

CELEBRATING HUMANITY



2026

Bornfire Festival

CIRCUS

WORKSHOPS
CIRCUS OPEN STAGE
FIRE JAM
CIRCUS BATTLE
COMBAT JUGGLING
CIRCUS GAMES

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*SCAPE, PLAZA
2 ORCHARD LINK, SINGAPORE 237978

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Welcome message

Welcome to Bornfire Festival 2026!

This year marks 20 years of Bornfire Singapore, two decades of gathering around circus, movement, fire, and, most importantly, one another.

What began as a single fire event has grown into a community-led platform for circus and flow arts in Singapore, shaped by the practitioners, artists, teachers, volunteers, and audiences who have given their time, energy, and imagination along the way. Over the years, Bornfire has connected local and international communities, nurtured practitioners, created spaces for exchange, and built friendships that continue to cross borders.

This anniversary edition is an opportunity to pause and reflect on what keeps a community alive.

Circus is often associated with risk, skill, spectacle, and the pursuit of the extraordinary. But behind every trick is a person, learning, struggling, playing, failing, growing, and finding their place among others. In a time when burnout, isolation, and the pressure to constantly achieve can feel increasingly familiar, we want to make space for something simpler: being human.

Our theme for 2026 is **Humanity**.

Through workshops, performances, conversations, play, and shared rituals, we invite you to explore not only what we can do, but how we support one another in doing it. How do we sustain ourselves? How do we care for our communities? How do we create without losing ourselves in the process? And how do we keep that inner flame alive?

Bornfire has always been more than a festival. It is a meeting point, where strangers become friends, practitioners exchange knowledge, ideas travel across borders, and old circus friends find their way back to one another.

So, whether this is your first Bornfire Festival or your twentieth year with us, we invite you to come as you are.

Learn something new. Share what you know. Take a risk. Rest when you need to. Have a conversation. Make a friend. Reconnect with an old one.

And together, let's keep the fire burning.

IMPORTANT INFO



Festival Care Team

Located at the Festival Booth



If something happens during the festival that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe, upset, or unsure what to do, you can talk to us.

Our Festival Care Team is here to listen, help you understand your options, and connect you with the appropriate person or support.

You can come to us if you:

- have a concern about something that happened at the festival
- experience or witness inappropriate, unsafe, or harmful behaviour
- need help resolving a conflict or difficult situation
- need medical assistance or first aid
- have lost or found something
- are unsure who to approach about a concern



Medical requirements + First Aid

AED unit location & Retrieval Details

- Building Location: Level 1, near the security and information counter.
- Address: SCAPE, 2 Orchard Link, Singapore 237978
- Operating Hours: Daily from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
- Alternative 24/7 Option: Orchard MRT Station (NS22)

NO Flash Photography

For the safety of all performers, flash photography is strictly prohibited during festival shows.

Filming & Photography

The festival media team will be recording throughout the event. This footage may be used on official Bornfire media channels, both on-site and online. If you do not wish to be filmed, please kindly inform the cameraperson.

SUSTAINABLE BEST PRACTICE + GOALS



Small actions, shared responsibility.

We aim to make Bornfire a festival that cares for our environment, our community, and the people who make it happen.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



1. TRAVEL LIGHT



Take public transport whenever possible, and carpool when you can. The festival venue is easily accessible by MRT and bus.

2. Go Digital

We minimise unnecessary printing by providing programmes, schedules and maps digitally. Scan the QR codes to access information.



3. Reuse & Reduce

Bring your own water bottle or cup. We aim to reduce single-use items and prioritise borrowing, reusing and repurposing materials wherever possible.



4. Support Local

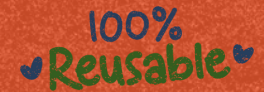
We work with local and regional artists, facilitators and suppliers wherever possible. There will be no food vendors at the festival, so please support the local businesses and eateries around the area.

5. Refill & Recycle

Drinking fountains are available at *SCAPE on Levels 4 (Take lift by drop off point). Please use designated recycling points and help us keep waste out of landfills.

6. Leave No Trace

Help us care for the spaces we share. Keep the festival grounds clean, dispose of waste responsibly, and join us in a quick litter-pick at the end of each day.



Sustainability at Bornfire Festival is a collective effort. Thank you for helping us keep the fire going, responsibly.



FESTIVAL ARTIST + COACH

DAI ZAOBAB (JP)

Creator of Buugeng | Fire & Flow Artist

From Japan, Dai is the creator of Buugeng, which sparked a global flow movement. His journey began in 1999, when a trip to London inspired his passion for fire dancing. His boundary-pushing artistry has captivated audiences worldwide. After a decade, Dai returns to Singapore, bringing his artistry full circle.



Handbalancer | Juggler

Australian handbalancer Dave Davy has taught handstands through workshops, classes and online coaching for over 10 years. Beginning his own handstand journey as an adult, Dave developed a coaching system focused on both technique and balance. He works with students of all ages and backgrounds, from aspiring performers to complete beginners.

DAVE DAVY (AU)



NAOYA AOKI (JP)

Juggler

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Naoya Aoki is a juggler, performing arts interpreter and publisher. Practising since 2006, he has performed at circus and juggling festivals worldwide, including Bornfire Festival. Active in the global juggling community, he has presented at the European Juggling Convention, serves as an organiser for JJF 2026, and manages the “Object Theater Research Lab,” a platform for diverse creators.



SOVANN THO (KH)

Acrobat | Juggler

Tho Sovann is a Cambodian circus artist specialising in acrobatics and diabolo. He began training at Phare Ponleu Selpak at nine and has over 17 years of technical training and nine years of professional experience. A hip hop and breaking dancer, Sovann has performed and participated in cultural exchanges across Cambodia, Europe and Singapore.



KRIS MADDEN (UK)

Cyr wheel Artist | Acrobat

Kris began performing at 13, training in acting, voice, ballet and later expanding into acrobatics, breakdance, juggling and fire manipulation. These skills shaped him into a versatile performer, working worldwide from street shows to Cirque du Soleil. A passionate teacher and storyteller, Kris brings energy, generosity and experience.



Combat Juggling

A one-on-one juggling battle where each competitor starts with three clubs and one goal: be the last person still juggling. Inspired by tournament formats from juggling conventions and festivals, players disrupt each other's rhythm through timing, strategy and skill. Expect fast-paced action where adaptability is just as important as technique.

05.09 Sat, 9:15 PM

Circus Battle

A friendly freestyle competition where circus practitioners go head-to-head through improvisation, creativity and performance. Competitors respond to one another with tricks, movement and routines, aiming to impress judges and audience alike. With 8-10 participants randomly paired in knockout rounds, winners advance until two finalists face off for the championship.



06.09 SUN, 6:00 PM



VS



04.09 Fri, 9:00 PM

Fire Jam

An open, informal gathering for flow artists and fire practitioners to spin, practise, experiment and share. Whether you're an experienced fire artist or new to the scene, come move, connect and explore alongside fellow circus and flow artists in a relaxed, welcoming space.



A fun, fast-paced 60-minute session of playful circus challenges for all experience levels. Try beginner-friendly games like Simon Says, one-ball balancing and three-ball juggling, or take on advanced challenges in five-ball juggling, hand balancing and hula hoop combat. Come play, learn, compete and discover the joy of circus!

06.09 Sun, 5:00 PM



Circus Games

Open Stage

A platform for circus practitioners of all levels, from beginners and emerging artists to professionals, to share their work with a live audience. Present a polished act, work-in-progress or new idea in a supportive space to experiment, perform and grow. Come share your skills, take creative risks and learn through the experience.

04.09 Fri 7:45 PM +
05.09 Sat, 7 PM

Workshops

Workshops happen spontaneously throughout the festival! Come by, check out the workshop board, participate in something that catches your eye, or put your own workshop up and share a skill.

Open to all ages and experience levels, these sessions are a chance to learn, experiment, connect and share knowledge with local and international circus practitioners.

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standing
acrobatics

contact improv

rola bola

cigar box juggling

+ many more!

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05.09 Sat + 06.09 Sun,
3:00 PM



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Festival tee

Tee designer Lina Heng said:

“Bornfire Festival brings people together like a single thread, weaving together the moments that make it memorable.”

This design captures key festival memories, from endurance games and combat to friendships made along the way, all connected by one continuous line.

For those who have been to past Bornfire Festivals, hopefully, some of the images will spark a familiar memory, a favourite moment, or a story of your own!”

Pre order by:
24.08.26



Bornfire Festival 2026





03.09 Thu

Welcome Party [By Invitation]
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

*SCAPE | WHITE ROOM

04.09 Fri

Open Stage Day 1
7:45 PM - 8:45 PM

Fire Jam
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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05.09 Sat

Workshops
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Makan Time
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Open Stage Day 2
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Circus Battle Stage
9:15 PM - 10:30 PM

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06.09 Sun

Workshops
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Circus Games
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Combat Juggling
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Toss up
7.00 PM

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Subjected to changes



FESTIVAL MAP



WORKSHOPS



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CIRCUS GAMES
COMBAT JUGGLING



WORKSHOPS



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WORKSHOPS
CIRCUS BATTLE
OPEN STAGE - AERIAL
FIRE JAM



WORKSHOPS
OPEN STAGE - GROUND



FESTIVAL BOOTH



Entrance from Somerset



Taxi Drop Off Point

Cineleisure

EXTRAS



Found something you love at Bornfire Festival? Whether you discovered juggling, flow arts, acrobatics, handstands, or simply a new community of people to move and create with, your circus journey doesn't have to end here.

Keep practising. Keep exploring. Keep playing.

Connect with local circus practitioners, join a training group, or look out for workshops and open jams. The circus community is always growing, and there's always room for one more.

Stay curious. Stay connected. Keep the fire going

Here are some regular local meet-ups and jam sessions, along with upcoming regional circus and flow arts events and festivals to keep you inspired!





Meraki Movement is an inclusive movement skills studio offering levelled classes (acro, tumbling, calisenthics, flexibility classes) for all experience levels—whether you're a complete beginner picking up a new skill or looking to progress further.

Our Open Jams are open to everyone and provide a welcoming space to practise skills learned in class, train independently, connect with others and grow alongside the community.

Open Jam Slots

Monday: 8:30–11:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30–11:00pm

Sunday: 2:30–5:00pm



Bornfire Circus Interest Group

Venue: Kallang Community Club

Every Friday (except Public Holidays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join our Telegram group chat for updates



**Circus News Asia
Telegram Channel**
Keeping the Asian circus
community connected
through news and updates
on festivals, new works,
performances,
publications, programmes,
residencies and more.



At Singapore Flow Arts (SGFA)

Our ethos is to develop and grow movement arts and object manipulation, connecting with international communities through a diverse range of movement and prop cultures - Cultivating a deeper sense of one's body, mind and community.

Our collective goal is to create communities and environments that deepen the relationship to the body and follow mindful practice through integrated intentional play.





**SIEM REAP
17 - 19
NOVEMBER**

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International Circus Festival

**See you under the Big Top
This November!**

Pop-Up

Performances

International Circus Acts
Artists from 11 countries/ 15 troupes

Special Circus Parade
Battambang City • 21 November

Main Venues

Main Venues
Siem Reap: Phare, The Cambodian Circus
Battambang: Phare Ponleu Selpak



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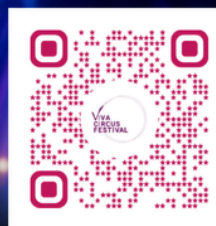


AWARDS COMPETITION

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KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



JOIN THE FESTIVAL AS AN ATTENDEE!

- ✓ GET TICKETS TO WATCH THE GALA & AWARDS
- ✓ PARTICIPATE IN INTENSIVE WORKSHOPS
- ✓ CIRCUS SOCIALS & JAMS
- ✓ 6 DAYS OF CIRCUS AND CONNECTION

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China Flow Fest



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HEART CIRCUS VILLAGE

玩聚游戏场



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Rare Circus × Flow Space Arts Studio

Capybara Arts Festival 卡比巴拉藝術節



WORKSHOPS | FREE JAMS | PERFORMANCES

FLOW ARTS | AERIAL ARTS | JUGGLING | ACROBATICS

心流藝術 | 高空馬戲 | 雜耍 | 雜技 | 工作坊 | 交流 | 表演

NOVEMBER 20-22

2026年11月20-22日 (星期五至日) (Fri - Sun)

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*如遇特殊情况，主辦機構保留更改節目、表演者及活動內容的權利。

*The organizer reserves the right to change the program, performers and event content due to unavoidable circumstances.

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Kerala International Open Tent Festival

The five-day Festival, developed in collaboration with the International Festival of Theatre Schools (IFTS 2027) and Circus and its Others V (CaiO 2027) conference.





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