Summary

Interview with Ambassador of France to Singapore, H.E Marc Abensour

Ambassador of France to Singapore, H.E Marc Abensour was in-studio at ONE FM 91.3 to share more about *Voilah! France Singapore Festival*. H.E Abensour highlighted the diverse selection programme that goes beyond arts and culture. With more than 50 unique programmes spanning from science, education, design, sports and even gastronomy, the Festival has been re-imagined to be bigger and more impactful this year.

The Festival is a way to showcase and celebrate the partnership between France and Singapore. H.E Abensour emphasised that the events are co-produced between French and local institutions, and there are more than 100 programme partners and sponsors. H.E Abensour also introduced the Festival patron, Janice Koh, highlighting how she symbolises the France and Singapore collaborations visitors can look forward to at *Voilah! 2019*.

The event opened on 3 October 2019, headlined by Gautier Capuçon and Vladimir Ashkenazy performing with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. NO TASTE FOR BAD TASTE will also take place at the National Design Centre and will showcase a variety of masterpieces from renowned French design maestros. French Film Festival will feature an exciting lineup of more than 30 movies in various genres and will be brought to the heartlands at Community Centres.

H.E Abensour also introduced the 200 years of collaboration in natural history between France and Singapore – with Sir Stamford Raffles having been accompanied by French naturalists, Diard and Duvaucel – and highlighted Revisiting Diard and Duvaucel, a programme which will see video projection and mapping on the facades of Armenian street.