

Key festival highlights Include:

- [Le Petit Prince – A Musical Journey](#): the festival opens with the orchestral adaptation by French composer Thierry Huillet of the much-beloved text *Le Petit Prince* (The Little Prince), performing by the Braddell Heights Symphony Orchestra for the very first time in Asia in honour of the 75th anniversary of the book’s publication in France. The musical extravaganza will feature the use of hologram technology, the first time that this is being used in a theatrical musical production in Singapore, and the much-acclaimed and most Francophile local actor Hossan Leong.
- [Le Grand Jazz](#): The Jazz Association (Singapore) proudly presents an exclusive Singapore-France collaborative big band tribute to the late French composer, jazz pianist, conductor and arranger Michel Legrand. Led by Music Director Jeremy Monteiro with Associate Music Director Weixiang Tan, French musicians, trumpeter Nicolas Folmer and saxophonist Sylvain Beuf, will perform virtually with the Jazz Association Singapore Orchestra (JASSO). The concert will also feature compositions by Folmer and Beuf in the style of Legrand and other French influences, and a joint composition by Folmer, Beuf and Monteiro.
- [Designers Du Design – Interact](#): First presented at Lille Metropole 2020, World Capital of Design, Designers du Design – Interact is an exploration of design praxis and practice, where the role of a French designer as creator and advocate inspiring future generations is imagined and interrogated by NoDesign in conversation with contemporary design figures. The exhibition, presented at Alliance Française de Singapour as part of the newly “French Excellence” series, illuminates the ways in which these designers conceptualise, co-create, transmit and produce across a diversity of mediums and practices.
- [La Fontaine in Music](#): To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the birth of the famous poet Jean de La Fontaine, the worldwide renowned baroque music ensemble founded 40 years ago by William Christie has created a programme that attempts to mirror his wandering life. The programme begins and ends with extracts from the opera *L’Astrée* for which La Fontaine wrote the libretto and Pascal Collasse the music. It also includes some Fables arranged by Clerambault, and music by Michel Lambert. The music is punctuated by letters and poems that illustrate the main events of La Fontaine’s journey through the years.
- [To Paris with Cédric Tiberghien](#): Prominent French pianist, Cédric Tiberghien, returns to Singapore following his highly praised 2016 Singapore International Piano Festival performance. Together with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, Cédric will be the guest soloist in Mozart’s sparkling Piano Concerto No. 31 “Paris” while the very French programme of this concert will also include Ravel’s *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, a homage to the courtly elegance of the French Baroque, and Mozart’s *Paris Symphony*, written when he visited the French capital in 1778.
- [37th French Film Festival 2021](#): The annual French Film Festival – one of the most anticipated film festivals in Singapore – is back and bigger than ever with 35 films! This year’s theme is crafted to complement vOilah! and the “feel good” edition. Many titles that have recently been released in France will have their premiere in Singapore, including *Eiffel* (by Martin Bourboulon with Romain Duris and Emma Mackey), *Delicieux* (by Eric Besnard with Gregory Gadebois and Isabelle Carré), and the much awaited cult movies, *OSS 117 – From Africa with love* (by Nicolas Bedos with Jean Dujardin and Pierre Niney) and *Kaamelott* (by Alexandre Astier).

This 37th edition will also feature the section “Music in Cinema” as well as a special programme dedicated to the movie director Agnès Varda, the godmother of the French New Wave.

- **[Diard & Duvaucel](#)**: The magnificent book “Diard & Duvaucel” is a compilation of intricate illustrations by two intrepid French naturalists, Pierre-Médard Diard and Alfred Duvaucel, two centuries ago. Diard and Duvaucel were amongst the earliest naturalists to conduct research and publish their observations, playing a key role in the study of biodiversity in Singapore. Some of the 2,000 items sent back to France from Singapore continue to be displayed in the Muséum national d’histoire naturelle in Paris. The livestreamed book launch will be the opportunity to address historic and current biodiversity issues during a panel discussion with experts from France and Singapore.
- **[Tanjong Pagar Railway Station Virtual Experience](#)**: The former Tanjong Pagar Railway Station was officially opened in 1932 with fancy facilities such as a restaurant, a bar, a hair salon and even a hotel. Closed for the development of an extensive underground line since 2012, a virtual reality experience was designed to re-ignite an appreciation of its beautiful interior and allow visitors to navigate the spaces virtually. This virtual reality experience offers an experiential fly-through in the National Museum of Singapore.
- **Gastronomy**: Gastronomy is a fundamental element of French culture, and foodie programming is staple to vOilah!. Highlights include fine culinary experiences as well as unique encounters between French and Singaporean masters:
 - A French-inspired edition of [Sundays at ATLAS](#) for the festival will enable guests to enjoy free-flow cocktails and indulge in grazing board showcasing traditional French specialities from saucisson to Bayonne ham, liver paté, fourme d'Ambert, Provençal olives and more.
 - A classic lunch menu specially curated for vOilah! by the three Michelin-starred [Chef Sébastien Lepinoy from Les Amis](#) with caviar and cheese tasting.
 - The magical [flavours of Peranakan cuisine by Chef Ruqxana](#) will pair with the best of French wines thanks to the famous sommelière Stéphanie Rigourd.
 - A private experience with [Chef Louis Pacquelin from Clos Pasoh](#), the newly brasserie in Singapore offering French fine cuisine with a local twist.
 - The [Parisian-style dessert flan meets Singaporean pandan](#) for a limited-edition special pastry for vOilah! at all Tiong Bahru outlets over the island.
...& much more!
- **[Choose France! Education & Career Fair ASEAN 2021](#)**: From 22 to 27 November, a series of webinars will be given by representatives of France’s top-notch higher education institutions, encouraging students from ASEAN to further studying in France as well as of French MNCs for career and internship opportunities. This year, the virtual fair will target students not only in Singapore but also in Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam with the support of the French embassies of the region.
- **[Mapping the World: Perspectives from Asian Cartography](#)**: A showcase of rare historical maps from across Asia, encouraging exploration of traditions, political and cultural spheres of influence and the exchange of

cartographic knowledge between cultures of East and West. The exhibition presents at the National Library Singapore over 60 cartographic treasures from French institutions such as the Musée Guimet, École Française d'Extrême-Orient and Bibliothèque nationale de France, as well as the collections from The MacLean Collection (Chicago), Yokohama City University (Japan) and Singapore institutions including the National Library, Asian Civilisations Museum and Indian Heritage Centre, that embody the rich cartographic traditions of Asia.

- **vOilah! Feels Good About Sustainability**

In line with its renewed focus on sustainability this year, vOilah! is proud to present a series of ten programmes centred around sustainability, climate change and biodiversity. Highlights include a [sustainable French Market](#), which will showcase a selection of sustainable French products; *What is Left of Reality*, an immersive art installation exploring a new psychological, existential form of suffering caused by environmental changes at Science Centre Singapore; an [exploration of organic, biodynamic, natural and sustainable wines](#); the digital lecture “[Creative Destruction for Green Growth](#)” by the world famous French economist Philippe Aghion; and the “[Footprint](#)” exhibition and panel discussion showcasing at Gardens by the Bay innovative ecological solutions by citizens all over the world.

vOilah! France Singapore Festival 2021 runs from 3 November to 10 December. To view the full festival programme and purchase tickets, visit voilah.sg.

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About vOilah! France Singapore Festival

vOilah! France Singapore Festival returns from 3 November to 10 December 2021.

Presented by the Embassy of France in Singapore, this year’s festival is a “Feel Good” edition and will highlight the excellence, diversity and innovation that characterise France and Singapore’s bilateral partnership, while also celebrating the spirit of joy and hope.

50 programmes will celebrate the collaborations between both countries – with a focus on culture, education, science and lifestyle – and will support, more than ever, the local cultural scene

vOilah! also feels good about sustainability! This year’s festival will aim to be the first zero-net festival in Singapore by offsetting carbon emissions and will present ten engaging programmes addressing this critical issue.

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