

CULINARY JEWEL

With over a hundred restaurants and eateries, the new Jewel Changi Airport is a veritable foodie hotspot. Here's what to try



↑ Shake Shack

FOR FAST FOOD

The snaking queues at New York export **Shake Shack** are a testament to the sheer deliciousness of its offerings: the signature Shack Burger comprises a juicy Angus beef patty ensconced in a pillowy bun, while the vegetarian-friendly Shroom Burger features a deep-fried Portobello patty oozing with melted cheese. Also on the menu are Singapore-exclusive items such as the Pandan Shake – a glorious pandan- and coconut-flavoured concoction topped with *gula melaka* (palm sugar) crumble.

For something a little more old-school, there's beloved fast food chain **A&W**, which is also drawing the crowds with nostalgic favourites like root beer and curly fries. Hearty burgers and Coney Island-style hot dogs are available, too.



⇒ Tsuta

FOR AWARD-WINNING DINING

Tsuta in Tokyo is the only Michelin-starred ramen eatery in the world – and it has just opened its third Singapore outpost at Jewel Changi Airport. Here, springy homemade noodles are served in either a shoyu, shio, or miso soup base, with classic toppings such as *charshu* (barbecued pork) and *ajitama* (soft-boiled egg).

Then there's homegrown gelato boutique **Birds of Paradise**, which was recently awarded a Michelin Plate for its inventive botanical flavours: think strawberry basil, earl grey lemongrass and white chrysanthemum, all of which are best savoured in a thyme-infused cone.

FOR LOCAL DELIGHTS

Sample Peranakan specialities such as beef *rendang* (beef shin braised in a coconut-based sauce) and *udang goreng chilli panggang* (grilled tiger prawns served in a spicy paste) at **Violet Oon Singapore**. There's even a *popiah* station, where diners can customise their own spring rolls with a dozen different toppings.

As its name suggests, **O'TAH** takes the humble *otah* (grilled fish cake) and elevates it in dishes such as the Reuben Roll, where *otah* chunks, prawns and coleslaw are sandwiched in a grilled brioche; as well as the Ben's Burger, where a breaded *otah* patty is the star of the show.



↑ Violet Oon Singapore



⇒ O'TAH



↑ Birds of Paradise

JEWEL BY NUMBERS

Three things to know about Jewel Changi Airport.



US\$1.3 billion

The total cost of the Jewel Changi Airport project

10

The total number of storeys the complex covers, five of which are below ground level

40m

Height of the HSBC Rain Vortex, the tallest indoor waterfall in the world

📍 jewelchangiairport.com

GETTING INTO THE ACT

A new Singaporean novel, *The Movie That No One Saw*, shines the spotlight on the quirks of the acting industry

“Any resemblance to persons living or dead is entirely coincidental.” So declares the opening line of *The Movie That No One Saw*, the first novel from Singaporean author May Seah. A finalist for the 2018 Epigram Books Fiction Prize, it centres on a fictional character called Adjonis Keh, a highly successful actor who appears to have everything – except any genuine talent for acting.

Yet, the book is very much inspired by Seah’s interactions with real-life celebrities in her 11-year career as a lifestyle journalist. “When I was covering the entertainment beat, I was talking to actors every day, and I started to notice patterns of thought emerging from all the interviews I was doing,” says the 34-year-old, who has profiled A-listers such as Tom Hanks, Hugh Jackman, and Chris Hemsworth. “I became fascinated by the idea of what it means to act. We all act, to the extent that we want to admit it, but what happens when that becomes a career that defines you? There are so many levels of complexity to be explored.”

The book goes on to spotlight some of the idiosyncrasies of showbiz, as played out in the stories of other characters. These include an actress who lives out her whole life on Instagram; two acting rivals who are secretly friends; and an extremely good-looking actor who undergoes plastic surgery in a bid to look more “natural”.

Despite its distinctively Singaporean characters and setting, *The Movie That No One Saw* touches on universal



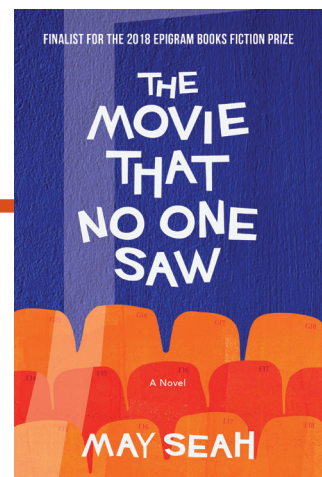
themes – such as the relationships between reality, unreality, and hyperreality – and speaks to a global audience. “One of the things I wanted to achieve was to show that it shouldn’t only be books about overtly Singaporean issues that have worth,” shares Seah. “Life as a Singaporean is so much more complex and interesting than that!”

BUY THE BOOK



The Movie That No One Saw is available in paperback from Epigram Books at S\$24.90. Alternatively, purchase the e-book from Apple Books, Google Play, or the Kindle Store at USD 9.99.

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JUST FOR LAUGHS

Let loose at five of the best comedy nights in Singapore

COMEDY AT CANVAS

Watch Singapore's favourite drag queen, Kumar, strut his stuff at popular nightclub Canvas, where he cracks rip-roaring – and oftentimes crude – jokes on controversial issues ranging from politics to race and religion.

Catch them: Various dates
📍 canvasvenue.sg

TALK COCK COMEDY

Fancy yourself a comedian? Budding stars can take the stage and “talk cock” (Singlish for “engage in idle banter”) at this stand-up open mic, which is also held at Canvas. Local and international headline acts sometimes feature; check the website for details.

Catch them: Every Wednesday
📍 thecomedyclub.asia

COMEDY MASALA

Held at sports bar Hero's, this long-running open mic has been serving up laughs since 2010. It has hosted some of the biggest names on the global stand-up comedy circuit, including Adrian Saw, Butch Bradley and Paul Ogata. Advance bookings are highly recommended.

Catch them: Every Tuesday
📍 comedymasala.com

CHANDLER COMEDY NIGHT

F.R.I.E.N.D.S.-themed café Central Perk hosts regular comedy nights (so named after the sitcom's funnyman), which often feature big-name comedians such as Deepak Chandran, Joanna Sio, and of course, Kumar. Premium tickets include free-flow alcohol.

Catch them: Various dates
📍 centralperk.sg



THE MERRY LION

Besides hosting weekly open mic nights, Singapore's only dedicated comedy venue also holds regular shows headlined by veteran acts such as Danny O'Brien and Neal Brennan. Pair your laughs with a few beers from the bar – after all, everything's funnier after a few pints.

Catch them: Various dates
📍 themerrylion.sg

THREE MINUTES WITH FAKKAH FUZZ

The Singaporean stand-up comedian shares his words of wisdom.



What are the ingredients essential for successful stand-up comedy?

Wit, timing, and shamelessness.

What's the biggest challenge when it comes to performing?

Comedians need to tread a fine line between being hilarious and being downright offensive. In this day and age, people can be offended by anything if they take it the wrong way. But at the end of the day, we're just trying to share what some of you are really thinking behind closed doors.

Where do you draw inspiration from when coming up with material for your shows?

I talk to people – in person, where possible. Everyone has a special story to tell!

📷 [fakkahfuzz](https://www.instagram.com/fakkahfuzz)