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**Science festival kicks off with 3—day carnival at Marina Square**

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SINGAPORE : Singapore's annual science festival is back with more intriguing projects.

Called "Science 08", the six—week long festival kicks off on Friday with a carnival called "X—periment!" at the Marina Square Central Atrium.

Jointly organised by the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR) and the Singapore Science Centre, the three—day carnival is based on the theme "Fast Forward: The Science of Speed".

Visitors can expect displays on the dynamics of speed and light, try their hand at virtual F1 racing, enjoy the delights of liquid nitrogen, and appreciate the marine conservation efforts by a local tertiary institution.

One highlight of the carnival is the Science Circus, performed by former journalist—turned—performer Rhys Thomas. He aims to teach Newtonian physics through circus acts.

"I found science in something that I think is fun, so you can find science in things that you think is fun. And in doing that, you will learn that science is fun," said Thomas, a circus arts performer.

Members of the public can take part in Science 08's activities at various locations, including the Science Centre, the Singapore Botanic Gardens and regional libraries.

The festival ends on September 30. — CNA /ls