stilt creatures, to Singapore for their Southeast Asian debut.



Visitors gather around one of the festival's glowing installations. Image: National Heritage Board / Singapore Night Festival

Fans of a good scare can also head to **Horror Nights @ Oldham Theatre**, a film-led strand within the festival, while light-based installations dot the precinct for those who prefer a gentler wander. It is the kind of line-up that rewards both the planner and the free-and-easy explorer.

Plan your night



Light-based artworks are scattered across the Bras Basah.Bugis precinct. Image: National Heritage Board / Singapore Night Festival

The festival is centred on the **Bras Basah.Bugis precinct**, an easy walk from Bras Basah, Bencoolen and City Hall MRT stations. Evenings draw the biggest crowds, especially over the opening weekend, so comfortable shoes, a water bottle and a portable fan will serve you well. Most of the outdoor artworks are free to enjoy; check the official festival site for the full programme and any ticketed experiences closer to the dates.

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