

FilmPicks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



OH LUCY! (M18)
95 minutes/****☆

After premiering at last year's Singapore International Film Festival, this drama-comedy of mixed cross-cultural signals gets a run in a cinema.

Setsuko (Shinobu Terajima) is a lonely woman of a certain age and after she falls in love with her English teacher John (Josh Hartnett, both above), her feelings compel her to take a long journey to a foreign land. Nominated for the Critics' Week Grand Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

WHERE: Screening Room, The Arts House, 10 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till Wednesday, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** ohlucy.peatix.com



VOILAH! FRENCH ANIMATED CLASSICS

Four award-winning works of French-language animation are assembled in this month-long celebration.

The dialogue-free Triplets Of Belleville (2003, NC16, 80 minutes, above) brings together motherly love, music-hall jazz and the Tour de France into one stunningly drawn package. Nominated for two Oscars, it was director Sylvain Chomet's feature debut. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** April 8 to 29 **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg

HAVE A NICE DAY (PG13)
77 minutes/****☆

In a nondescript town in southern China, a lowly member of a gang has a bright idea: to rob his boss, so his girlfriend can pay for a repair job on botched plastic surgery.

Film-maker Liu Jian's film won Best Animation at the Golden Horse Awards, but its depiction of a town riddled with sleaze did not sit well with the Chinese government, which delayed approval for its release at a major French film festival.

WHERE: Screening Room, The Arts House, 10 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Thursday to April 15, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** haveaniceday.peatix.com

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SWEDISH FILM FESTIVAL

Guilt, repressed desires and the cloud of death hang over Cries and Whispers (1972, M18, 91 minutes, left), a period drama about three sisters and a maid. When cancer strikes one of them, the sisters gather by her bedside and unresolved tensions surface.

The film is one of legendary Swedish director Ingmar Bergman's most celebrated works and it opens this year's edition of the festival, which will also screen seven other Bergman works.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** April 12 to 15 **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg

FILMS

The Great Buddha (2017, M18)

In this Taiwanese film, Pickle is a night security guard at a bronze statue factory who enjoys flipping through his best friend Belly Button's porn magazines. While watching videos recorded on their boss' dash cam for fun, they discover his

unspeakable secret. A ridiculous chain reaction is triggered and even the statue of Buddha is forced to play a role in this chaotic situation. **WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** April 18, 9pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

NATURE

Orchid Plant Sales

Every first Sunday of the month, vendors will offer orchids for sale at the Singapore Botanic Gardens. Prices start at \$25. **WHERE:** Library Courtyard at the entrance of the Library, Botany Centre, Tanglin Gate, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Sun, 8am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

Palm Walk At TreeTop Walk

Join the Nature Society of Singapore Plant Group for a walk led by palm specialist Adrian Loo. It starts and ends at Venus Drive carpark and passes through the TreeTop Walk. **WHERE:** Central Nature Reserve, 601 Island Club Road (meet Mr Loo at Venus Drive carpark at 8.30am) **MRT:** Marymount **WHEN:** April 14, 8.30 - 11.30am **ADMISSION:** For Nature Society of Singapore members **INFO:** Go to www.nss.org.sg for membership information

Bird Watching Along The Southern Ridges

Up to 43 species of birds have been spotted at the Southern Ridges so far. This tour will take participants through the Forest Walk and Singing Forest. Take along binoculars or a camera with a zoom function for a better experience. **WHERE:** Mount Faber Park, Entrance of Henderson Waves, Henderson Road **MRT:** Telok Blangah **WHEN:** April 21, 7.30 - 9.30am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail Denise_Chn@nparks.gov.sg, Sim_Sue_Lin@nparks.gov.sg

Istana Nature Guided Walk

This guided walk on Labour Day, which will showcase the Istana's flora, fauna and biodiversity, is organised by the President's Office and National Parks Board. **WHERE:** The Istana, Orchard Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** May 1, 10am - 4pm (hourly) **ADMISSION:** \$2 for children from three years old, \$4 for Singaporeans & permanent residents, \$10 for foreigners from 13 years old; family of four package \$12/\$30 **INFO:** E-mail eileen_chay@nparks.gov.sg

Herbs And Spices

The Herbs And Spices Gardening Workshop And Guided Tour lets participants get up close and personal with the herbs and spices that are commonly used in Asian and Western cooking. Learn about their historical significance, uses as remedies and propagation methods. **WHERE:** Classrooms 1 & 2 on level 3, Botany Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** May 5, 10am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$80 (includes all materials), register with full payment

at nparks.gov.sg **TEL:** 6471-9961 **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_edu@nparks.gov.sg

PETS

SPCA Furry Friends Fund

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is seeking volunteers to help raise funds with a Furry Friends Fund tin. **WHERE:** Go to spca.org.sg for the list of collection locations **WHEN:** Till May 31 **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6287-5355 ext 35 **INFO:** E-mail fundraising@spca.org.sg

FrankenPrey Raw Workshop For Beginners

The FrankenPrey Raw Model is a species-appropriate diet that mimics the eating of a whole raw prey animal by using bones, meat and organs from other animals. Dog owners can find out information such as what a balanced raw food diet can do for pets. **WHERE:** Wholesome Paws, 12 Jalan Selaseh, Seletar Hills Estate **MRT:** Yio Chu Kang/Sengkang (Fernvale LRT) **WHEN:** April 15, 1.30 - 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$50 a person, includes drinks & light snacks plus a choice of 100g Wholesome Paws organ treats worth \$15 **TEL:** 9116-2733 **INFO:** E-mail human@wholesomepaws.co or go to wholesomepaws.co

Basic Obedience Foundation Class

Conducted by Action for Singapore Dogs, the Basic Obedience Foundation Class uses the Amichien Bonding principles as the foundation of your relationship with your dog. You will also learn effective techniques of communication. **WHERE:** Bishan Park II, 510 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1 **MRT:** Ang Mo Kio/Bishan **WHEN:** 4.30 - 6pm; Sunday sessions April 15 - May 20; Saturday sessions April 21 - May 26 **ADMISSION:** \$350 (\$250 for Action for Singapore Dogs Adopter) for six sessions **TEL:** 6100-2737 **INFO:** E-mail info@asdsingapore.com

Camp Canine

Camp Canine will feature a pet market, photo booth, pet portrait sessions as well as competitions such as meatball eating, best dressed pooches, best character impersonation and a doggie race. **WHERE:** 01-01 Kallang Rivergreen Building, 66 Kampong Bugis **MRT:** Lavender **WHEN:** April 22, 1 - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free, \$3 a dog taking part in competitions **INFO:** E-mail nadia@seriesofintentions.com

Pet Expo 2018

Visitors to the fair, which is in its fifth year, can adopt a pet, attend educational talks, take part in competitions and have access to myriad pet products and services. **WHERE:** Hall 7 Singapore Expo, 1 Expo

Drive **MRT:** Expo **WHEN:** April 6 - 8, 11am - 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$5 a day, \$12 for a three-day pass; free for children below 12 years old; pets are welcome **INFO:** www.petexposg.com

KIDS

Cold Storage Kids Run

This kids-focused running event gives seasoned child runners more exposure to competition and serves as a stepping stone for first-time runners. This year's edition will be accompanied by fringe activities. **WHERE:** Palawan Green, Sentosa **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** May 20, 8 - 11am **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$50 - \$115 (various categories & age groups), register at goo.gl/FpUfdE

OTHERS

Easter Flea Market At Chinese Swimming Club

Visitors can win prizes in an egg hunt, track down exclusive deals at a flea market, take part in arts and craft workshops and have their photos taken with Easter mascot Miss Bunny. **WHERE:** Arrival Pavilion Lobby, Chinese Swimming Club, 21 Amber Road **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Sun, 8am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6345-1221/6885-0688 **INFO:** www.chineseswimmingclub.org.sg

World Health Day Carnival

The Singapore Cancer Society celebrates World Health Day with a carnival. Activities include a zumba workout session, talks on nutrition and traditional Chinese medicine, an interactive exhibition on lowering the risk of certain diseases and a free basic health check. **WHERE:** Tanjong Pagar Centre Urban Park, 1 Wallich Street **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** April 6, 11am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bit.ly/scswd **TEL:** 6421-5860 **INFO:** E-mail community@health@singaporecancersociety.org.sg

Millennium Wedding Showcase

The Millennium wedding is offering wedding packages at four of its hotels. Consultants will be present to advise couples, who can also preview culinary fare and stand a chance to win a honeymoon to New Zealand. There is a complimentary shuttle-bus service among the hotels. **WHERE (MRT):** Orchard Hotel (Orchard), Grand Copthorne Waterfront (Outram Park), M Hotel (Tanjong Pagar), Copthorne King's Hotel (Outram Park) **WHEN:** April 8, 11am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 nett a couple (\$18 for Citibank card holders) **TEL:** Orchard: 6734-7766, Grand Copthorne Waterfront: 6233-1199, M Hotel: 6500-6211, Copthorne King's: 6318-3117 **INFO:** E-mail corporatemarketing@millenniumhotels.com

Farmers' Market At Loewen Gardens

This market features a mix of organic fruit and vegetables, olive oil, wine, honey and baked goods, as well as a free trampoline, playground, and colouring and face painting for children. **WHERE:** 75E Loewen Road **MRT:** Farrer Road **WHEN:** April 14, 9am - 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail events@loewengardens.sg

Health Fair

In conjunction with its 30th anniversary, the National Skin Centre, together with the National Healthcare Group Polyclinics, is organising a health fair. Besides talks on wellness in old age, keeping skin healthy for all ages and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, there will be hair and hip-hop performances, interactive booths, food preparation demonstrations and stop-smoking counselling. **WHERE:** Yio Chu Kang Community Club, 50 Ang Mo Kio Street 61 **MRT:** Yio Chu Kang **WHEN:** April 21, noon - 5pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at www.nsc.com.sg

LAST CALL

Kranji Countryside Farmers' Market

More than 50 local farmers and artisans will be at the 12th edition of the Kranji Countryside Farmers' Market. Visitors can savour farm-to-table eats, check out the new Asean pavilion and take part in an Easter egg hunt. **WHERE:** Nyeef Phoe (Gardenasia), 240 Neo Tiew Crescent **MRT:** Kranji (Kranji Countryside Express bus to farms from 8.30am - 5.45pm at \$3 a round-trip) **WHEN:** Tomorrow (noon-6pm) & Sun (10am - 4pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6430-8330 **INFO:** kranji.countryside.com

A Good Death

The play follows Dr Leong, a palliative care doctor, as she journeys with her patients through their final days. As they open up to her about their hopes and fears, her own family begins to argue over what is best for their ageing parents. **WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Till Sun, 3 & 8pm **ADMISSION:** From \$17 **TEL:** 6828-8377 **INFO:** E-mail ccaroline@esplanade.com

• The listings on these Happenings pages are free. Write to Life Happenings, Life, The Straits Times, 1000 Toa Payoh North, Singapore 318994 or e-mail stlfe@sph.com.sg at least two weeks ahead. Include the name of the event, organiser, venue, date and time, ticket prices and nearest MRT station, as well as your name, address and contact number. We reserve the right to edit or reject items. Go to www.straitstimes.com (click on Lifestyle) for more listings

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Hear their views at noon on Thursday, April 19, at OCBC Centre Level 50.

To register for the forum, go to str.sg/globaloutlook

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