

PRESS RELEASE FOR FRINGE FESTIVAL
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Ang Mo Kio Secondary School presents NOMAD 2008

Drama. Dance. Music. Visual Arts.

Come experience the swinging 60's with us as we explore the theme of **1964** as part of Ang Mo Kio's biannual Arts Festival – NOMAD.

NOMAD represents a continually evolving tradition of the arts in Ang Mo Kio Secondary School (AMKSS). Started in 2001 as a showcase of the school's submissions for the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF), the biennial school production has since evolved into a festival of Student Work, with students creating scripts, story-lines, choreography, paintings and animations and music using the central theme of 1964 as their focus.

1964

This year's theme 1964 explores the 1960s - a decisive period in the formative years of Singapore's history. It was an era where the local cultural industries of music and motion pictures had their heyday and also a time where many of the challenges of independence and nationhood were most acute. Through the arts and with NOMAD as the platform, we will set the stage for discussion of that arduous journey which led to the creation of the larger community of modern Singapore and thus helps students to learn about citizenship and Singapore's past, present and future.

FRINGE FESTIVAL

In addition to the main festival from the 3rd to the 5th of July 2008, this year's festival includes a fringe festival which features performances in collaboration between Artists, Youths and the performers from our local community. This is the first time that we have involved performers and artists who are living in the Ang Mo Kio area to share their gifts and talents with the community at large and as such, represent a major highlight of this year's festival.

Event	Date/Day	Time	Venue	Admission
Triple Bill: Status Unclear (Modern Dance), Untitled (Malay Dance) & Night Market (Play)	30 th May 2008, Friday	1930 – 2100h	Blk 325a Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3	Free
CLAP! Presents 1964	14 th June 2008, Saturday	1800 – 2100h	Ang Mo Kio Central, Centre Stage	Free
Mambo Girl (Musical Screening)	27 th June 2008, Friday	1930 – 2200h	Blk 207a Ang Mo Kio St 22	Free

Consisting of 3 Fringe events, please see the short synopses below for more information on each of the individual events.

FRINGE FESTIVAL SYNOPSES

30th May 2008, Friday

Triple Bill: Status Unclear (Modern Dance), Untitled (Malay Dance) & Night Market (Play)

Time: 1930 – 2100h

Venue: Blk 325a Ang Mo Kio Ave 3

Admission: Free

The evening opens and closes with rare Gamelan Performances featuring Nagaya Cimande from Yio Chu Kang Community Club. This is followed by the 2 dances, “Status Unclear” and “Untitled” both presented by the AMKSS Dance Club. Lastly lose yourself in the world of “The Night Bazaar” as the AMKSS Drama Club offers a glimpse into the private lives of street hawkers who make their living, and find meaning in their lives in the common arena of the Night Bazaar.

14th June 2008, Saturday

CLAP! presents 1964 – An AMKSS NOMAD Production

Time: 1800 – 2100h

Venue: Centre Stage, Ang Mo Kio Central

Admission: Free

This event features performances by the award winning Ang Mo Kio Secondary School Band and Choir with the Teck Ghee Community Centre Line Dancers. Come enjoy an evening of music and dance from the swinging sixties, complete with movements and music from the birth of the band scene in Singapore. Concurrently, an exhibition featuring the life and times of movies in the 1960s and art works in the style of Singapore’s Pioneer Artists and Pop Art. Audiences can also take part in a filming session where they can leave videos of their thoughts and feelings about Ang Mo Kio and the 1960s. This event is proudly sponsored by the Central Singapore

27th June 2008, Friday

《曼波女郎》 Mambo Girl (A Musical Film Screening in the Style of the 1960s)

Time: 1930 – 2200h

Venue: Blk 207a, Ang Mo Kio St 22

Admission: Free

Presented by the AMKSS Chinese Reading Club, this event recreates the movie experience of the 1960s with an open air screening of 《曼波女郎》 **Mambo Girl**. The iconic movie from Cathay Cinemas was the first. Come along with your own stools and chairs, enjoy the movie in the midst of tea and traditional kachang putih sellers.

For more information, please visit the official AMKSS NOMAD website at <http://amkssnomad.wordpress.com/>, or contact Ms Deepa at 90667330 (M), 6454 8605 (O) or deepa_sivasothy@moe.edu.sg.