

The Living Room At SAM Turns Performance Art Into A Long-Running Gallery Encounter

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The Living Room is running at Singapore Art Museum at Tanjong Pagar Distripark until 2 August 2026, giving visitors a longer runway to catch an exhibition centred on performance-based practices. It is located at Level 3, Gallery 4.

For readers tracking Singapore exhibitions and weekend plans, the practical hook is that SAM lists general admission as free for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents.

What The Exhibition Covers

The exhibition looks at performance, documentation and what remains after a live act has ended. SAM frames the show around performance-based practices and their afterlives, drawing attention to how museums collect, display and reactivate works that may not have started as static objects.



The Living Room gallery visual. Image: Singapore Art Museum.

Visitor Basics

- Dates: 12 September 2025 to 2 August 2026.
- Hours: 10am to 7pm.
- Venue: Level 3, Gallery 4, SAM at Tanjong Pagar Distripark.
- Admission: General admission is free for Singaporeans and Permanent Residents.
- Best paired with other Tanjong Pagar Distripark exhibitions if you are making a dedicated art trip.


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Artwork highlight from The Living Room. Image: Singapore Art Museum.

Why It Is Worth A Look

The show is a good fit for visitors who want more than wall text and framed works. Because the subject is performance and its traces, expect a slower exhibition rhythm that rewards reading labels, watching moving-image elements and thinking about how an artwork lives beyond the original moment.

How To Read The Show

Performance art can feel abstract when the original action is no longer happening, so enter the gallery expecting traces rather than a single obvious centrepiece. Look for video, records, objects, scores or installations that show how a performance can be remembered and restaged. The exhibition is also a useful way to understand why museums collect more than paintings and sculptures. For a fuller visit, give yourself enough time to move slowly through the room, then compare it with other SAM exhibitions at Tanjong Pagar Distripark.

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This makes the show especially useful for visitors who want to understand how contemporary art can hold time, memory and movement inside a gallery format.

Location Notes

- Singapore Art Museum at Tanjong Pagar Distripark

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