

19 April 2006

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 19 April 2006 23:22
Subject: SAS Welcome Letter and Our Constitution

Dear Founder Members,

Storytelling Association (Singapore)
52 Bayshore Rd #10-01, Singapore 469978

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!

On behalf of the Storytelling Association (Singapore), welcome to our newly-formed organisation. Your membership means a great deal to us, as we need support to raise the awareness and profile of both the oral tradition of storytelling and of storytellers in Singapore.

In return we hope to offer a variety of programmes which you will find both entertaining and useful. The first event is a matinee performance at the Asian Civilisations Museum in May to launch the Association. Details will follow via e-mail. You can also find more information at our website www.storytellingsingapore.com

Let me introduce to you members of the pro tem committee:

President	Kiran Shah
Vice President	Chuah Ai Lin
Treasurer	Roger Jenkins
Asst treasurer	Panna Kantilal
Secretary	Kamini Ramachandran
Asst secretary	Dolly Leow
Membership secretary	Jessie Goh
Committee members	Sheila Wee Rosemarie Somaiah Verena Tay Mabel Lee

The Constitution is attached with this letter, while the membership receipt will be sent to you shortly.

Regards
Jessie Goh
Membership Secretary
Storytelling Association (Singapore)
Email: jessgoh77@yahoo.com

14 June 2006

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 14 June 2006 22:37
Subject: Storytelling Association (S'pore) June e-newsletter

June 15th 2006

Dear members of SAS

After our launch on May 14th, several committee members went on holiday. Sheila and Kiran went to Scotland for a storytelling gathering on the Isle of Skye and also performed in primary schools there in May. Sheila is still in UK and will be a featured teller in Bristol on June 21st.

The Association's next project is helping the National Book Development Council of Singapore (NBDCS) with the Singapore International Storytelling Festival coming up in August. Several events are taking place and some are listed below. If you are an aspiring storyteller, the Congress will give you the chance to be with international tellers, attend workshops and learn new techniques. If you are

content to be part of an audience, then there are 2 performances that you can catch: *Sayang Singapore* and the Showcase.

Here are the details:

1. SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL 2006 (30 August - 9 September 2006)
2. Asian Congress of Storytellers (30 - 31 August 2006)
3. Storytellers' Showcase (1, 2, 3 & 4 September 2006)

FURTHER INFORMATION

All programmes are ticketed. Tickets will be on sale from June 2006. Reservations are welcome. Please call the Book Council (Tel: 6 8488 290; Fax: 6 7429 466) or visit it's webpage at <http://www.bookcouncil.sg/isf.htm> for festival information, enquiries and ticket reservations.

Other storytelling events that some of our members are involved in outside of the association are listed below:

On Sunday 18 June, there will be a free half-hour storytelling session called Asian Tales from 3 - 3.30pm, at the foyer, Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place. By Kiran.

The other free storytelling session will be on 25th June at West Coast Park from 5.30 - 6.30pm. Look for the white tent near MacDonalds, Carpark 3. This is organised by National Parks Board. Roger, Kiran and Panna are the 3 tellers.

JUNE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

A storytelling workshop called Storytelling Fun for children between the ages of 4-12 yrs of age on Sat 17th June from 2 - 3.15pm at the Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place. \$16.00 per participant. Conducted by Rosemarie Somaiah. Please contact the museum for registration. Tel: 6332 3284. Email: nhb_acm@nhb.gov.sg. Website; www.nhb.gov.sg/acm.

STORYTELLING ON RADIO

Date: every Monday, between 4 - 5pm

Frequency: 91.3fm WKRZ 'Siesta Fiesta' with Marilyn Lee

Event: Kamini usually tells 2 stories 'live' on air and chats about the local storytelling scene and upcoming events.

LITERATI!

Date: Sunday June 18th 2006, 2pm

Venue: Books Actually, 125A Telok Ayer Street

Bookings: Terrence 9181 3142

Note: for adults only*

Visit: <http://www.platformthelabel.blogspot.com>; www.booksactually.com

We hope to see you at any one of these events.

Kiran Shah, President, Storytelling Association (Singapore)

12 July 2006

From: Jessie Goh

Sent: 12 July 2006 17:15

Subject: Storytelling Association (Singapore) July e-newsletter

July 12th 2006

Dear SAS Members.

We have a new logo. Do check it out on our website: www.storytellingsingapore.com.

Meaning of Symbol

The three waves represent stories and storytelling, sound waves, and the rhythms of life. The waves emerge from a common source i.e. the wealth of human experience. Just as experiences are shared, spread, and passed on, so the waves ripple outwards.

Meaning of Colours

The three colours represent the diversity of cultures and traditions from which Storytellers source Stories. Red is also the colour of Life, and the colour of the "Little Red Dot" i.e. Singapore.

We have also featured stories for you to enjoy on the website. Click on Resources.

For the very first time, 3 of our tellers are collaborating with a wayang kulit master to do a narration in English. This will be performed with full musical accompaniment at NAFA's Lee Foundation Theatre on Wed July 26th at 7:30p.m. Tickets (\$8) sold at the door.

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL 2006 (30 August – 9 September 2006)

1. *Sayang* Singapore (11 – 13 August) –stories dedicated to Singapore.
2. Asian Congress of Storytellers (30 - 31 August 2006)
3. Storytellers' Showcase (1, 2, 3 & 4 September 2006) –featuring local and international tellers.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All programmes are ticketed. Tickets will be on sale from June 2006. Reservations are welcome. Please call the Book Council (Tel: 68488290; Fax: 67429466) or visit its webpage at <http://www.bookcouncil.sg/isf.htm> for festival information, enquiries and ticket reservations.

Other storytelling events that some of our members are involved in outside of the association are listed below:

In conjunction with the soft launch of Lakeshore Condominium, Far East Organisation is hosting a storytelling session by Chuah Ai Lin on Saturday July 29th from 3-3:30pm at lakeshore sales gallery, along Boon lay Way, opp Lakeshore MRT. FREE. RSVP by 28 July 2006 to reserve seats. Walk-ins are welcome, but seating is limited. MS <name>, <no. of pax>, <Story> to 94529995. Email: vincenttan@fareast.com.sg

Talespin presents *From Womb to Tomb: Stories from the Circle of Life*, a storytelling performance by 8 tellers for ages 16 and above on Sat July 29th and Sunday 30th at 8pm at the Substation, Armenian St. Booking required. kiran.gdbooks@pacific.net.sg. \$10 minimum donation appreciated.

FREE half hour storytelling session on Asian Tales at the Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place on Sunday August 6th at 3p.m. by Sheila Wee.

Enjoy a fun-filled month and more of stories, all the way up to Sept 4th!

Kiran Shah
President, SAS
kiran.gdbooks@pacific.net.sg

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 12 July 2006 21:13
Subject: SAS July e-newsletter

Dear Members,

Please note that the MRT station is **Lakeside MRT** and not Lakeshore. Sorry for the error.

Jessie Goh, SAS Membership Secretary.

Here's the message again:

In conjunction with the soft launch of Lakeshore Condominium, Far East Organisation is hosting a storytelling session. Details below.

You are cordially invited to: IT'S STORYTIME!

A storytelling session for children, by Ms. Chuah Ai Lin

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2006

Time: 3 - 3.30pm

Venue: Lakeshore Sales Gallery, along Boon Lay Way, opposite **Lakeside MRT**

RSVP by 28 July 2006 to reserve seats. Walk-ins are welcome, but seating is limited. The event is free. SMS <name>, <no. of pax>, <Story> to 94529995. Email: vincenttan@fareast.com.sg.

6 August 2006

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 06 August 2006 21:40
Subject: Storytelling Performance - Sayang Singapore

Dear SAS members,
With less than a few days to National Day, Singaporeans are all preparing to celebrate our nation's 41st birthday! If you have not organised anything for your friends and families, why not consider bringing them to *Sayang Singapore*?

This special storytelling performance is held from 11 to 13 August, in conjunction with the inaugural Singapore International Storytelling Festival. Organised by the National Book Development Council of Singapore, *Sayang Singapore* promises to be a fun-filled and heart-warming experience for audiences of all ages. Groups of 50 or more can also enjoy over 30% discount on tickets! For more information, please contact the Book Council today!

This performance is supported by Nexus (Central National Education Office).

Sayang Singapore

A performance that captures the rich culture and history of Singapore as told by Singapore's finest storytellers. Suitable for audiences of all ages! Best for children 7 and above.

Dates/Times:

11 Aug 06 (Fri) - 3.00pm (matinee) & 7.30pm (evening)
12 Aug 06 (Sat) - 7.30pm (evening)
13 Aug 06 (Sun) - 3.00pm (matinee) & 7.30pm (evening)

Venue:

Gallery Theatre, National Museum of Singapore, Stamford Road

Tickets:

General public: S\$12 (matinee) & S\$15 (evening show)

Special discounts - Save up to 20% off the usual price!

S\$10 (matinee) & S\$12 (evening show)

Exclusively for:

- MINDEF/SAF personnel and their families
- SIM staff/SIM Members and their families
- IKEA friends/IKEA friends VISA cardmembers and their families

Groups of 50 or more - Save more than 30% off the usual price!

\$7 (matinee) & S\$10 (evening show)

For enquiries and more information, contact The Book Council:

Tel: 6848 8290

Fax: 6742 9466

Email: info@bookcouncil.sg

Website: www.bookcouncil.sg/isf.htm

Address: National Book Development Council of Singapore
Geylang East Community Library
50 Geylang East Avenue 1
Singapore 389777

Best Wishes,
SAS Membership Secretary
Jessie Goh

Please forward this email to your friends who may be interested.

24 August 2006

From: Jessie Goh]
Sent: 24 August 2006 09:58
Subject: Storytelling Association (Singapore) August e-newsletter

August 24th 2006

Dear SAS members,

SAS will be organising a story swop for **Associate Members only** on Friday Oct 13th 2006. More details will be forthcoming but do put that date down as we're planning to have a wonderful evening with some story games, followed by stories to share.

SAS is privileged to have a master storytelling coach, Doug Lipman agree to do a workshop for members only on Thursday September 7th from 9-3 pm. This is a master class for experienced tellers. Group size will be no more than 15-20 people so please indicate your interest to me and I'll send you details regarding payment and venue. Cost is a very reasonable: \$150 for Associate Members, and \$190 for FRIENDS. Do check out his website www.storydynamics.com for more information about Doug and his work. Doug is a keynote speaker at the S'pore International Storytelling Festival (SISF) starting August 30th.

SAS has been involved in 2 events: the Asian Congress of Storytellers (30th and 31st August) and the Storytellers Showcase (Sept 1st-4th). Tickets for matinee performances are still available at a reduced price of \$10 per person. Details at www.bookcouncil.sg or call 6848 8290.

We have also obtained 3 free passes for Associate Members to this year's congress and the lucky three (out of the 6 that applied) are Beatrice Tay, Juriah Atan and Helen Tan.

Congratulations! I'll be writing to you with more details.

Other non SAS events

FREE Storytelling for ALL at the Asian Civilisations Museum, Empress Place on Sunday 10th September from 3-3:30pm. Bring the family on the last day before school reopens for the new term.

Sincerely,
Jessie Goh
Membership Secretary

25 September 2006

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 25 September 2006 20:11
Subject: Storytelling Association (S'pore) September e-newsletter

September 2006

Dear SAS members

The Association has had a busy August with the SISF (S'pore International Storytelling Festival) that took place from August 30th- September 9th 2006. SAS was involved in the planning of the Congress and the showcase. 6 SAS members were given free passes to attend the Congress, including 3 associate members.

This is what *Juriah* had to say: "*It was a wonderful experience to meet people who share an interest in storytelling. The workshop leaders inspired me to work harder at becoming a better storyteller.*" Juriah went to a workshop where she made a doll to use as a character, another where she learnt the importance of vocal warm-ups and a third which involved movement.

This is what *Beatrice* had to say: "*The Storytelling Congress was a most enjoyable and educational experience. I got to meet and see storytellers of all styles and personalities at work. At the workshops, participants directly experienced some of the tools employed in storytelling.*"

The Association will focus its energies on meeting the needs of its members from now on. We need your input on what you'd like in terms of workshops etc. so let us know if you have any particular areas of interest.

SAS EVENT FOR ORDINARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – STORY SWAP

Friday Oct 13th at 7:30 pm at the Substation. What happens in a story swap? You get to share stories, be involved in some games and activities and of course have refreshments. You need to register for this. Please email Jessie, our membership secretary to indicate your interest. She'll contact you. Deadline for registration Oct 9th 2006.

Friends, if you're feeling left out, you can always pay \$40 more and become an associate member and join us.

September 21, the bookstore that is giving associate and ordinary members 10% off its books, is having its 10th anniversary sale and is offering discounts of up to 21% until 30th September 2006. They have good teacher resources and children's books for preschool and early primary years. Visit their website www.september21.com.sg for full details. Bring your membership cards.

If anyone of you has made use of the 15% discount by the Balik Kampong Spa, we'd like to hear from you. Offer ends Dec 31st 2006. Again, this is only for associate and ordinary members.

Roger Jenkins who set up the SAS website has now handed it over to committee member Verena Tay. Look out for changes in the coming weeks: www.storytellingsingapore.com.

Other events

Friday September 29th FREE - storytelling by Kamini Ramachandran and Akshita Nanda on death, love and horror. For 16 years and above and definitely not for the faint-hearted. 7.30pm at the University Cultural Centre, NUS. Enquiries via email to exxonmobilcc@nus.edu.sg.

Sunday October 1st FREE- storytelling by the Asian Storytelling Network for children (best for 6 and above) and families at the ACM, Empress Place at 3pm. Enjoy a 30 minute session of Japanese tales in conjunction with the exhibition on Japanese masks.

Saturday and Sunday October 6th and 7th- Moonshadow Stories present *Witches, Sirens & Crones: Tales of Magickal Women~ Storytelling for Adults* by Verena Tay, Kamini Ramachandran and Ferlin Jayatissa. 8pm at the Substation, Classroom 2. Payment by donation (\$10 minimum). Booking necessary with Kamini Ramachandran (Tel: 9273 2383, Email: moonshadowstories@yahoo.com)

Kiran Shah
President, SAS

28 October 2006

From: Jessie Goh
Sent: 28 October 2006 10:06
Subject: SAS October E-Newsletter

October 2006

Dear SAS members,

SAS event

The Story Swap on Oct 13th had 9 ordinary and 7 associate members attending. Associate members had a warm and friendly atmosphere to try out their stories and a good time was held by all, with planning by executive committee member, Mabel Lee.

Here's what 2 of our associate members had to say:

"I am glad I attended the story swap and told a story. I think it gets easier with each telling and of course it really helped that everyone was so supportive." ~ Nancy Leppard

"I'm glad I made the decision to attend the story swap. I was a little apprehensive at first, but felt totally at ease the minute I stepped into the room. Everyone was so warm and had no airs at all. The stories shared were also very touching and reflected the human side of us." ~ Lynette Ee

SAS event - Storytelling Workshop for Parents

This first SAS workshop is organised with all parents in mind. There are 2 sessions to choose from: Tuesday November 14th and Saturday Nov 18th. Each session will last two and a half hour hours at very special rates for SAS members. For registration call 6299-0013 or email outreach@dramaplus.org. This course is conducted by Roger Jenkins, SAS's treasurer and a parent of a preschooler.

Other non - SAS events

Halloween storytelling for adults by Moonshadow Stories on Tues 31st October at Holland Village. \$35. Call info@lightworkers.com.sg or call 96753519.

Workshops

A workshop organised by the Asian Storytelling Network, conducted by German publisher of OH story cards, Moritz Egetmeyer on Nov 8th and 9th on the use of story cards-for teachers, trainers, counsellors. SAS associate members get a special rate for Nov 8th half day workshop. Limited to 2 per session. Email kiran.gdbooks@pacific.net.sg for full details.

A storytelling workshop for children aged 9-12 years Dec 7-9 from 9:30am -12:30pm. Organised by Dramaplus Arts, conducted by Roger Jenkins. Special rates for children of SAS associate members. For details call 62990013 or email outreach@dramaplus.org.

FREE Storytelling:

Sun Oct 29th at Bishan Community Library 2-2:40pm. By visiting Japanese storyteller, Mr. Shigeyuki Noma with humorous and unusual picture story show. Repeated at Woodlands Regional Library from 4-4:40pm. Admission is on first come, first served basis. Parents welcomed. For children 12 and below.

Sunday November 5th - ACM, Empress Place at 3pm. Enjoy a 30 minute session of Japanese tales in conjunction with the exhibition on Japanese masks by the Asian Storytelling Network for children (best for 6 and above) and families.

Asian Children's Festival –15th-26th November 2006

There are many events organised by the National Library Board. Of special mention is KidsASIA! from Nov 17th-19th at the S'pore Expo Hall 4B. Some of our members will be participating in storytelling events. One session is on Nov 18th from 2-2:30pm "Indian Children's Favourite Stories". Another session on Asian folktales is on the 19th at the same time, same venue. Check out <http://www.asianchildrenfest.com> for more details.

Kiran Shah
President, SAS

18 December 2006

From: Jessie Goh

Sent: 18 December 2006 15:03

Subject: Storytelling Association (Singapore) December E-newsletter

December 2006

Dear SAS members,

This is the last newsletter for 2006, and things are quiet on the storytelling front. The year has flown by. The Committee would like to wish all the Members and Friends of SAS for their support during the year and to wish one and all

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

&

A Wonderful New Year

SAS event – AGM

Our very first **Annual General Meeting** will start at 3pm on Saturday, Jan 27th 2007, at the Substation on Armenian Street. Details will be sent with the January newsletter, but do please mark your calendars now. While only Ordinary Members are entitled to vote, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS and FRIENDS of SAS are welcome to observe the proceedings of the AGM, and to stay on for the Story Swap that will start when the AGM is over.

Story Swaps are normally open only to Ordinary and Associate Members, so this is an opportunity for Friends to get a taste of one. A good time was had by all at the first Story Swap on Oct 13th, so do come, socialize, get to know the members of the Committee, and, of course, participate in the merry business of telling stories. Please note that the Story Swap is an adults-only event.

SAS event – An Opportunity to Tell

The month-long **NUS Arts Festival 2007** will be held in March 2007. The SAS has been invited to provide storytellers for 4 sessions for children, on Sunday afternoons in March. **The Committee wishes to offer Associate Members a chance to perform in public. There will be a selection process conducted by the Committee, and it may include an audition.** An Ordinary Member will partner an Associate Member for each session. The sessions are short (30 minutes), and the presence of a more experienced partner will, it is hoped, reduce the stress level for those who would like to tell in public, *but...*

Details of the sessions:

Target audience: Children aged 7-12 years.

Audience size: small - 30 (estimated)

Dates (Sundays): March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

Time: 3.30pm onwards

Duration: 30 minutes (factor in time for delays and disruptions)

Venue: Tent at the University Cultural Centre

Payment: \$50.00 to be shared between the 2 storytellers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to test and grow your skills. We hope there will be lots of Associate Members who want to give it a go! For those who want to sign up for the selection process now, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Kamini Ramachandran (kaminibhugtiar@hmail.com).

Chuah Ai Lin

Vice-President, SAS