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ON WRITING HITS, OUTRAGEOUS CLOTHES AND THE PAPARAZZI

Gerard Butler

FLYING TO LONDON FOR FIVE MINUTES WITH THE SCOTSMAN

Ben Affleck

REDISCOVERS HIMSELF IN HOLLYWOOD

[David Fincher] made me realise I've probably been too polite and too willing to compromise



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PAUL THEROUX
GLEN MATLOCK
VISITING CROATIA
ALEXANDER WANG



Tune Into This

Through art, kids will be given a chance to learn music

WORDS HANNAH CHOO PHOTOS FFURIOUS

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED ANOTHER TAYLOR SWIFT or vile *Hello Kitty* number by Avril Lavigne. The world needs good music. The kind that relaxes, makes you want to dance, that brings back fond memories of people and the great times you've spent with them. We need music that resonates with us right here in our homeland, music that speaks about who we are. We tend to take it for granted but music is an important part of our identity. If we want to enjoy good music, we must educate.

As they say, kids are our future, but out of every five youngsters, there will be a couple who cannot afford to have music lessons. Fortunately, there's fFurious, a multi-disciplinary creative agency that has come together with art-management.com and Thunder Rock School to support such kids. Singled Out is its music and art project that aims to harness the power of music to impact the lives of financially disadvantaged kids.

The money raised through Singled Out will be directed to a music programme at Thunder Rock. Formed by a group of

local music acts (including Inch Chua, Gentle Bones and The Good Life Project), the school has planned an unconventional music education outreach programme to provide mentorship to the kids. This will provide a fun approach to learning music to actively encourage creativity.

Fundraising activities include giving old vinyl records a new lease of life. Fifty local designers and artists have been called on to revisit their past, pick out a song that means the most to them, and then turn the record and its sleeve into a work of art however they like. Some have painted over their fave song vinyl or incorporated it into sculptures and installations. It's quite amazing what they've come up with.

The 50 art pieces are now on display at The Connoisseur Concerto's double-storey boutique cafe, but only till 6 January, when they will be auctioned online with a starting bid of \$200. To bid, register your details at the website singledout.ffurious.com and click away. It's up to you to place a price on any of the art works, but every bit will go towards helping a future generation of local musicians. ♡

WHERE EXACTLY?

If you're around the area for a drink – or two, or three – drop by the free exhibit at The Connoisseur Concerto's 'The Gallery', 51 Circular Road, S(049406)