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From Pop Art to Pop Culture: National Gallery Singapore unveils ‘BTS THE CITY ARIRANG SINGAPORE’ experiences this December

From an exclusive art trail to an after-hours rave, discover where art, music, and pop culture converge at the Gallery.



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SINGAPORE, 10 November 2026 – This December, National Gallery Singapore turns up the volume on art and popular culture with ‘**BTS THE CITY ARIRANG SINGAPORE’**, presenting an exciting line-up of experiences alongside its blockbuster exhibition, *Pop after Pop: Art around Us*. From an art trail pairing iconic artworks with songs from BTS' latest album, *ARIRANG,* and specially curated guided tours, to an electrifying after-hours rave, interactive installations, and themed dining experiences, visitors can look forward to a vibrant celebration of art, music, and creativity from 11 to 31 December 2026.

Bringing together two worlds that have shaped popular culture across generations, the collaboration invites visitors to discover intersections between visual art and contemporary music.

Set against the backdrop of the Gallery's iconic architecture, ‘**BTS THE CITY ARIRANG SINGAPORE’** at National Gallery Singapore offers fans and visitors a distinctive opportunity to engage with the museum beyond its galleries. Journey through Southeast Asian and international artworks, dance beneath the soaring ceilings of the historic Singapore Courtyard, and contribute personal reflections to a collective installation. Together, these

experiences transform the Gallery into a vibrant cultural playground where art, music, and community come together, welcoming both longtime museumgoers and first-time visitors alike.

Pop Into the Gallery with ‘BTS THE CITY ARIRANG’

Step into the world of ‘BTS THE CITY ARIRANG’ at National Gallery Singapore, where art, music and shared experiences come together across the Gallery's historic spaces. Begin your journey with the specially curated ***Pop after Pop | BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Art Trail***, which pairs 14 artworks from *Pop after Pop: Art around Us* with songs from BTS' latest album, *ARIRANG*. Available as both guided and self-guided experiences, the trail features artworks by renowned artists such as David Hockney and Apinan Poshyananda. Visitors will uncover stories behind the artworks and listen to accompanying tracks, before capturing memories at the Gallery Photozone across the Gallery. Visitors who purchase a guided Art Trail ticket will have the exclusive opportunity to purchase a BTS THE CITY ARIRANG | National Gallery Singapore Bandana. Available to the first 100 visitors only, each visitor may purchase up to one item while stocks last.

For those looking to turn up the energy, the Gallery's iconic Singapore Courtyard will transform into a vibrant after-hours dance floor on 18 and 19 December, with the **BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Gallery Rave** bringing fans together for two nights of BTS-inspired remix sets, immersive lighting, and projections. Visitors who purchase a BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Gallery Rave ticket will have the exclusive opportunity to purchase a BTS THE CITY ARIRANG | National Gallery Singapore water bottle. Available to the first 500 visitors only, each visitor may purchase up to one item while stocks last. With *Pop after Pop: Art around Us* also open late on both evenings, visitors can experience the Gallery in an entirely different light.

Fans can also look forward to the **BTS POP-UP: ARIRANG**, the flagship pop-up in Singapore, taking place at the Gallery's Supreme Court Terrace from 4 to 31 December 2026. Featuring official concert merchandise and immersive visual displays, the pop-up offers another way to engage with the world of ARIRANG.

Visitors can also enjoy specially curated ‘BTS THE CITY ARIRANG’-inspired menus, drinks, and treats at participating Gallery dining establishments, including Bakery Brera, Rempapa, and Milli – Sky Dining, Bar & Lounge. Throughout the Gallery, dedicated photobooths called

Gallery Photobooth and photo spots will offer plenty of opportunities to capture memorable moments and complete the 'BTS THE CITY ARIRANG' experience.

Tickets will go on sale on 17 November 2026 at nationalgallery.sg/BTSTHECITYARIRANG. More information on 'BTS THE CITY ARIRANG' at National Gallery Singapore can be found in the annex, and more information on *Pop after Pop: Art around Us* can be found here.

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About National Gallery Singapore

National Gallery Singapore is a leading visual arts institution and the largest modern and contemporary art museum in Southeast Asia. Dedicated to making art accessible to all, the Gallery engages audiences of all ages through its exhibitions, educational programmes, and public festivals.

Home to the world's largest public collection of Singapore and Southeast Asian art, the Gallery is redefining the region's art history through pioneering research, strategic acquisitions, and thoughtfully curated exhibitions. By offering new perspectives, it recontextualises the region's artistic contributions within global narratives.

Located in the heart of the Civic District, the Gallery is housed in two national monuments – the City Hall and former Supreme Court – making it an iconic cultural landmark where architectural grandeur meets deep historical significance.

A vibrant cultural destination, the Gallery has been ranked among Asia's Top 10 most visited museums by The Art Newspaper since 2019. It has also received accolades at the

Singapore Tourism Awards, including “Best Leisure Event” for Light to Night Festival 2020 and “Outstanding Leisure Event” for Gallery Children's Biennale 2021.

As a registered Charity and an Institute of Public Character, the Gallery relies on public support to expand its collection, advance research, and bring art to more people, shaping cultural discourse and inspiring creativity for generations to come.

Annex: BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Experiences at National Gallery Singapore

Programme	Details
Pop after Pop | BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Art Trail *Self-guided and guided options available* **Ticket Prices:** Self-Guided Art Trail: $25 (Singaporeans & PRs) | $35 (Tourists) Guided Art Trail: $35 (Singaporeans & PRs) | $45 (Tourists) Inclusive of All Access admission to the Gallery *10% off Guided Trail Packages with Visa cards* **Venues:** City Hall Wing, Level 3, Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery 1 & 2, Special Exhibition Gallery 3, and City Hall Chamber City Hall Wing, Level B1, Ngee Ann Kongsi Concourse Gallery Supreme Court Wing, Level 1, Supreme Court Foyer	An exhibition-wide art trail weaving together Pop Art and the spirit of Arirang. Visitors explore selected artworks paired with songs from the album, Arirang, complemented by a session at the Gallery Photobooth. A limited quantity of BTS THE CITY ARIRANG | National Gallery Singapore bandanas will also be available for the first 100 visitors who purchase a ticket for the guided art trail. Limited to purchase of 1 bandana per participant. While stocks last. The self-guided art trail takes place from 11 to 31 Dec from 10am to 7pm. Guided tours will be available on selected dates from 11 to 20 December 2026. **Weekends** ● 12 & 13 December: 10.30am – 11.30am ● 19 & 20 December: 10.30am – 11.30am and 4.30pm – 5.30pm **Weekdays** ● 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 December: 3pm – 4pm

BTS THE CITY ARIRANG Gallery Rave **Session 1:** 18 Dec, 8pm – 11pm **Session 2:** 19 Dec, 8pm – 11pm (Registration starts at 6pm) **Ticket Prices:** $78 per person Inclusive of 1-year Gallery Insider membership *10% off with Visa cards, exclusive to the first 50 Visa cardholders per rave* **Venue:** City Hall Wing, Level 2, Singapore Courtyard	A high-energy after-hours celebration bringing fans together through BTS THE CITY ARIRANG-inspired remix sets, immersive lighting, and projection visuals at Singapore Courtyard. A ticket to the Gallery rave also includes a session at the Gallery Photobooth, 1-year Gallery Insider membership, and water. A limited quantity of BTS THE CITY ARIRANG | National Gallery Singapore water bottle will also be available for the first 500 visitors who purchase a ticket for the rave. Limited to purchase of 1 bandana per participant. While stocks last.
BTS POP-UP: ARIRANG **Venue:** Supreme Court Wing, Level 4M, Supreme Court Terrace Registration required	A dedicated retail destination where fans can discover and shop a curated selection of official merchandise in an immersive pop-up environment. Designed as an extension of the world tour experience, the pop-up brings together merchandise, visual displays, and photo-worthy moments within a dedicated retail space.

F&B Promotions at National Gallery Singapore **Venues:** Bakery Brera, Level 1, City Hall Wing, National Gallery Singapore Rempapa, Level 1, Supreme Court Wing, National Gallery Singapore Milli – Sky Dining, Bar & Lounge, Levels 5 and 6, City Hall Wing, National Gallery Singapore	A curated selection of BTS THE CITY ARIRANG-inspired menus and partner collaborations, from signature cocktails and pastries to comforting dishes and special dining offers.