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to relive the 70s can look out for popular entertainers such as Matthew and The Mandarins, Heritage, and Robert Fernando at the Rocking Good Times 2.

Families looking for a fun day out can also learn how to appreciate art with Singapore Arts Street 2008 @ North East, where visitors get to enjoy a visual arts exhibition, work with graffiti art and enjoy street performances.

Community partners can also tap on the North East District Arts Festival – Arts Fund to organize their own arts event for the residents.

For Lily, it was pure serendipity that landed her the role of a retired teacher, who meets up with an ex-student and sings about her life as a retiree. Intending only to work backstage, she got the role when Peggy Ferroa, the scriptwriter for the musical, took the liberty of tailoring a small part of the script to her life – writing in her current work as a volunteer and past as a teacher before she became a housewife.

Currently, this spirited senior citizen spends most of her free time volunteering at Changi Hospital and mentoring at a student centre in Tampines. Gushing excitedly about her new experience, Lily is happy that she has made new friends from all walks of life, which include assistant producer and director Catherine Sng and actor Lee Weng Kee. "It's a life time experience," she says.

Urging other senior citizens to venture out of their comfort zones, she says they should "just come out and enjoy life," especially given Singapore's safe streets and close proximity to almost everything. She quips, "Just like the song we sang, you've got to live it up."

WHAT'S UP AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL:

DANCE XPLOSION 3!

Sat 7 June, Open field outside White Sands Shopping Mall, 6.30pm to 10.30pm

ROCKING GOOD TIMES 2!

Sun 8 June, Open field outside White Sands Shopping Mall, 6.30pm to 10.30pm

NORTH EAST DISTRICT MUSICAL

Sat 21 June, Tampines East Community Club, Auditorium
 Sat 28 June, Seng Kang Community Club, Theatre
 Sat 12 July, The Serangoon, Multi-Purpose Hall
 3.00pm and 7.30pm.

Duration: Approximate 1.5 hours.

Tickets Price: Standard - \$10.

Concession tickets at \$8 for students below 12 and senior citizens above 55 years old

SINGAPORE ARTS STREET 2008 @ NORTH EAST

Sat 21, Sun 22, Sat 28, Sun 29 June, Hougang Central Hub
 11.00am to 6.00pm

For more information, please visit www.northeastcdc.org.sg
 or call (65) 6424-4000/4024/4079

