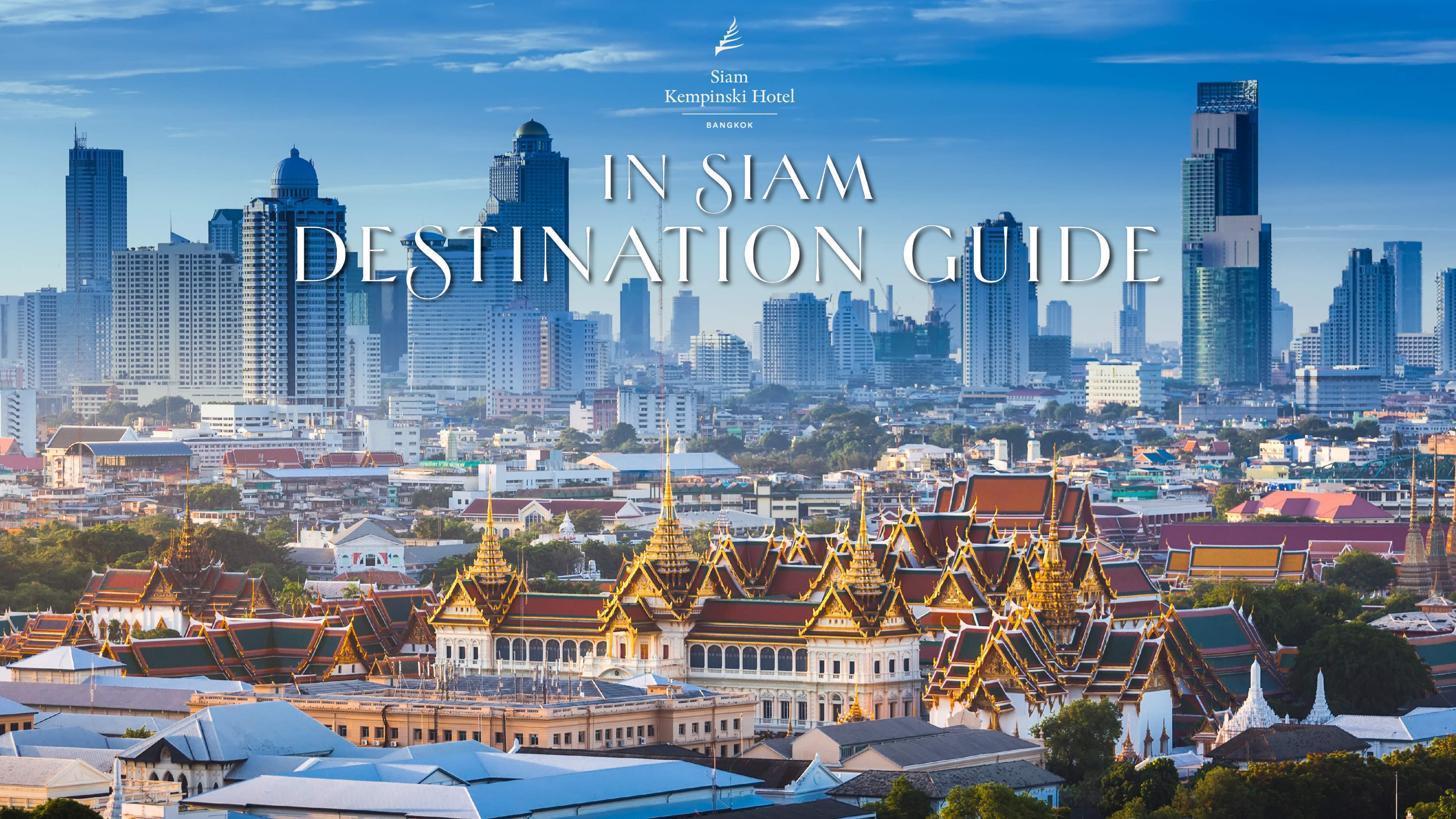


IN SIAM DESTINATION GUIDE





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Thailand was known as Siam until 1939 and this name is still dominant in many forms, including an area in the Pathumwan district of Bangkok known as Siam Square – just a short walk from the Siam Kempinski Hotel Bangkok.



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THINGS TO SEE IN SIAM

The Royal *Grand Palace* & *Emerald Buddha* *Temple*

This is a ‘must see’ attraction for all visitors to Bangkok. This royal compound embraces a remarkable collection of structures including Wat Phra Kaeo, the temple that houses the famous Emerald Buddha. Built in 1782, the Grand Palace was a royal residence for many generations and is still used for ceremonies and for accommodating Heads of State.

Dress code: Visitors must be properly dressed when entering the grounds of the Grand Palace. Men are required to wear shirts with sleeves and long trousers. Ladies must likewise cover their shoulders and wear full length skirts or dresses. Clothing for men and women may be hired for a nominal fee from the office at the main entrance to the compound.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 to 15:30 hrs

Admission fee: THB 500

Location: Na Phra Lan Road, Phra Borom Maha
Ratchawan, Bangkok



Wat Pho

Temple of Reclining Buddha

Wat Pho, situated close to the Grand Palace, is home to the Reclining Buddha. The temple, built during the reign of King Rama I, is considered to be a place of healing and was famous many centuries ago for its pharmacy and as Thailand's first university – both established by King Rama III. Traditional Thai and foot massages are available at the traditional medical school. Expect to pay a premium compared to massage shops elsewhere in the city. The Reclining Buddha measures 45 metres long by 15 metres high. The soles of the feet, inlaid with precious stones, denote the 108 signs of true faith. The statue's long earlobes signify noble birth and the lotus-bud configuration of the hand symbolises purity and beauty.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 17:00 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: 2 Sanamchai road, Pranakorn, Bangkok



Wat Arun Temple of Dawn

Wat Arun dates back to ancient battles between the former Siam and neighbouring Burma. Having fallen to the Burmese, Ayutthaya was reduced to rubble and ashes, but General Taksin and the remaining survivors vowed to march 'until the sun rose again' and to build a temple at that precise location. Wat Arun, the Temple of the Dawn, is that temple and was later the site of a royal palace and a private chapel. This temple steps provide stunning views as the sun sinks over the Chao Praya River. Access is easy by boat to the temple's jetty.

Opening hours: Daily 08:30 - 17:30 hrs

Admission: THB 100

Location: Arun Amarin road, Bangkok



Jim Thompson's House

Museum

Jim Thompson's three decades of dedication to the revival of Thai silk, then a dying art, changed the industry forever. After he disappeared in Malaysia's Cameron Highlands in 1967 but his legacy remains with the Jim Thomson brand synonymous with high quality Thai fabrics. The Jim Thompson House and Museum is a charming complex of six teak houses that contain priceless antiques and works of art. Tours are available in several languages.

Opening hours: Daily from 08:30 - 16:30 hrs

Admission: THB 150

Location: Soi Kasemsan 2, Rama I road, Bangkok



Erawan Shrine

The Erawan Shrine is one of the most popular places of prayer in Bangkok. This Brahman shrine sits proudly at Ratchaprasong, close to the BTS Sky Train network (Chidlom station) and many shopping malls. It's a fascinating experience with the clouds of incense, garlands of flowers and Thai performers displaying traditional dance moves. It was erected to appease works after many problems arose during the constriction of a nearby hotel.

Opening hours: Daily 06:00 - midnight

Location: Corner of Ploenchit and Ratchadamri roads





SHOPPING IN SIAM

Siam Paragon

Siam Paragon is the popular shopping mall located next to the Siam Kempinski hotel with direct access via a connecting walkway. The complex houses international high-end fashion brands, aquarium, a 16-screen Cineplex, supermarket and restaurants offering Thai and international cuisine.

Opening hours: Daily from 10:00 - 22:00 hrs

Location: 991 Rama 1 road, Pathumwan, Bangkok

BTS: Siam station



Central World Plaza

Central World Plaza is another large complex offers that provides exciting shopping experiences with shops, restaurants, movie theatres, supermarket, beauty salons and much more.

Opening hours: Daily 10:00 - 22:00 hrs

Location: Ratchaprasong intersection

BTS: Chidlom & Siam stations



MBK

MBK is probably Bangkok's most legendary shopping mall. It's popular with both tourists and local residents because of the bargain prices. The eight floors contain some 2,000 shops that sell literally anything and everything from clothing, fashion accessories and leather products to luggage, furniture, computers, smart phones and IT accessories.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 - 22.00 hrs

Location: Phayathai road, Bangkok

BTS: National Stadium station

Siam Square

Wander around Siam Square for up-and-coming Thai and Asian brands that offer a great mix of unusual designs at attractive prices. This is a popular chilling spot with students from nearby Chulalongkorn University. Visit in the late afternoon or early evening to catch the vibe of Siam Square.

Opening hours: Daily 10.00 to 22.00 hrs

Location: Rama 1 road, Bangkok

BTS: Siam Interchange station



Chatuchak *Weekend Market*

Chatuchak Weekend Market has reached landmark status as a must-visit place for tourists. Its sheer size and diverse collections of merchandise will bring any seasoned shoppers to their knees. This is a market where you can literally ‘shop until you drop’. The 35-acre site is home to more than 8,000 market stalls. On a typical weekend, more than 200,000 visitors come here to sift through the plethora of goods on offer. It’s sensible to wear comfortable footwear and lightweight clothing.

Opening hours: Weekends 09.00 - 18.00 hrs

Location: Kampanphet road, Bangkok

BTS: Mo Chit station

MRT: Kampan Phet station

Asiatique Riverfront

Night Market

Asiatique combines successfully two of the most popular shopping experiences in the city: a night bazaar and a mall. Just a short (complimentary) boat ride from Sathorn pier Asiatique features more than 1,500 shops and a multitude of bars and restaurants housed in replica warehouse complex. Entertainment options include the Calypso cabaret.

Opening hours: Daily 17.00 - midnight

Location: Charoen Krung road Soi 72-74, Bangkok

BTS: Saphan Taksin station and then take the Asiatique shuttle boat



DINE
IN SIAM

Saneh Jaan

Thai Restaurant



Thai dishes crafted from ancient recipes that once impressed the royal family are the draw here but don't discount the lovely setting, complete with vaulted ceilings and contemporary Thai touches. Dishes are a mix of classics and hard-to-find recipes such as hot and spicy soup, red curry with grilled pork, and sweet and sour coconut dip with crabmeat. For your dessert, try the khao moa rang - a rare creation made with young green rice grains.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 14:00 hrs
Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$\$

Location: The Glasshouse at Sindhorn, Wireless road



Ma Maison

Thai Restaurant



Ma Maison is a modern venue that combines an elegant ambience with traditional Thai fayre. Situated on the sprawling lawns of the Nai Lert Park Heritage Home, this restaurant provides a luxurious experience and prides itself on its family recipes passed down from generation to generation. Don't be fooled by the French name. This restaurant devotes itself to sharing the recipes of the Nai Lert family. Signature dishes include pork crackling noodles and a rich chicken massaman.

Classification: Fine dining

Opening hours: Lunch 11:30 - 15:00 hrs / Dinner 18:00 - 22:00 hrs

Price: \$\$\$

Location: Nai Lert Park Heritage, Ploenchit Road





Wattana Panich *Beef Noodle*

To find one of the oldest beef stew restaurants in Bangkok, head to Ekkamai by taxi or BTS SkyTrain. This venue is famous for its stewed beef and noodles. Sukiyaki, stir-fried beef in oyster sauce, and garlic pork with rice are other popular dishes.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 09:30 - 20:00 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: Ekkamai Soi 18-20, Sukhumvit 63 Road



Go-Ang *Chicken Rice*

This humble chicken and rice stall has drawn a devoted fan base of local and international foodies for more than 50 years. The aromatic rice is cooked with chicken oil and perfectly matches the flavour of the chicken.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: Lunch 06:00 - 14:00 hrs / Dinner 17:00 - 02:00 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: New Petchburi Road



Baan Pad Thai

Baan Phad Thai is named after one of Thailand's most popular dishes. The secret to its success is the combination of 18 to 20 ingredients used in making each dish. The organic, home made tofu and the fresh crab are also noteworthy at this restaurant where locals and tourists eat side by side.

Classification: Street food

Opening hours: 11:00 - 21.30 hrs

Price: \$ (cash only)

Location: 21-23 Soi Charoen Krung 44 Road



HAPPENING IN SIAM



Asaha Bucha Day

29 July 2026

This public holiday in Thailand commemorates the day when the Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon at Benares, India, more than 2,500 years ago. The exact date is determined by the waxing moon and the lunar calendar, and usually falls in July or August.

The Buddha delivered his first sermon in a deer park, where the Dharma (his teachings) came to be symbolised by a wheel. The Dharmachakra, also known as the Wheel of Life, Wheel of Law or Wheel of Doctrine, can be seen on flags displayed at temples and buildings throughout Thailand. Likewise, images or statues of deer are often found at temples or in depictions of the Buddha.

Novice monk meditates on Asahna Bucha Day

Like many other Buddhist festivals and holidays, Asahna Bucha (also spelt Asalha Puja, among other variations) is a day when Thai Buddhists make merit and visit their local wat (temple). Traditionally, candles are among the offerings donated to the temples, and candle processions are held in various towns across Thailand. This tradition dates back to the period before electricity, when additional light was needed at temples during the darker days of the rainy season.

Local people also participate in wian tian, a ritual that involves walking around the temple carrying a lit candle, lotus flowers and incense. The following day, Wan Khao Phansa marks the beginning of the three-month Phansa period, which is sometimes referred to as ‘Buddhist Lent’.

Khao Phansa

Buddhist Lent Day

30 July 2026

The day after Asahna Bucha is another important occasion in the Buddhist calendar. Known as Wan Khao Phansa, it marks the beginning of the three-month period called Phansa, the Buddhist retreat season, which is sometimes referred to as 'Buddhist Lent'.

The Phansa rains retreat is observed during the rainy season, when monks traditionally remain within the temple and its immediate surroundings. Even before the time of the Buddha, holy men travelling throughout the land avoided unnecessary journeys during the growing season to prevent damaging crops. This practice continued with the spread of Buddhism in Thailand.

Today, monks can still be seen carrying out their daily activities during daylight hours. However, throughout the Phansa period, they remain resident at the same temple rather than travelling from place to place.





King Maha Vajiralongkorn's Birthday

28 July 2026

King Vajiralongkorn was born in Bangkok on 28 July 1952. Since 2017, his birthday has been observed as an annual public holiday in Thailand.

The Royal Cremation Ceremony was held at Sanam Luang, the royal ceremonial ground in front of the Grand Palace.

Queen Mother Sirikit's Birthday and Thailand Mother's Day

12 August 2026

12 August is an annual public holiday in Thailand celebrating the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit. Revered as the 'Mother of the Nation', Her Majesty's birthday is also observed as Mother's Day (Wan Mae) throughout Thailand.

Queen Sirikit was born on 12 August 1932 and married His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on 28 April 1950. Renowned for her charitable work, Queen Sirikit has served as the honorary president of the Thai Red Cross since 1956.

Across Thailand, numerous events are held to commemorate the royal birthday. Merit-making ceremonies take place at temples, while portraits of Her Majesty are prominently displayed outside schools, government offices and temples. Her royal blue flag – blue symbolising Friday, the day of her birth – is also flown outside many businesses and private residences.



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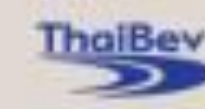
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Once Becoming: A Visible Presence invites visitors to explore the interconnectedness of time through the work of women artists, tracing continuities from modern to contemporary art. Rather than presenting a clear rupture between periods, the exhibition reveals an ongoing process of artistic development that transcends time. The past continues to resonate within the present, while contemporary practices offer fresh perspectives on historical narratives.

Date: Until 13 September 2026

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 | Tuesday - Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Location: Main Exhibition Gallery, Floor 9, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre



The Shades of Rainbow

The Shades of Rainbow brings together seven artists – Jumbol Utaiyopas, Taweesak Srithongdee (Lolay), Naidee Changmoh, Chainarong Kongklin, Isaree Barammee, Sitthiwut Prabripoo and Panpat Techamethakul – each representing a different chapter of life and artistic practice. Through discovery, achievement, transformation, acceptance and growth, they have preserved their distinctive voices while navigating an ever-changing world.

A rainbow is never created from a single shade; it emerges through the harmony of many colours. Likewise, this exhibition serves as a meeting point where seven unique life journeys converge, celebrating the beauty of diversity, the richness of lived experience and the enduring power of creativity.

Through a diverse collection of artworks and perspectives, visitors are invited to discover the colours that define each artist's journey and experience how these individual shades come together to create something truly remarkable.

Date: Until 23 July 2026

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 | Monday – Sunday

Location: RCB Galleria 3, Floor 2, River City Bangkok

The Adventure of Himmapan

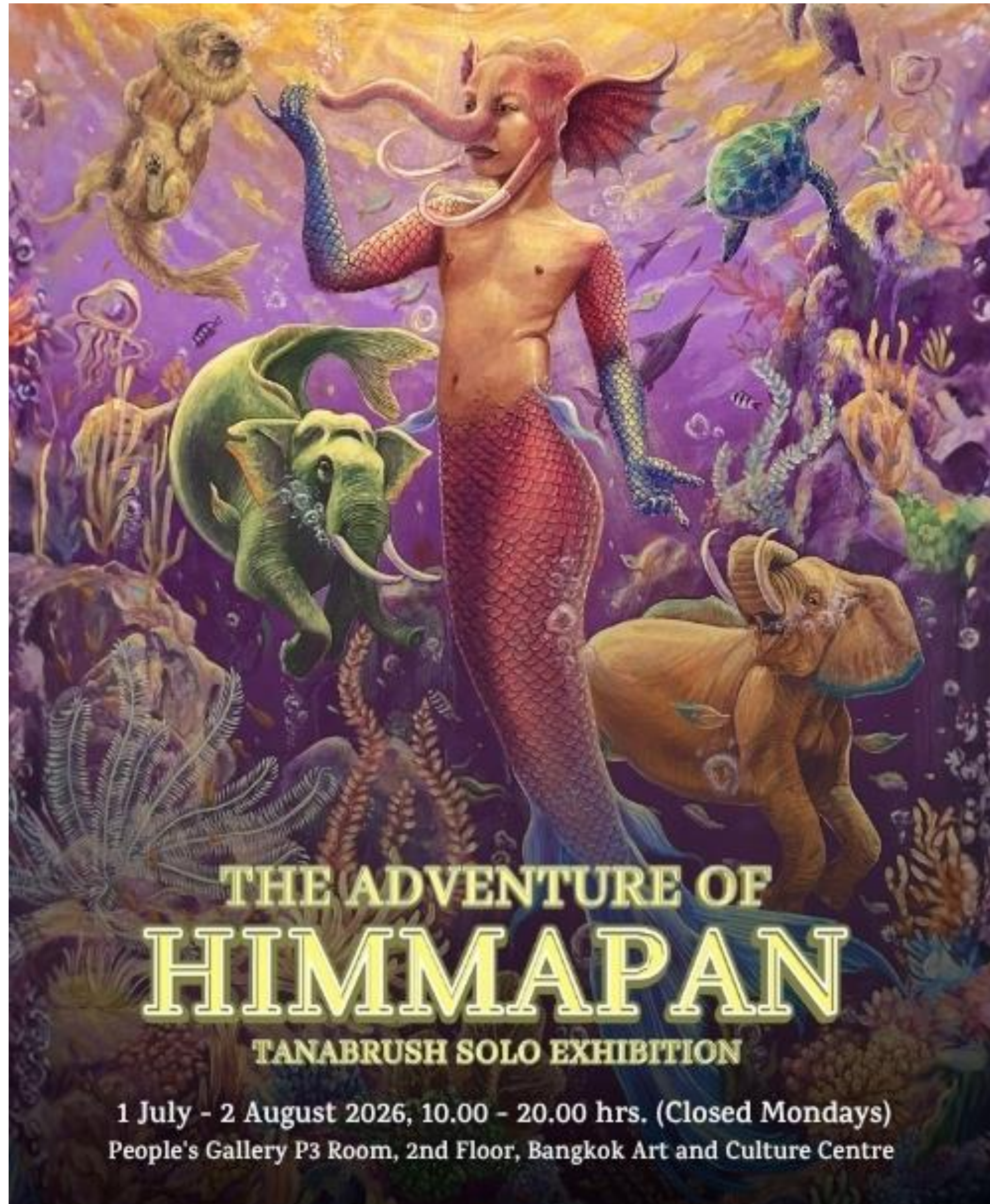
This exhibition documents the artist's journey of exploring, understanding and embracing their identity through an interpretation of Thai art within the context of contemporary society. It reflects a process of self-discovery while celebrating difference and diversity.

The artist uses the Himmapan Forest as a symbol of a mysterious realm that is difficult to access. Entering Himmapan becomes a metaphor for embracing one's true self, loving freely and expressing one's identity without restraint. Through this journey, the artist conveys a belief that everyone possesses something extraordinary within.

Date: Until 02 August 2026

Time: 10:00 – 20:00 | Tuesday – Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Location: People Gallery P3 Room, Floor 2, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre



The Unfolding of Time

For thirty years, Poysian has served as a sanctuary for intellectual exchange, bridging diverse cultures and creative landscapes from around the world. Each journey has become a catalyst for profound artistic evolution, allowing the unique identity of every artist to crystallise into a sophisticated expression of the human experience.

This exhibition stands as a testament to an enduring legacy of friendship and artistic maturity – a flourishing achievement carefully cultivated through the passage of time. It captures the restless spirit of the seeker, presenting works of profound narrative significance that contribute to the rich tapestry of art history. Visitors are invited to witness this curated evolution, celebrating three decades of commitment, refinement and the timeless beauty of creative expression.

Date: 14 - 26 July 2026

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 | Tuesday - Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Location: Curved Wall, Floor 3, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre



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Beliefs Are Transformed

“ความเชื่อ”
“รูปแบบ”
“?”

Solo Exhibition By
TANAKRIT POLNGAM | SSEKK

01 Jul - 02 Aug 2026

10:00 - 20:00 hrs.
Closed Mondays

Believe Are Transformed

The exhibition explores the transformation and intermingling of beliefs in Thai society through sculptures created by deconstructing and reassembling human, animal and sacred forms from various cultures. It creates a space for visitors to reflect on the relationship between faith, memory and the construction of meaning in contemporary society.

Date: 01 July - 02 August 2026

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 | Tuesday - Sunday (Closed on Monday)

Location: People Gallery P2 Room, Floor 2, Bangkok Art and Culture Centre

WEDNESDAY: ALL OVER THE PLACE

River City Bangkok proudly presents WEDNESDAY: ALL OVER THE PLACE, the second solo exhibition by NEWYEAR, an illustrator and contemporary pop artist. The exhibition invites visitors to embark on a journey alongside Wednesday, an introverted Dachshund who has never been particularly confident in herself.

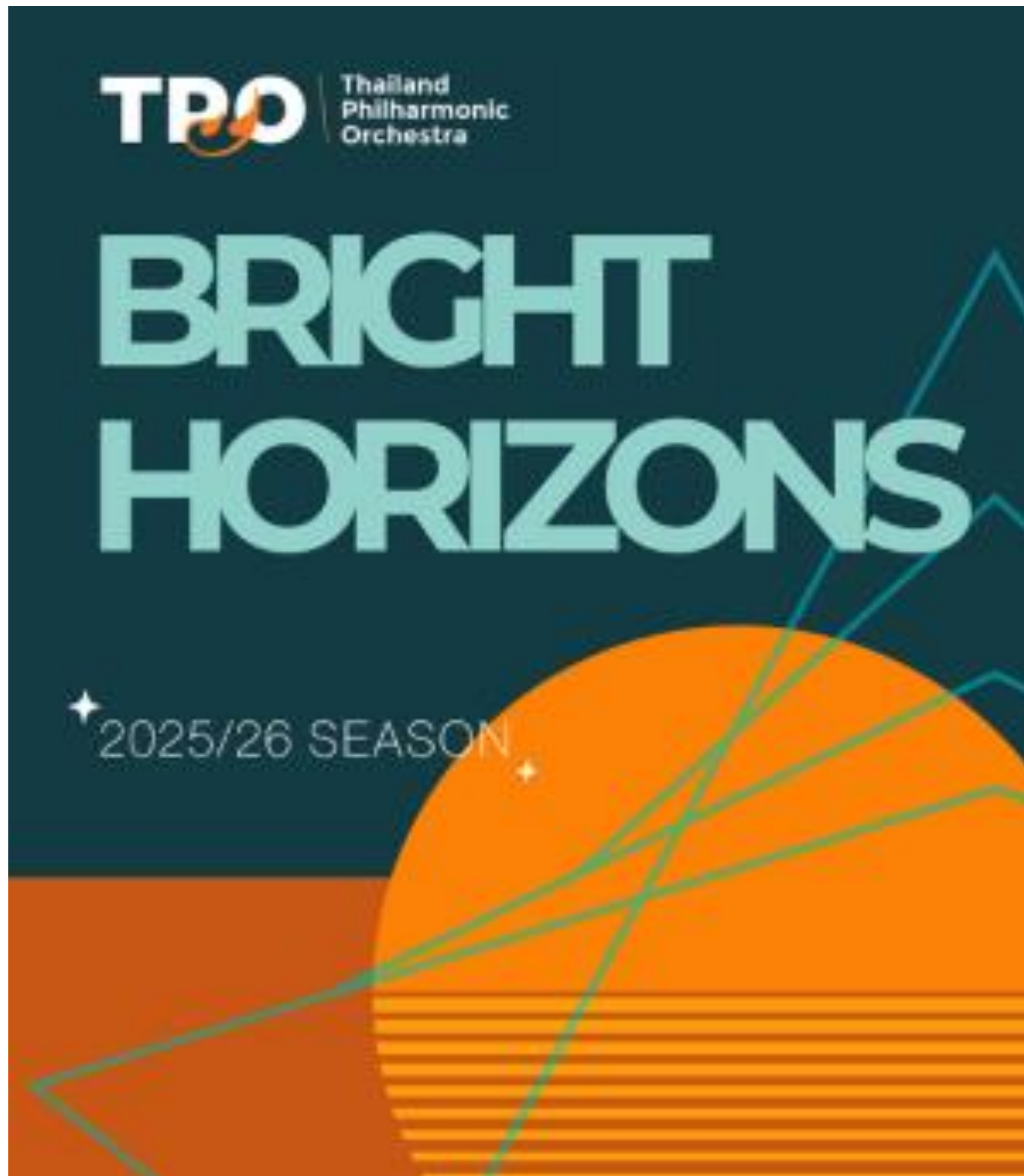
Date: 09 July - 06 September 2026

Time: 10:00 - 20:00 | Monday - Sunday

Admission: THB 150

Location: RCB Galleria 2, Floor 2, River City Bangkok





Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra

The Thailand Philharmonic Orchestra's 2025/26 season comes to life in radiant style under the baton of its new Music Director, Carl St. Clair. Acclaimed American pianist Claire Huangci, celebrated for her 'radiant virtuosity', takes centre stage in Prokofiev's electrifying Piano Concerto No. 3.

The evening opens with the world premiere of Narong Prangcharoen's luminous new work, *Eternal Radiance*, and concludes with Beethoven's joyful Symphony No. 7.

Date: Until 05 September 2026

Time: 15:00

Admission: THB 700 | 900 | 1,400

Location: Prince Mahidol Hall, Mahidol University, Salaya

PANTOMIME IN BANGKOK 18

The festival of imagination returns with the 18th edition of PANTOMIME IN BANGKOK. Prepare to experience the magic of non-verbal performance filled with fun and laughter, featuring world-class pantomime artists from Japan, South Korea and Thailand.

- FUN Beyond Words!
- LAUGHTER Without Borders!
- SILENCE Has Never Been This Loud!

Established in 1997 by producers from Japan and Thailand, PANTOMIME IN BANGKOK showcases performances that transcend language barriers, bringing together leading Thai and international artists on one stage.

This year, the festival returns to the Muang Thai Life Assurance Auditorium.

Date: 08 - 09 August 2026

Time: 13:30 | 18:00

Admission: THB 1,100 | 1,300 | 1,600 | 1,800

Location: Muang Thai Life Assurance Auditorium Ratchadapisek





Bangkok's 28th International Festival of Dance & Music

Bangkok's International Festival of Dance and Music returns for another season of spectacular productions, grand staging and performances worthy of standing ovations. Running throughout September and October at the Thailand Cultural Centre, the festival brings together renowned ballet companies, opera houses and contemporary performers for two months of world-class theatrical entertainment.

This year's programme spans from timeless romance, classical opera and visually captivating contemporary performances.

Date: 05 September – 17 October 2026

Time: 20:00

Admission: THB 2,000 | 3,000 | 3,200 | 3,800 | 4,000 | 5,000 | 6,000

Location: Impact Arena



The BIG ASS Stadium World Tour in Bangkok

Prepare for an unforgettable evening as Post Malone returns to Bangkok with the BIG ASS Stadium World Tour, bringing his iconic hits, spectacular stage production and the charisma that has earned him 18 Grammy Award nominations.

The concert will take place at Rajamangala National Stadium on 22 September 2026, one of Bangkok's premier live entertainment venues.

Sing along to Post Malone's greatest hits, immerse yourself in the electric atmosphere of a packed stadium, and experience a live performance filled with powerful moments and unforgettable memories. Whether you are travelling to Bangkok for the concert or are already in the city, this is one live music event not to be missed.

Date: 22 September 2026

Time: 19:00

Admission: THB 5,500 (Standing) | 2,800 – 6,800 (Seated) | 12,100 – 13,400
(VIP Package)

Location: Rajamangala National Stadium

ONE Fight Night 45: Lessei vs. Rabah

The second half of 2026 begins with an unforgettable night of martial arts as ONE Championship returns to Bangkok's Lumpinee Stadium for ONE Fight Night 45 on Saturday, 18 July.

Luke 'The Chef' Lessei has emerged as one of the leading figures in America's Muay Thai scene. The Iowa native is renowned for his resilience, technical skill and dynamic striking ability, which consistently captivates audiences. Following his defeat to interim divisional champion Nico Carrillo, Lessei is determined to deliver a standout performance and strengthen his bid for a ONE World Title opportunity.

Standing in his way is Mohamed Younes Rabah, known as 'The Eagle'. The towering Algerian featherweight has enjoyed an impressive professional career and already holds a victory over a former ONE World Title challenger. A victory over Lessei on the global stage could move Rabah one step closer to competing for World Championship gold.

Date: 18 July 2026

Time: 08:00

Admission: THB 1,200 | 2,400 | 3,750 | 4,500 (Ringside)

Location: Lumpinee Boxing Stadium (Ramintra Road)





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