



### Silver Arts Festival Factsheet

<b>Background</b>	Started in 2012 over a weekend of senior-centric arts programmes, Silver Arts has since grown to showcase best practices and meaningful arts engagements with seniors and the community over four weekends in September each year.
<b>What</b>	<p>Silver Arts features some 40 programmes in various art forms. The programmes include workshops, performances as well as films and exhibition showcase of works by seniors. It offers arts experiences for seniors to share their stories that shape their collective memories, ignite their imagination, and forge stronger inter-generational bonding and connectivity with society. Beyond the festival period, selected Silver Arts programmes reach out to senior-centric organisations and centres.</p> <p>Arts in ElderCare Seminar is a 2-day platform that brings together artists, social and healthcare practitioners as well as community leaders and funders to share innovative programme models and arts practices in senior engagement in different social settings. The seminar returns in 2020.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p>In 2018, the Festival attracted some 42,000 audiences comprising mainly seniors, their families as well as young people.</p> <p>Silver Arts festival involves the artistic community and community partners extensively. It is currently supported by a growing pool of Silver Arts Volunteers who takes on a variety of roles in championing creative ageing and facilitating arts experiences.</p>
<b>Where</b>	The Plaza of the National Library Building serves as a focal point for the festival. Depending on the programmes, the Festival has taken place at various arts venues e.g. Drama Centre, Victoria Theatre, as well as community venues e.g. Kampong Admiralty, Our Tampines Hub.
<b>When</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5 – 29 September 2019</li> <li>▪ 3 – 27 September 2020</li> </ul>

## Senior Demographic Landscape at a Glance

### OVERVIEW OF SENIOR DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE COMMUNITY



Active seniors



Active seniors who require minimal ADL support



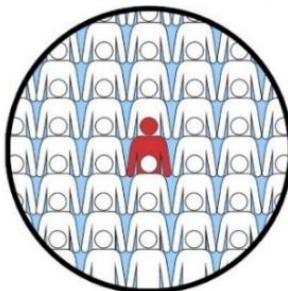
Category 3 seniors<sup>1</sup>  
(Nursing home)



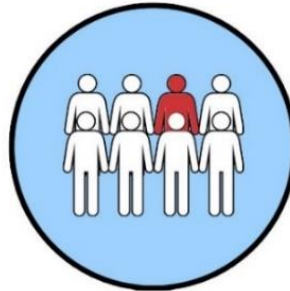
Category 4 seniors<sup>2</sup>  
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### DEMOGRAPHICS AND KEY TRENDS<sup>3</sup>

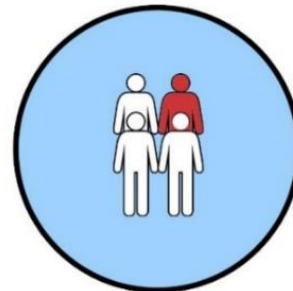
Singapore's population is ageing rapidly.  
Increasing number of Singaporeans who are 65 or older.



1970  
1 in 31



2015  
1 in 8



2030  
1 in 4

### SENIORS' ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION AND INTEREST IN THE ARTS<sup>4</sup>

Increased demand for the arts among seniors since 2013.  
Seniors see benefits in participating in the arts.

#### Arts attendance



29% (2013)  32% (2017)

#### Arts participation



13% (2013)  22% (2017)

#### Interest in the arts



5% (2013)  12% (2017)

<sup>1</sup> Seniors who require ADL support, semi-ambulant, wheelchair-bound

<sup>2</sup> Seniors who require ADL support, bed-bound

<sup>3</sup> Sources: Department of Statistics, Institute of Mental Health, Ministry of Health (Disease Control Division).

<sup>4</sup> Sources: National Arts Council 2017 Population Survey