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### A Notional History

**Venue:** Five Arts Centre, GMBB, Kuala Lumpur  
**Date:** June 24-26

After a recent successful run at the Kunstenfestivaldesarts festival in Brussels, Belgium, *A Notional History* finally receives a KL staging at Five Arts Centre's new GMBB venue following cancellations caused by the pandemic.

*A Notional History*, directed by Mark Teh of Five Arts Centre, is a response to the publication of new official history textbooks following the 2018 general elections.

In this documentary performance, an activist (Fahmi Reza), a journalist (Rahmah Pauzi), and a performer (Faiq Syazwan Kuhiri) excavate school textbooks, inherited memories, and video interviews of exiled revolutionaries – uncovering erasures, exclusions and questions around the Malayan Emergency. The performance will

# Not your average history textbook

travel north next month (July 17 and 18) for the George Town Festival.

More info: [fiveartscentre.org](http://fiveartscentre.org), [cloudtix.co](http://cloudtix.co).

### #Males, Too!

**Venue:** DPAC, PJ  
**Date:** June 24-26

Need something different for the weekend. Here's a show where tradition – and stereotypes – will be given a new twist. Datuk Ramli Ibrahim's Sutra Foundation is all set to prove an important point – that male dancers can shine in an odissi production in *#Males, Too!*.

Typically, the odissi is a female dominated area of traditional Indian dance. In this show, the cast of six male dancers from Sutra are raring to set a different tone. Odissi aficionados can look forward to something exciting in this dance showcase (back by popular demand after its sold out show at

the Sutra venue). The dancers will perform the Debaprasad repertoire, including the Tandava (vigorous) and Lasya (refined), expressing both strength and sensuality.

More info: [dpac.com.my](http://dpac.com.my).

### Malaysian Jazz Piano Festival 2022

**Venue:** KLPac  
**Date:** June 24-26

When was the last time you enjoyed live jazz piano and swinging dancers in a concert hall setting? Now you can with the Malaysian Jazz Piano Festival 2022.

From concerts, clinics, workshops, forums, masterclasses, and jazz talent competitions, the festival offers an eventful weekend at KLPac. Catch *The New Frontiers* concert tonight (June 24) with five student bands from UPM, UCSI, Aswara, UiTM and ICOM on stage. On the last day of the festival, the

tempo is set to explode with New Village Music Lab, Kirana and Her Associates, The Frankie Sixes, Kangkung Belacan and Angel Ang and Friends booked for the Swingin' At Sentul concert.

It is the first time the festival will be collaborating with swing dancers. As reported, the audience is more than welcome to join them on the dance floor.

More info: [klpac.org](http://klpac.org).

### The Giants Of The Romantic Era

**Venue:** Dominus Arts Venue, KL  
**Date:** June 26

For a romantic night, you can do no wrong at Thailand-born pianist Dr Poom Prommachart's solo piano recital.

As a music academic in KL and the artistic director of Thailand's Steinway Youth Piano Competition, Poom's set will include classics from Wagner, Schubert and



*A Notional History*, a new production by Five Arts Centre. – Handout

Chopin. In the first half of the concert, discover how the piano sings to you. In the second half, experience a more relaxed romantic vibe and follow along a musical narrative.

More info: [dominus.my](http://dominus.my).