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Jersey Boys

The worldwide musical smash hit 'Jersey Boys' is finally making its Asian premiere in Singapore after wading through the theatre scene of major cities including London, Brisbane and across the USA.

The multi-award winning Broadway production tells the true story of four poverty stricken boys and their uncanny adventure from the wrong side of the tracks to reaching pop stardom. The boys in question are the multi-talented rock/pop band The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi. Doesn't ring a bell? Rest assured members of Gen Y; they are comparable to the Backstreet Boys of the 1960s. 'Can't Take My Eyes Off You'? Yes, that.

Spanning two acts and five sub-acts (literally named after the four seasons plus a finale), the jukebox musical production could be seen as a résumé to the rise and fall of the career of The Four Seasons. Aside from the aforementioned classic, expect to hear hits from their golden days such as 'Sherry', 'Walk Like a Man' and 'Rag Doll'. It's music that you could tap your feet to and even sing along as well – just not too loudly during the show. **Jay Chooi**

Sands Theatre Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore (www.jerseyboys.com.sg). Tickets from SGD55 (about RM136). **Nov 22-Feb 17 2013**



Zadok Ben-David at Singapore Botanic Gardens

Art appreciation doesn't always have to come with a price; sometimes all it takes is a stroll in the park. Sotheby's, with its many years of experience staging sculpture exhibitions across the UK and America, is presenting its first selling exhibition of outdoor sculptures in Asia at Singapore Botanic Gardens.

A London-based artist, Zadok Ben-David's work heavily reflects his fascination with magic and Darwinian evolution; a recurring theme of his work is man's relationship with animals. An award winning artist, he was even commissioned to create a sculpture for the Beijing Olympics.

Ben-David has created 12 original pieces for this exhibition. A play on illusion and scale, these sculptures range from one metre tall to two or three times the size of an adult. Intertwined images of figures, trees and butterflies are created using Coren (or weathering) steel, a very popular medium for outdoor sculptures. The metal has the ability to resist corrosion with a regenerating protective layer, and the result is a rust-like appearance when exposed

to the elements. This in turn mirrors the cycle of evolution that changes with the season.

The artist claims that through working with water and green spaces at a public location, this exhibition will be a completely new departure from his earlier work. **Jay Chooi**

FREE Singapore Botanic Gardens

1 Cluny Road, Singapore (www.sbg.org.sg/www.zadokbendavid.com). **Oct 23-Jan 31 2013**



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The Siam, Bangkok

The Siam is suitably located amongst the city's historical palaces, temples and museums in the royal Dusit district. Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Bill Bensley, the all-suite riverfront boutique hotel even boasts the capital first pool villas with open air rooftop terraces. It's a very design centric hotel; the Art deco inspired interior is decked out with the hotel's own collection of antiques. The hotel has its own private gallery, screening room, period library, spa, yoga terrace, infinity pool and even a Muay Thai boxing ring. For food, check out the in-house Chon restaurant, set in a cluster of three teakwood houses. From THB16,300 (about RM1,623) per room per night (+66 2206 6999/ www.thesiamhotel.com)



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