

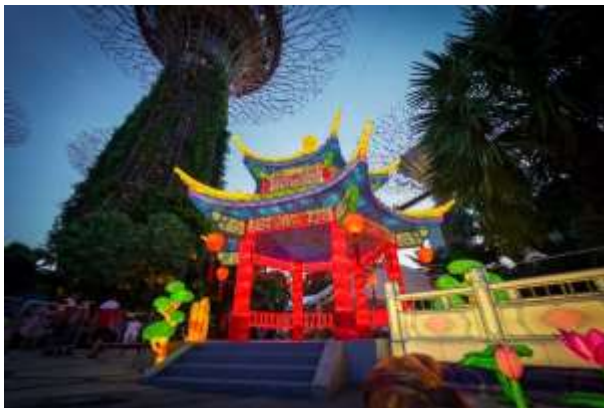
ANNEX A

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AT GARDENS BY THE BAY (滨海花园庆中秋) 2023

Lantern sets

There are nine lantern sets interspersed around Gardens by the Bay this year, with highlights being the magnificent floating lantern set **Magpie Bridge** on Dragonfly Lake, the debut of the **Pavilion** set which also doubles up as a beautiful stage for music and dance performances set against the dramatic backdrop of the Supertrees, and **Garden of Blooms**, where a moon gate rich with symbolism opens into a boulevard of trees.

Key lantern sets



Pavilion (凉亭)

The Pavilion is the first time a lantern set is designed to be a stage for performances. This 17m by 9m set will be a dramatic stage with the Supertrees as a backdrop. Pavilions are known to have been built as shelters and fortresses for soldiers during the Warring States period. Their design and purposes have evolved, from dynasty to dynasty, to become a distinctive architecture style that serves primarily as a place for rest, a panoramic vantage point to view the scenery and a focal point within the

garden setting. Also featured in this lantern set are some other common elements of a Chinese garden including plants, flowers, decorative rocks, as well as water elements like a pond and a bridge.

Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)



Magpie Bridge (鹊桥)

Inspired by the Chinese mythological tale of the Cowherd and the Weaver Girl, this 20m by 8m lantern set that floats on the water shows a flock of 38 magpies forming a bridge with their wings to reunite the lovers. The romance between the mortal Cowherd and the fairy Weaver Girl was forbidden by the heavens and they were separated by the milky way and not allowed to meet. Moved by their love, a flock of magpies would form a bridge to reunite the lovers once a year on the seventh day of

the seventh lunar month, which is also known as the Chinese Valentine's Day.

Where: Dragonfly Lake (蜻蜓湖)



Garden of Blooms (花缘)

Step inside this Garden of Blooms and discover a secret garden beyond a beautiful moon gate. The moon gate is a distinctive element in traditional Chinese landscape architecture and acts as an inviting entrance into a classical Chinese garden. The circular entrance resembles the moon, which to the Chinese symbolises completeness, as well as the reunion and cohesiveness of family, among many other interesting interpretations.

This lantern set also features flora of significance to Chinese culture, such as the lotus, a symbol of purity, integrity, and love; the peach blossom, a sign of spring and associated with romance; and the bamboo, one of the Four Gentlemen in Chinese art, which represents uprightness and integrity.

Where: Golden Garden at Main Entrance (金园)



The Butterfly Lovers (化蝶)

Inspired by one of the four great folktales of China, this lantern set reimagines a scene in the poignant romance between protagonists Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai, where the separated lovers are reunited in death and transformed into a pair of butterflies that will never be apart again. In Chinese culture, a pair of butterflies flying together symbolises the pursuit of and freedom to love. Visitors are encouraged to stand in between the two butterflies for a star-crossed lovers photo

opportunity!

Where: Near Floral Clock (花钟)



Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

Colourful Blossoms (花攒锦聚)

Deemed the King of Flowers in Chinese culture, the peony is revered for its elegance and beauty, while also symbolising wealth, honour, love and prosperity. Inspired by the Chinese phrase 花攒锦聚, which means a colourful and prosperous scene, this floral arch is made up of more than 20 lantern peonies.

Lanterns from Around the World



history and as a medium for storytelling in many parts of the country. Through dancing, Koreans express their emotions and feelings, feel connected with others and themselves, and make their lives more colourful.

Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

Blooming in Dance (缘之舞)

Presented in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Singapore, the lantern set depicts four types of Korean dance – Dance of Love, Sword Dance, Jangu Dance and Seonyurak Court Dance. Korean traditional dance originated 5,000 years ago as a part of religious rituals and has now taken on various forms like court dance, folk dance and contemporary dance. Since ancient times, dance has always been a part of the lives of Koreans – contributing to their rich cultural



Traditional Lanna Lanterns (传统兰纳灯笼)

This symbol of ancient Lanna culture is presented in an inaugural collaboration with the Royal Thai Embassy in Singapore. The Lanna Kingdom existed from the 13th to 18th century and was located in present-day northern Thailand. These traditional lanterns, also known as Shan lanterns, have been passed down through generations and are a symbol of the region's rich traditions. During

Thailand's Yi Peng Lantern Festival, a celebration held on the evening of the twelfth month's full moon in the traditional lunar calendar, these lanterns are beautifully decorated and displayed as a representation of spiritual devotion.

Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)

Community Lanterns



Colonnade of Lights (灯廊)

The vibrant showcase of some 1,000 beautiful paper lanterns are designed and hand-painted by people from various walks of life.

Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)



Our Secret Garden (我们的秘密花园)

Step into a Secret Garden filled with whimsical animals created by five autistic students from non-profit ART:DIS's Digital Art programme. This lantern set is a collaboration with ART:DIS, with the aim of showcasing the talents of artists with disabilities to the wider public.

Where: Supertree Grove (擎天树丛)