

## THE FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE DEBUTS A WHIMSICAL YAYOI KUSAMA-INSPIRED AFTERNOON TEA AT THE COURTYARD

Five special creations will draw from the iconic Japanese artist's original pieces that will be exhibited at National Gallery Singapore, from 9 June to 3 September.



**SINGAPORE, 5 June, 2017** – For a limited period of just one month – from 9 June to 10 July – The Fullerton Hotel Singapore will debut a Yayoi Kusama-inspired Afternoon Tea at The Courtyard. Already a popular venue for catching up with loved ones over the quintessentially English experience, The Courtyard will include five enchanting treats as part of its regular three-tier set.

This brand new offering is aligned with Yayoi Kusama's upcoming show at National Gallery Singapore in the Singtel Special Exhibition Gallery from 9 June to 3 September 2017, with the Yayoi Kusama-inspired Afternoon Tea debuting on opening day. This is the first major survey of her work in Southeast Asia, which focuses on the immersive and expansive nature of her practice.

The Fullerton Hotel Singapore's Executive Pastry Chef, Enrico Pezzelato, is the creative force behind the Kusama-inspired pastries. A fan of the iconic artist himself, he was inspired to stay true to her works and, like Kusama, intent on continually pushing boundaries. Five specially crafted sweets that



come served on the top tier are drawn from corresponding artworks. These include a cube of lychee mousse flecked with dots, which mirror the constellation in *Gleaming Lights of the Souls*.

The most colourful treat is crafted with hazelnut cream on a Breton sable that carries bright gelatinous dots, a tribute to All My Love for the Tulips, *I Pray Forever*, a piece that was sold for US\$5.1 million – the highest price ever paid for a work made by a female artist. A cottony soft strawberry shortcake, topped with whipping cream and sandwiched between cocoa butter printed with striations, bear the mark of *Life is the Heart of a Rainbow*.

In keeping with Kusama's *I Want to Live Forever* from the *My Eternal Soul* series, 70% Valrhona dark chocolate mousse is tinged a desert red, and topped with a blue chocolate disc and a thin strip of couverture to finish. Also available is a mango cremeux confection, which sits delicately on piped buttercream frosting and a chocolate base, featuring polka dots synonymous with Kusama.

Alongside this selection of sweets, The Courtyard will continue to offer its complete Afternoon Tea selection of finger sandwiches, bite-sized pastries, assorted cakes and freshly baked scones. The latter are served with clotted cream and berry preserves – a staple of all Afternoon Teas served at The Fullerton Hotels. The replenishable spread is complemented by free-flowing TWG tea or any coffee of your choice. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the experience is complemented by a live harpist.

The Yayoi Kusama-inspired Afternoon Tea, priced at S\$43++ per person, takes place from 9 June to 10 July 2017, from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Monday to Friday; and 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> seating), and 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> seating) on Saturday and Sunday.

For reservations and enquiries, please call Dining Reservations at (65) 6877 8911 / 8912 or visit [www.fullertonhotels.com](http://www.fullertonhotels.com).

\*All prices are subject to service charge and prevailing government taxes.

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#### **ABOUT THE FULLERTON HOTEL SINGAPORE**

Gazetted as Singapore's 71st National Monument, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore was once home to the General Post Office, The Singapore Club and the Chamber of Commerce. It is a luxury hotel with 400 rooms and suites carefully designed to provide both business and leisure travellers with a sanctuary of serenity and comfort in which to retreat and rejuvenate. Dynamically located in the heart of the financial and arts districts, the hotel successfully blends rich heritage with contemporary style and personalised service to offer guests a world-class accommodation experience. Epicureans can enjoy a delectable array of dining selections. There are a total of 5 restaurants and bar in the hotel, namely Town Restaurant which presents international buffets and an a la carte menu, Jade features authentic Chinese cuisine, The Courtyard offers an Indian buffet, Japanese buffet and Afternoon Tea, and The Lighthouse Restaurant & Rooftop Bar with breathtaking views of the bay serves authentic Italian cuisine. Post Bar, which features the original ceiling and pillars of the General Post Office, is the popular choice amongst the trendy elite.



Aside from the dining selections, The Fullerton Hotel also features an exquisite and intimate retail wing. Guests seeking rejuvenation can pamper themselves with the indulgent treatments at The Fullerton Spa. [www.fullertonhotels.com](http://www.fullertonhotels.com)

### **ABOUT THE COURTYARD**

Located in The Fullerton Hotel's sunlit atrium lobby, The Courtyard is the lively setting for all-day dining, whether it's a light meal, a signature Japanese or Indian curry buffet, leisurely afternoon tea, or an elegant cocktail. Tastefully furnished with plush sofas and an idyllic ambience, the experience is complemented by a live harpist during afternoon tea on weekends, and soothing tunes in the evenings.

### **ABOUT YAYOI KUSAMA & NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE**

Yayoi Kusama is one of the world's most influential artists, and has played a crucial role in key art movements of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. The first major survey of her work in Southeast Asia, this exhibition focuses on the immersive and expansive nature of her practice. Discover Kusama's creative vision through paintings, sculptures, videos and installations from the 1950s to the present, including works never shown before. Step into her infinity mirror rooms, explore the development of her intricate nets, dots and pumpkin motifs, and encounter new paintings in which the artist continues to push artistic boundaries. This exhibition is a collaboration between National Gallery Singapore and Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, Australia.

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