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THE FUTURE OF CENTRE 42 AT 42 WATERLOO STREET

On 1 May 2020, Centre 42 (C42) will return 42 Waterloo Street to the National Arts Council (NAC). The premises will undergo renovations and reopen in the later part of the year to house both the Arts Resource Hub (ARH) and C42.

NAC announced that 42 Waterloo Street will be the third ARH co-working space on 22 Jan 2020 at an engagement session between freelance artists and Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth Baey Yam Keng. The third ARH co-working space will open in the second half of 2020.

C42 officially opened in July 2014 and has operated from 42 Waterloo Street since. In our six years serving the Singapore theatre scene, this bright blue pre-war bungalow with its multiple shared art-making facilities has been home to hundreds of theatre-makers and theatre-making collectives, as well as art-makers from a diverse range of disciplines. These spaces have also seen the incubation and development of over 200 new works, and many public forums and networking events. Over 40,000 members of the public have witnessed the magic of Singapore theatre at 42 Waterloo Street.

C42 has grown to become a thriving community of art-makers and arts enthusiasts. Their efforts in creating work, exchanging ideas and building networks have made C42 at 42 Waterloo Street a unique and vibrant arts venue, and significantly contributed to placemaking in the Waterloo Arts Belt. We deeply thank the community for their support and presence at the blue house over the years.



Once renovations are completed, C42 will return to occupy the office space on Level 2 of the annexe at 42 Waterloo Street. We will be carrying on our mission to support the creation, documentation and promotion of Singapore theatre, and, in the next few months, will share updates to our programmes and initiatives.

As co-tenants, C42 will be working with ARH to support the provision of resources to arts freelancers. We hope to build upon our work in the past six years, and maintain 42 Waterloo Street as an open and inclusive environment for the Singapore arts community to work and create in.

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