



STATE OF THE ARTS

SINGAPORE – Expect an explosion of art this week with the opening of the Singapore Biennale, but notable events took place last week, too. The Centre for Contemporary Art at Gillman Barracks announced its new director, international curator Ute Meta Bauer. Ilo Ilo director Anthony Chen was signed on by United Talent Agency (and he won the Sutherland Award over the weekend). His film also became the most success-

ful Singaporean movie in France, reaching No 5 in the Paris box office. Back home, street artist Ernest Zacharevic, who is known for his Penang murals, wrapped up a similar project in the Kampong Glam area. The National Arts Council launched its NAC Artist-SPED School Partnership Programme to promote art in special education schools, while the Tamil Digital Heritage Project was launched to digitise works by Tamil writers. A new art fair, the Milan Image Art Fair, announced it will be heading to Singapore in October 2014. The National Heritage Board also announced its collaboration with MediaCorp to hold the month-long festival celebrating 50 years of television broadcasting in November.

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