

# **FACT SHEET**

## Introduction

REXFEST marks REXKL's yearly tribute to creativity and community. This event celebrates REXKL's enduring support for existing collaborators and the welcoming of new friends and creative communities. Over three days, from November 24 to 26 2023, REXFEST will feature a diverse array of talents, including musicians, digital artists, DJs, chefs, and local creative businesses. The festival's programming spans a wide spectrum of creative expressions, including digital immersive art, music, creative retail, and culinary experiences.

# **Daily Schedule**

DAY 1: 24th November									
	Entrance		Stellar Outdoor Area	Alleyplay	The Back Ground		RXP		
10:00 AM									
11:00 AM	Stellar Flower Stand (Free)		"Paint the Bloom in Love" Watercolor Workshop (Ticketed)						
12:00 PM					Biang-Biang 911 Food Challenge				
1:00 PM									
2:00 PM									
3:00 PM		Friends Club Mini Flea Market (Free)							
4:00 PM									
5:00 PM									
6:00 PM				Street Art Sesh + Workshop (Free)					
7:00 PM									
8:00 PM									
9:00 PM						Homeground by			
10:00 PM						Tong Tong Asia and Breaking Music	Afterlife X Goen: DIVERGENCE (Ticketed)		
11:00 PM						(Free)			
12:00 AM									
1:00 AM									

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DAY 2: 25th November								
Time	Entrance		Stellar Outdoor Area	Alleyplay	The Back Ground		RXP	Outside REXKL
9:00 AM								Old Trades of Petaling St Walk (English & Mandarin Session)
10:00 AM								
11:00 AM			"Paint the					
12:00 PM		Lov Water Work	Bloom in Love" Watercolor Workshop (Ticketed)		Biang-Biang 911 Food Challenge	Upcycling Batik Scraps into Bowls (KANOE) (Ticketed)		
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2:00 PM	Stellar Flower Stand (Free)			Street Art Sesh + Workshop (Free)				
3:00 PM								
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9:00 PM								
10:00 PM						FONO GOT JAZZ (Free)	KUANTUM: FORGOTTEN FACADES (Ticketed)	
11:00 PM								
12:00 AM								
1:00 AM								

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DAY 3: 26th November								
Time	Entrance		Alleyplay	The Back Ground		RXP	Outside REXKL	
8:30 AM							Gourmet Food	
9:00 AM							Hunt	
10:00 AM							(non-halal)	
12:00 PM	Stellar Flower Stand (Free)		Street Art Sesh + Workshop (Free)	Biang-Biang 911 Food Challenge				
1:00 PM		Friends Club Mini Flea Market (Free)						
2:00 PM								
3:00 PM					Hush & Snap: Off the Book (Free)			
4:00 PM								
5:00 PM						Odyssey : Soundscape x Filamen (Ticketed)		
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9:00 PM								
10:00 PM								
11:00 PM								

## Day 1 (24 Nov 2023)

# Stellar Flower Stand (10 AM - 8 PM / 24 - 26 Nov)

A Blooming Collaboration. REXKL's tenant Stellar Coffee will be joining hands with your favorite Petaling Street florist, WengHoa Florist KL, by setting up a magnificent Flower Stand right in front of Stellar Coffee. Get ready to be enchanted by the beauty of fresh blooms. Whether it's for your loved ones, your besties, or even just to brighten up your day, the flower stand has something for everyone. Oh, and don't worry about carrying around delicate flowers all day. Purchase your favorite bouquets and have them professionally wrapped right at Stellar.

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## 'Paint the Bloom in Love' Watercolour Workshop (11 AM - 1 PM / 24 - 25 Nov)

Join REXFEST's creative journey in watercolor painting. Where you will be guided by Mr. Long Thien Shih in capturing the beauty of flowers on watercolor paper. Unleash your inner artist and create your masterpiece. Mr. Long Thien Shih is not just any artist; he's a maestro in the world of watercolor. Flowers have long been a source of inspiration for artists due to their natural grace, color, and texture. In this workshop, Mr. Long Thien Shih will guide you in the delicate art of translating the beauty of flowers onto watercolor paper. You will learn how to depict the intricate details, vibrant hues, and soft, flowing forms of various blooms. Don't worry about bringing your materials. The workshop fee includes all the necessary supplies, ensuring a hassle-free and enjoyable experience. Head over to @stellarcoffeee on Instagram to register!

Tickets: RM250 per person (materials included) \*Each workshop session is limited to 5 pax

# Street Art Sesh (5 PM - 8 PM / 24 Nov) (12 PM - 6 PM / 25 - 26 Nov)

Participate in a live graffiti jam session with renowned local graffiti and street artists, Nestwo and KOS to create a graffiti piece inspired by Connor's Stout Porter. Fans can also try their hands at graffiti guided by the artists of the day.



#### KOS

KOS has been writing graffiti on and off for over a decade and has been developing an abstract-expressionist style of graffiti with spray paint splatters. He also aims to deconstruct his significant style into simple strokes in a variety of mediums to do his best to bring a slice of vibrance and energy to "street art" into galleries.

#### Nestwo

Born and raised in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nestwo started dabbling in graffiti in 2009 and has worked as a Graphic Designer in Advertising and corporate companies. Graffiti is born in a rebellious spirit that

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challenges him to stray away from his comfort zone. He is heavily influenced by Europe and New York's wildstyle lettering, complemented with elements of geometrical and dynamic shapes.

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## **BIANG - BIANG 911 Challenge** (12 PM- 10 PM / 24 - 26 Nov)

Dare to put your tongue to the test? Previously Biang - Biang had, Safe, PG -13, and 18+ spicy levels. Now they have the limited time only; SPICY LEVEL: 911, their special blend of chili oil fused with Carolina reaper chilii. Eat at your own risk.







#### **RULES & REGULATION**

No Liquid Allowed: Throughout the entire challenge, contestants are prohibited from consuming any form of liquid. It's a battle of man vs. spice!

10 Minutes to Conquer: You have a mere 10 minutes to finish the fiery noodles. Keep your cool and power through!

The 2-Minute Afterburn: After you've conquered the noodles, there's a 2-minute test of your resilience. No liquids are allowed during this time. Can you handle the heat?

Early Finishers: If you finish the noodles before the 10-minute mark, you'll advance straight to the 2-minute afterburn round. It's a test of speed and spice tolerance.

In any case of sweating, tears, illness, diarrhea, seizures, heartburn, stomach aches, or any form of sickness due to consuming our food after being warned, Biang-Biang does not take accountability and will not be responsible.

This food is not for the faint of heart and only for those who can take spicy food.

# Homeground by Tong Tong Asia and Breaking Music (8 PM-1 AM)

Get ready to dive into the world of Pop music with your local favorites! REXFEST is throwing a non-stop party with our up-and-coming Malaysian pop stars, all primed to ignite the stage and set the dance floor ablaze.





#### Adriel

Adriel Seet is a 21-year-old Malaysian artist and guitarist. Adriel writes about whatever he is feeling at the moment, hoping to share his heartfelt feelings with the world and for people to be able to relate to it. His music is a diary of every experience he has had, as he writes for people to accompany him on his life journey. In a world filled with sadness, Adriel hopes that his music will bring a smile to everyone's face.

#### Jar Francisco

Jar Francisco is a 22-year-old, Malaysian-based producer and DJ. Their first single, 'Appa Yip Yip' was released in 2019 on SoundCloud, and their musical career progressed steadily throughout the years. Their first album was released last year, entitled 'Jarniverse', followed by their 2022 single 'Cardigan' featuring F Rider. Jar cites her friends, surroundings, and emotions as inspiration for their creative process.

#### Lil Asian Thiccie

Kuala Lumpur-based rapper, singer, and songwriter Lil Asian Thiccie has earned herself a spot in the forefront of the Malaysian urban music scene by continuously pushing the envelope. With a lustful sound that teases trap, pop, and everything good in between, her tongue-in-cheek lyrics and dreamy delivery mark sound and persona.

#### Munjiy

An aircraft engineer by day and creative around the clock, Munjiy mainly focuses on fashion styling and DJ-ing. Based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, she has taken the scene by storm, playing alongside NYK, Reddi Tocket, Daaliah, Erik Soto (JKT), Durio from Attagirl (SG), and many more. Not only did she slowly frequent notable local events and independent parties to support the local scene, but she had played in notable venues such as Thailand and Jakarta as well as playing for the closing event of Converse All Stars Sydney with Tyler the Creator.

#### Perry

A 23-year-old based in a little town called Pekan located on the east coast of Pahang, Perry is a singer-songwriter/composer who gains inspiration from true life events and experiences. From Bedroom Pop, Alternative, Indie Pop, Alternative Indo Jazz, and Reggae, Perry tries to produce different sounds that represent freedom and comfort. He writes mostly about mental health struggles and experiences in hopes that he can help those battling with the same issues through his music.

#### TY: DEL

TY: DEL is an upcoming genre-fluid band based in Kuala Lumpur, consisting of Ritchie, Timothy, Carlson, and Roshan. TY: DEL was formed in 2019 when they met as a casual group of friends and discovered a passion for music. They then started performing at small gatherings and local indie showcases and moved to performing for college events and youth festivals. Inspired and driven creatively by each other, they harmonise their differences to create music that brings good vibes to those who are listening. After having released multiple singles for the past 3 years since they started as a band and garnering millions of streams on all streaming platforms, including their debut EP titled "To Anyone Listening" on the 16th of April 2021 which gained over 100,000 streams in the past 2 months.

#### Zekke

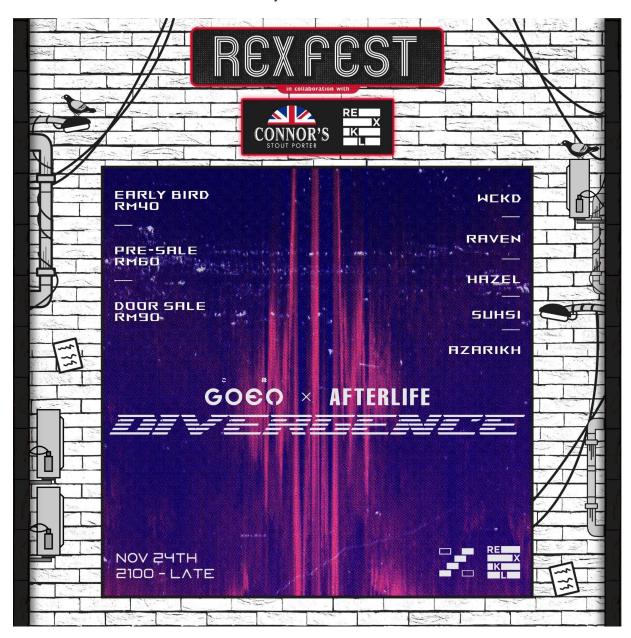
Zekke started his musical journey in 2018, a time when he felt that it was the only way he could truly express his emotions. Drawing inspiration from artists such as Bring Me The Horizon, Eden, Linkin Park, and many more. Zekke hopes the art he creates will inspire listeners and take them on a similar journey of growth and self-discovery.

# Afterlife X Goen: DIVERGENCE (9PM-1AM)

A celebration that goes beyond the conventional notion of freedom to create an immersive experience centred around embracing and celebrating individuality, fostering inclusivity, and advocating for the

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rights and acceptance of all individuals. This ticketed affair boasts a lineup of skilled DJs, including Raven, celebrated for her mastery of Melodic and Hard Techno, Hazel and Suhsi, experts in captivating genres like Psytrance and Techno music, and WCKD, who's adept at seamlessly crossing various musical realms including Techno, Industrial Techno, Psytrance, House, and more. Additionally, the event will feature a showcase by Azarikh, a digital immersive artist with a notable portfolio, including collaborations with international sensation *Joji* and local star *Yuna*.



<u>Tickets</u>
Early bird - RM40 (Limited)
Pre-sale - RM60
Door - RM90

Pre-sale tickets bundle 2 tickets bundle RM100 4 tickets bundle RM180

\* Tickets go on sale 7 Nov

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#### Hazel

Hazel is a local DJ under the renowned record label, Banhuat. Known for her exhilarating sets and infectious energy. With a passion for dubstep, future bass, techno, and DnB, Hazel delivers electrifying performances that leave audiences in awe. She effortlessly blends genres and curates a diverse musical journey for her crowd. Hazel's commanding stage presence and ability to create an engaging atmosphere have earned her a reputation for delivering hype-filled sets that keep the crowd moving. As a Malaysian DJ, Hazel continues to make her mark on the electronic music scene, captivating audiences with her skilful mixing, deep understanding of music, and unwavering enthusiasm.

#### Suhsi

Suhsi is the esteemed founder and designer behind STW (@stw.stw.stw), an artisanal jewellery brand infused with a captivating dark aesthetic, dedicated to delving into the concept of contrasting appearances and underlying realities. Suhsi also exhibits her talent as a DJ specializing in the enthralling genres of psytrance and techno music. Her profound passion for music serves as a conduit for expressing her profound spiritual connection with the universe. Beyond its influence on her work behind the deck, music profoundly impacts Sushi's creative process in jewellery design, imbuing her creations with extraordinary depth and innovative energy.

#### Raven

Raven was first introduced to EDM many years ago, which eventually inspired her to take up DJing. Exhibiting exceptional talent since the start of her career, she is definitely one of the up-and-coming DJs to look out for. Upon wider exposure to EDM, her interest extended to various sub- and underground genres like melodic and hard techno, trap, and DnB, which she hopes to bring to light wherever she spins, promising good vibes throughout.

#### **WCKD**

Meet WCKD, the chameleon of the DJ world, who effortlessly navigates a sonic landscape encompassing Techno, Industrial Techno, Psytrance, House, and beyond. His performances are a testament to his contagious enthusiasm, building up the energy of the crowd with a meticulously crafted progression of beats and rhythms, resulting in an irresistible blend of foot-stomping and head-bopping euphoria. As an ever-evolving DJ, WCKD draws inspiration from his circle of friends, and his creative pursuits extend to the world of video filming and editing.

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## Friends Club Mini Flea Market (12 PM - 8 PM / 24 - 26 Nov)

What's a festival without some shop and stroll? Explore REXFEST's Friends Club flea market, featuring a delightful variety of treasures, including Film Cameras, Photo Books, Handmade Crafts, Art and Stationeries, and Fashion Accessories.





For photography enthusiasts or vintage lovers, REXFEST's flea market boasts a collection of classic film cameras. These vintage gems can add a touch of nostalgia to your photography, allowing you to capture moments timelessly and uniquely. Dive into the world of visual storytelling with REXFEST's selection of captivating photo books. Whether you're interested in graphics and magazines, street photography, or artful portraiture, you'll find something that resonates with your interests and aesthetic preferences.

The flea market will feature a variety of beautifully crafted items. From handmade bags to fashionable jewellery, and stickers to drawings, there's something for everyone! The Friends Club flea market is a treasure trove of artistic and collectible wonders, and it's the perfect place to uncover that special something you've been searching for.

## Day 2 (25 Nov 2023)

#### Upcycling Batik Scraps into Bowls (KANOE) (12 PM - 6 PM)

As part of REXKL's community and zero waste initiative, KANOE is having an upcycling workshop using their off-cut batik fabrics. Make bowls with their off-cut textiles using your creativity to be used as a decorative or keep lightweight items such as beads and jewellery.





## **Tickets**

1 Bowl = RM50 2 Bowls = RM80

\*1 hour per session, a maximum of 12 pax per session, 6 sessions in total

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## fono Got Jazz (8 PM - 1 AM)

A cosy studio-esque music venue in The Zhongshan Building, fono kl is one of Kuala Lumpur's best locations to discover music you won't find anywhere else. From genres such as jazz, breakbeat, reggae, minimal, or just plain old-fashioned indie rock, fono kl always has something for everyone looking for a great atmosphere with even better music, and they are returning to REXKL for one night with a whole lot of jazz featuring two bands at the forefront of the post-bebop and improvisation music scene of Kuala Lumpur, note/void and Lawrence Wright Jazz Ensemble (LWJE). The night will be supported by fono Hi Fi's special vinyl set - helmed by Uzair Sawal and Kingston.





#### note/void

note/void is an up-and-coming part-jazz-part-avant-garde band made up of graduates and current students of ASWARA. The sextet defies the mainstream's conception of jazz and unapologetically fuses swing jazz traditions with a punk attitude - providing a fresh take on the jazz music scene in the city. The band will be joined by long-time collaborator Nazrin on guitar - a frequent secessionist in the city's live music circuit and music educator.

#### Lawrence Wright Jazz Ensemble (LWJE)

Lawrence Wright Jazz Ensemble (LWJÉ) is a side project band led by the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra's trombone principal Marques Young. When he is not performing classic symphonic repertoire at Dewan Filharmonik Petronas, he occupies himself with his band Q Sound and works with others as a musician and arranger - from Sheila Majid to Dayang Nurfaizah, Joe Flizzow to Masia One. For Fono Got Jazz, he will be joined by musical prodigy and Malaysia's most-in-demand drum extraordinaire John Thomas.

## KUANTUM: FORGOTTEN FACADES (9 PM - 1 AM)

Kuantum Project is delighted to announce the unveiling of "Forgotten Facades," an extraordinary audiovisual event set to captivate audiences at REXFEST. This unique showcase seamlessly blends futuristic electronic music, reimagined architectural designs inspired by the REXKL era facades, and emotionally evocative visuals, promising attendees an unforgettable journey through time and artistic expression.

The event aims to transport attendees on a profound voyage, transcending temporal boundaries as it reveals the resplendent beauty of REXKL's peak-era facades that once graced our cherished past. Long lost in the annals of history, these majestic structures now beckon with a nostalgic allure, urging us to breathe new life into their grandeur and splendor.

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With unwavering optimism and deep reverence, we find ourselves at the forefront of an audacious endeavor: to infuse new life into these architectural marvels through the fusion of electronic music. This venture heralds a rebirth of communal spirit and artistic expression, offering a show where the nostalgia of yesteryears intertwines seamlessly with the euphoria of electronic beats. The result is an immersive experience that transcends time constraints and musical genres.

In this fourth iteration of Kuantum, attendees will be transported on this journey by local DJs like 535EYE, Gasing, Rimka, LZZY, and Nazreth. These DJs will curate carefully selected musical compositions, harmonizing flawlessly with the artistic vision of Kuantum's visual artists: Vuevossa, Shared Mind Visuals, and Zhonkvision.

<u>Tickets</u>
Early bird - RM40 (Limited)
Pre-sale - RM60
Door - RM90

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### **DJs**

### Rimka

Raised in a multicultural home and nourished by multi-genre music from around the world, her life in Paris steeped her taste into electronic music and its sub-genres. Hitting the party capitals of the world from Ibiza to Berlin to catch top acts further fuelled her love for the scene. Currently based in Kuala Lumpur, a city with a rapidly growing underground scene, she's sharing her love for music inspired by her frequent travels to different parts of the world, absorbing their unique sound and vibe to create her distinctive sets and productions. Playing at some of the best house and techno nights in the city, has seen her spin from major capitals like NYC to islands like Bali. Her passion for the house/techno genre infused with her unique blend of global ethnic-centric music, has seen her go from strength to strength with every set she plays, transporting her audience onto exotic cerebral mindscapes. This dedication to her craft has gained her opening spots for international DJs such as Re.You, You And Me, Sabb, Matthias Meyer, Technasia, Bas Iberlini, Amine K, Basti Grub, David Squillace, Stefano Noferini, Nora en Pure, Nico Pusch and Alle Farben to name a few.

#### **Nazareth**

Nazreth is all about experimental sounds. He cites "cosmic, pulsating, hypnotic beats" as his tool to guide listening minds to drift into unknown territories where self-realization awaits. As a DJ, his biggest milestones have been sessions of sharing decks with SOEL (from Afterlife and Plangent), Barker

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(Ostgut Ton) Blue Hour (Ostgut Ton), Stelios Vassiloudis and Caravel (Tapage Nocturne). Co-founded Voidrealm, Kuantum, and Modulus as his unwavering commitment to differentiating and elevating the event experience. Each concept, a testament to his creative prowess, offers an unparalleled journey into the realms of art, music, and technology.

#### Gasing

Regular fixtures at some of Kuala Lumpur's hottest venues with 4 strong years in the industry, the young selector slithers through raw, driving, bass-heavy, and dissonant sound in his sets, heavily influenced by his time in Bristol, UK, as well as a long-lasting love for vocal house and disco splashed in between, keeping the room hot and sweaty all night long. Gasing has a way of commanding crowds with his sets, with significant club experience, he believes the art stems from the consistent search for new sound spanning all genres, and connecting with the souls in a room. Have played at venues and festivals such as the WetDeck @ the W Hotel, The Iron Fairies KL, Pisco, Clock Factory Bristol, Keystone Crescent, Love Saves the Day, and many more. Sharing stages with acts such as Mall Grab, Salute, KETTAMA, Pretty Girl, and Surusinghe to name a few, he has quickly become the youngest Malaysian crowd favorite, holding a residency on the SaturdaySelects roster.

#### **LZZY**

LZZY is a Malaysia-based self-taught DJ, who has gone from teenage bedroom selector to regional club regular. From her early days of drawing inspiration by dancing to fidget electro to spending summers in Europe inhaling genres of all forms, LZZY's sound has since grown to cover what she labels as high-energy party music. After 10 years in the scene, she has graced the decks from Bali, Tokyo to Amsterdam. You can find her dropping disco on a Sunday afternoon or creating chaos on the dancefloor with pulsing House, Crunchy Techno, and dollops of Acid.

#### **535EYE**

535eye is a visual artist, organizer, and DJ based in Malaysia. Intrigued by the process and his immediate surroundings, you will find an emphasis on spontaneity, rhythmic repetition, and simulated chaos. With a monthly residency at fono with his crew Intermission, he can also be found organizing community-driven parties at odd venues, doing projection mapping playing music, or simply to just have good fun.

## **Immersive Visual Artists**

#### SHARED MIND VISUALS

KUANTUM led by the dynamic Matthew Ambrose, a Malaysian luminary currently headquartered in the creative hub of Berlin, the forefront of the contemporary visual art scene and electronic music. Matthew, a visionary in his own right, has traversed the landscape of European festivals alongside his accomplished team, Shared Mind Visuals. Their remarkable journey has been marked by a relentless pursuit of pushing the boundaries of visual artistry, consistently leaving audiences Awe-inspired. In Malaysia, Matthew Ambrose joined forces with an ensemble of exceptionally talented local artists, including Faris Vuevossa, Zhonkvision, Odd, and Nazreen. Together, they birthed a collective known as Kuantum.

#### Vuevossa

Vuevossa Visuals is a visual art project focusing on 2D and 3D fractals. The person behind the project is Faris Nasir, a multi-disciplinary artist based in Malaysia whose main art medium is soap bubble; bubbleology. In his 10 years of experience internationally performing with bubbles, he dove deeper into soap bubble science and discovered the world of fractals, repeating patterns of different scales that can be found in many fields from music, science, and economy to nature. In 2017, Faris started to dabble with 3D fractal visualisation software where fractal formulas are calculated, intricate shapes are rendered into image stills and motion.

#### **Zhonkvision**

Adib Zahran, also known as Zhonk Vision, is a Malaysian artist who works with motion and Al-generated art to convey imaginative and exploratory visions. His art often explores themes related to space and cosmic experiences, aiming to transport viewers to otherworldly realms. Adib uses advanced AI technology to create intricate and dream-like images that push the boundaries of art. He has also collaborated with bands, DJs, and cultural shows to create immersive audiovisual performances, expanding the reach of his artistic vision.

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# Old Trades of Petaling Street Walk (9 AM)

Various ethnic communities have congregated in Kuala Lumpur as it grew over time. Each community has its own stories. These stories collectively enrich Kuala Lumpur's diverse and vibrant character. A community's needs do not just end with the essentials. It adapts and changes with the times, with new functions reflecting the progress in society. Commercial businesses and social groups form the society's important building block. This route will take us into exploring the role played by the old trades of Petaling Street in shaping a functioning society. Follow us through the streets and listen to the calls of the street vendors. As times changed, have the old craftsmen left behind their legacy in silence, or have they created new lives in a new era? We will delve into their relevance in the rapidly evolving and constantly changing business models in modern society. The tour will be conducted by Dennis Ong (English) and Toh Chin Hong (Mandarin).

#### **Details**

Meeting/End Point - REXKL 9.00 AM (English & Mandarin sessions) Ticket Price: RM 35

\* Email kakijelajahwarisan@gmail.com to book a spot, limited to 15 pax on a first-come-first-served basis.

## Day 3 (26 Nov 2023)

## Hush & Snap: Off The Book (3 PM - 5 PM)

Hush and Snap is a monthly poetry and spoken word open mic night aimed at bringing new people, performers, and audiences alike, to the art form. This is a show that strips the 'boring and pretentious' while bridging the gap between all the different creative scenes that poetry and spoken word touches: theatre, film, music, and the like. For Hush & Snap: Off the Books, we're doing something different: a poetry slam. Competitive poetry seems like an oxymoron, but poetry slams bring a fun and energetic vibe to the normally, more relaxed, open mic setting.





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### Odyssey: Soundscape x Filamen (5 PM - 11 PM)

Independent music label and music promoter powerhouse Soundscape Records collaborates with Filamen, the leading Malaysian collective in multimedia and digital art to put an immersive musical experience combining powerful musical performances and dynamics with bespoke immersive visuals by some of the best local digital visual artists.





<u>Tickets</u>
Early bird - RM60 (Limited)
Pre-sale - RM80
Door - RM100

Pre-sale Bundle 2 tickets bundle RM130 4 tickets bundle RM200

## **Artists**

#### Dirgahayu

Dirgahayu first emerged in July 2013 as a 3-piece instrumental rock outfit based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The band initially hit the scene with the single release of BAHAWASA-NYA; 4 minutes of organized chaos, robust riff attack, and exuberant drumbeats punctuated by intense abrupt transitions. After a long spell of hiatus, the band emerged with a new single release ILHAK in July 2020 with darker and heavier soundscapes. With the new addition of Tiong on drums, and Yan on modular/guitar/synthesizer, the band is looking to explore more intense genre-bending progression under the new line-up and will be releasing a new album in 2023.

### Shelhiel

Shelhiel is a genre-bending multidisciplinary artist making waves in the region's burgeoning English and Mandarin in electronic pop scenes. Hailing from Malaysia, Shelhiel's music and distinct artistic genius have taken him across Southeast Asia & beyond; playing festivals and shows including SXSW, SIFA, Future Rising KL by Mixcloud & W Hotels, ASEAN Music Showcase Festival, Good Vibes Festival, to opening for international acts such as Tennyson, Hyuloh, Crystal Castles, and FKJ.

### **Kyoto Protocol**

Not to be mistaken for members of Greenpeace, Kyoto Protocol is a five-piece outfit based in Malaysia that kick-started a renaissance in the Malaysian music scene. Since their humble beginnings playing covers in local bars, the band got heads turning and ears listening when they opened for MGMT in their maiden concert on Malaysian soil, subsequently clinching spots at various music festivals, sharing the stage alongside many more international acts

#### **The Times**

Founded on 31 August 2004 by two brothers, Naza and Mono. Bringing music that tastes like 60's British Mod / Rock and Roll. Among their popular songs are "Nostalgia Curang Rock n Roll", "Pesona Algebra", and "Gadisku Dalam Koma" which is a song from their first album Soda Pop Rock 'N' Roll.

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This album was nominated at the Malaysian Music Industry Awards for 'Best New Artist' in 2005. In 2006, The Times released the album Xtra Soda Pop Rock N Roll. With the addition of 2 breweries namely Kasanova & Retro Asmara. Their second album was launched in 2007 with the title Nada Melankolik Malaya. The album has sold approximately 10,000 copies even without mainstream publicity.

#### The Filters'

The Filters is a fractional math rock outfit hailing from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Officially formed in 2013, the band was co-founded by Ian Francis Khoo and Aiman Shakirin, then joined by fellow school brass bandmate, Reuben Ravi. The completion of their line-up happened with the addition of Iain Chan, after having attended the same college in Audio Engineering. While the initial trio had begun the crafting and writing process of their original material in 2013, The Filters has since undergone a progression of expanding their ever-growing soundscape - using highly unconventional recording techniques and capitalising on their experimental nature by fusing multiple elements from various musical sources. The band is known for their tenacious onstage presence, and in spite of their aspirations to spread new thought-provoking music to our generation's masses, they still hold true to their humble beginnings as a local home-grown band.

#### **Visuals**

#### Grasshopper

Abdul Shakir (Grasshopper) is one of the co-founders of Filamen, a new media art collective focusing on projection mapping, light installation, and interactive installation. He is known for projects like ATMA KIRANA, BENTALA, and CENDAYAM, currently showcased at various prestigious galleries.

## **Futuresigner**

Futuresigner is a creative developer with a specialization in an interactive installation designed to deliver narratives and delight to individuals. His focus lies in the realm of visual expression, which in turn provides users with a deeply engaging and immersive experience. He firmly believes that elevating the art of storytelling comes through active engagement and participation by the audience, rather than passive observation.

## Jiajia

Jiajia is an interdisciplinary artist in various fields including interior architectural design, 3D visualization, projection mapping, and VJing. She has collaborated with numerous local bands, indie musicians, and internationally touring DJs for VJ performances. Recently, she has been involved in projects such as the Klang River Festival (KRF) and Kuala Lumpur Design Festival (KLDF). She is dedicated to the intersection of community collaboration with installation art, sound, and projection mapping to craft distinctive sensory encounters, all within the realm of spatial design.

## **Vasflow**

Vasflow, a design connoisseur, seamlessly integrates architectural principles into his diverse artistic repertoire. His chosen pseudonym, "Vasflow," eloquently conveys the profound interplay between vastness and flow, which permeates his mesmerizing visual narratives. Through the medium of immersive projection, he consistently engineers exclusive, avant-garde visual experiences.

#### **Programming Partners**

## **Soundscape Records**

Soundscape Records – a Kuala Lumpur-based independent record label that also acts as a concert promoter. While initially more centered on Malaysia's burgeoning Chinese indie scene, the label has expanded its reach to the bigger urban market, bringing the likes of post-rockers Explosions in the Sky, Mogwai, Mono, Tortoise, toe, Godspeed You! Black Emperor, Tycho, and many more to our shores. Founded in 2001, the label has also played a pivotal role in nurturing the local scene, releasing some of the most exciting and genre-defining albums by Liyana Fizi, NAO, Citizens of Ice Cream, and Dirgahayu, mutesite, Skits among many others.

#### **Filamen**

Filamen is an audiovisual collective serving as a platform for all ranges of people who are into audiovisuals to interact, connect, and network with each other while also exposing their works to the public audience.

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# Petaling Street Gourmet Food Hunt (8:30 AM)

Petaling Street boasts a high concentration of Cantonese people in its vicinity. Apart from Cantonese cuisine, what other regional cuisines are hidden here? To list a few, one can find cuisines from Fujian, Teochew, Hainan, Hakka, Peranakan, etc hidden in the corners of the streets. Due to their regional origins, these dishes are commonly marked by the different ingredients and cooking techniques employed. This is often how you can guess the business owner's ancestral origin! Is there a difference between Hainanese and Hakka techniques in cooking chicken rice? How can one distinguish between a bowl of Hainanese and Hakka beef noodles based on the ingredients in beef noodles? Can you tell if the owner is Teochew simply by the taste of his char kway teow? How can you differentiate between Cantonese and Minnan-style zongzi (rice dumplings)? How do wedding pastries differ from one dialect group to another?





Let us explore these cuisines as we walk along Petaling Street! In this walk, participants get to sample some popular local delicacies and interact with the food vendors. Find out what makes these flavours so significant and enduring. Furthermore, personally partake in documenting the nostalgic flavours of the old streets and preserving stories for our current and future generations, while learning how taste buds have changed over time. The session will be conducted in Mandarin only.

## Tickets: RM 70 (inclusive of RM15 worth of food map and food sampling)

\*Email kakijelajahwarisan@gmail.com to book a spot, limited to 15 pax on a first-come-first-served basis

## **Connor's Experience Zone**

Connor's Stout Porter and REXKL's collaboration aims to celebrate creativity in all its forms. This festival brings artists together, fosters exciting collaborations, and welcomes new friendships, resulting in a harmonious blend of art, culture, and innovation that connects familiar faces with emerging talent. Connor's continues to provide quality stout as well as cool, modern experiences where customers can 'Taste the Good Times,' and at REXFEST, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in a place where the magic of stout, art, and music converge. These collaborations will be available from 12 PM to 10 PM on all three days of the festival!

## **Connor's Mixologist Masterclass**

Step into the world of flavour innovation at Connor's Mixology Masterclass, where the head mixologist Lee Wei Lung, the youngest manager to helm a bar with stints at Asia's 50 Best Bars Coley, Pahit, and other notable bars will guide guests through the art of crafting the very first Connor's Stout Porter and Coffee cocktail. With a fusion of rich, velvety stout porter and the aromatic allure of coffee, this unique concoction promises an unforgettable taste experience.

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## Connor's Shake Corner at the Foyer

At Connor's Shake Corner, participants will have the opportunity to perfectly recreate the draught stout experience by learning the Shake ritual thats unique to Connor's in a can. This superb liturgy retains the creamy foam and gentle roasty undertones of its four premium malts including lager malt, caramel malt, brown malt, and roasted barley, plus showcasing the desirable cascading effect that makes Connor's all the more irresistible.

#### Connor's British Bar at Main Entrance

The Connor's British Bar is where consumers can experience the cool and crafty world of Connor's Stout Porter. The inviting ambience exudes warmth and camaraderie, making it an ideal spot for friends to gather and Taste the Good Times over a cheeky pint of Connor's draught stout. There is also a free Connor's draught stout for you when you participate in Connor's Snap & Post activity.

## **REXKL's Food Vendors Collaboration with Connor's Stout Porter**

#### The Rex Bar

The Rex Bar will be serving a special cocktail exclusively during REXFEST called Brewed Sunrise. This unique concoction is inspired by the flavors of local coffee and features a blend of dark rum and coffee liquor mixed with Connor's draught stout. Priced at only RM38, it presents a perfect opportunity to indulge in a delightful and flavorful experience. Don't miss out on trying this limited-edition cocktail, as it will be available exclusively from November 24th to November 26th at The Rex Bar during REXFEST. Cheers to a memorable and enjoyable time!

## Mario

If you're looking for a satisfying meal that's sure to impress your taste buds, consider ordering Connor's beer-battered snapper dish at Mario. This delicious meal comes complete with crispy duck-fat potatoes, creamy smashed peas, and a flavorful sauce gribiche. The beer-battered snapper is cooked to perfection and promises to be a delightfully delicious experience for seafood lovers. For just RM58, you can indulge in a scrumptious meal that is sure to satisfy your appetite. Don't miss out on the opportunity to try out this delicious dish, only available during REXFEST and make your dining experience a memorable one.

### **Operating Hours:**

24 Nov – 12 PM to 3 PM, 5 PM to 10 PM 25 to 26 Nov – 11 AM to 3 PM, 5 PM to 10 PM

#### **Ticklish**

Ticklish Ribs & Witches, in collaboration with Connor's Stout Beer, presents the limited-edition Connor's Stout Ribs, available exclusively during REXFEST. This delicious creation combines the best of East and West flavors, with the ribs marinated for 48 hours and grilled to perfection. The result is a mouthwatering dish that showcases tender, juicy meat with a sticky and crackly exterior. Made using premium local pork ribs and a secret recipe of 30 herbs and spices, these ribs offer a unique and unforgettable taste experience. Don't miss out on the opportunity to indulge in the Connor's Stout Ribs, a special treat only available during REXFEST.

## **Licky Chan**

Licky Chan, in collaboration with Connor's Stout Porter, presents the delicious Licky's Connor's Chocolate Float - a must-try drink exclusively available during REXFEST. Connor's x Licky Chan's Ice Cream Float is a charming and whimsical concoction that marries the delightful world of ice cream with the alluring notes of Connor's coffee. At RM19, this whimsical fusion offers an unconventional blend of flavors, perfect for those with a penchant for the extraordinary. Don't miss out on this delicious collaboration between Licky Chan and Connor's Stout Porter.

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#### Phil's Pizza

Phil's Pizzas is excited to collaborate with Connor's to bring you the mouthwatering Connor's Bundle Package, available exclusively during REXFEST. With this special offer, you can choose any two pizzas from a selection priced between RM11 to RM15, and for an additional RM5, you can add on a Connor's Stout Combo. The Connor's Stout Combo perfectly complements the delightful flavors of the pizzas, offering a unique and satisfying taste experience. With a variety of options including Classic, Margherita, Hot Wings, Pineapple Sugus, Pepperoni, Meat La Pinyo, Nicole's, and Truffle, there is something to please every pizza lover. Don't miss the opportunity to indulge in this exclusive collaboration between Phil's Pizzas and Connor's, only available during REXFEST.

#### **Biang-Biang Noodles**

Biang-Biang, in collaboration with Connor's, presents the tempting Connor's Stout Combo Package featuring their Signature Spicy Cumin Lamb, available exclusively during REXFEST. This special offer includes the mouthwatering Signature Spicy Cumin Lamb paired with a Connor's Stout Combo, all at the price of RM23. The Signature Spicy Cumin Lamb is a true delight, featuring boneless Australian lamb leg marinated in a homemade secret blend of spices. The dish is garnished with chili flakes, garlic, spring onion, and coriander, and then poured with sizzling hot oil for an extra kick. The Connor's Stout Combo perfectly complements the rich and bold flavors of the lamb, offering a delightful meal experience. Don't miss the chance to indulge in this exclusive collaboration between Biang-Biang and Connor's, only available during REXFEST. Redeem your coupons at The REX Bar to enjoy this extraordinary food combination.

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