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The Substation organises Goodbye Garden Concert Series and Breaks Singapore Live Music Drought with a Four Month Music Festival With Nightly Acts Culminating In Two Day Rock The Sub Festival in July.

Singapore’s live music scene will receive a much needed boost with nightly performances, Saturday through to Monday, at The Substation Garden commencing from 7th April.

With the lease of The Substation expiring at end July including The Substation Garden, the Goodbye Garden concert series will feature a wide variety of artists, musicians and bands who have all performed at the iconic venue over the years. Since commencing in 1990, The Substation Garden has been operated by The Substation, Fat Frog, and Timbre (since 2005). In that time The Substation Garden has hosted thousands of gigs, supporting an enormous variety of up and coming and professional bands and musicians.

According to The Substation Artistic Director Raka Maitra, music has always been a mainstay for 'the garden'. "I think it's important to have a proper goodbye to this iconic space while supporting our musicians. I am also delighted that we will conclude by reliving Rock The Sub, which was a hugely successful event in its own right back in the early days of The Substation Garden."

Aikes Loh, GM of The Substation added, "We look forward to having musicians who have been associated with The Substation Garden come back home to say goodbye. It will be a fitting way of bidding farewell by a generation of artists who discovered their early love for local and independent music here at The Substation. Rock The Sub was especially memorable for The Substation as an energetic festival that invigorated local music and we hope that we can capture that same spirit of passion for music at the close of our chapter at 45 Armenian Street, like when we first began."

Goodbye Garden Music Co-Curator Surath Godfrey is confident that Singapore music will find the concert series to feature an eclectic mix of cover bands, tribute acts, songwriters and beloved home-grown acts. "The list of acts we are scheduling is so diverse, from local legends Oddfellows, to roots rockers General Lee, Sara Wee, Inch Chua, tribute acts like The Day Trippers (The Beatles), Johnny Come Lately (The Eagles), The Souls of Singapore, and cover bands like SuperSonic, 53A, Too Much Drama, The Switch Gang and many more," said Surath. "The idea is for the performers to pay tribute and express their own unique farewell to The Substation Garden with music and song."
Goodbye Garden was created by re-purposing the space in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic, driven by the desire to support the local music community. The series celebrates the history of one of Singapore’s great arts spaces, reminding everyone that together we can all keep local music alive. Goodbye Garden will also end with a two day Rock The Sub festival featuring either original or Singapore music acts who have appeared in The Substation Garden during its 31 years of operation.

“We are delighted to support The Substation for Goodbye Garden and Rock The Sub,” said Timbre Co-founder/Director Danny Loong. “It’s so inspiring to see The Substation Garden be given a fitting and well-deserved farewell by featuring the musicians and bands who have created so many wonderful memories in this beloved space,” said Danny. “Our hope is that Goodbye Garden will be a catalyst to reinvigorate the live music scene and give our performers hope, many of whom have not performed in over a year. This project also helps bring Timbre back to its roots and core value of supporting the Singapore music scene and celebrating the almost 16 years relationship between Timbre and The Substation”.

Goodbye Garden is organised by The Substation. This series of concerts adheres to all safe distancing guidelines and is approved by National Arts Council and relevant government agencies.

Supported by: Timbre X @ The Substation, Peatix, Tiger Beer, and Platinum Wines and Spirits Official
About The Substation

Founded in 1990 by the late Kuo Pao Kun, The Substation is known for its pioneering and experimental arts programming. Over the years, The Substation has worked with some of Singapore’s most critically acclaimed artists, writers and intellectuals.

Every year, The Substation presents an overarching artistic theme that informs the exhibitions, programmes and initiatives for the year. Each of these programmes explores in greater detail the questions posed by the artistic theme and the societal issues surrounding these questions. Through these annual artistic themes, The Substation expands, leads and supports cultural conversations in Singapore, engaging the general public and exposing them to the full possibilities of contemporary art in shaping public discourse.

The Substation is a recipient of the National Arts Council’s Major Grant for the period April 2020 to March 2023.

About Timbre Pop-Up @ The Substation – The Food and Drinks!

Timbre Pop-Up bar and restaurant is a food collaboration project for just 3 months where customers can experience a pop-up dining experience between 5pm to 10.30pm on non-concert dates every Tuesday to Friday from 4th May onwards. More information to be released soon.

For reservations, please contact:
reservations_goodbyegarden@timbregroup.asia

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| Venue:       | The Substation Garden (formerly Timbre X @ The Substation)  
               45 Armenian Street, Singapore 179936 |
| Admission:   | Tickets available on goodbyearden.peatix.com |
| Email:       | goodbyearden@timbregroup.asia |
| Social:      | www.facebook.com/goodbyegardensg  
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Full ticketing information and performance schedule can be found at www.goodbyegarden.com

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