

FilmPicks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



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**UNSAFE (NC16)**  
96 minutes/★★★★  
In this woman-in-peril thriller, Sawyer (Clare Foxy, above) at first feels like the classic gaslighted female, the one who feels her sense of reality slipping away because everyone tells her she is not seeing what is obvious to everyone else. She has been trapped in a mental institution against her will and no one cares when she tells them she does not belong. Director Steven Soderbergh makes that classic set-up feel fresh, and the result is white-knuckle intense.



**EUROPEAN UNION FILM FESTIVAL**  
One of the offerings at the 28th edition of the longest-running foreign film festival in Singapore is drama-comedy *Fukushima Mon Amour* (PG13, 104 minutes, above) from Germany. Marie (Rosalie Thomass) is at loose ends in Germany and hops on a plane

to Japan, with vague plans of helping the survivors of the Fukushima nuclear disaster. She meets older resident Satomi (Kaori Momoi) and the two develop a prickly relationship. **WHERE:** National Gallery Singapore, 151 Andrews Road **WHEN:** May 10 to 20, various times **ADMISSION:** 12 INFO: www.euff.sg

**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS: SINGULAR SCREENS**  
This annual festival showcases the best and boldest new voices from around the world. This year's line-up is the creative documentary *Die Tomorrow* (PG13, 75 minutes, left), in which Thai director Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit traces the last hours on earth of six Bangkok residents; using interviews, news reports and archive footage to explore the ideas of isolation and living in the present. **WHERE:** Screening Room, The Arts House, 110A Parliament Lane **MEET:** Halli Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Tomorrow to May 11, various times **ADMISSION:** \$9 a film, \$24 for three films, from sifa.sg/programmes/singular-screens



**POLISH FILM FESTIVAL 2018**  
This is the first time a festival from Poland is being held in Singapore. Today's screening will be *Carte Blanche* (PG13, 106 minutes, above), about a high-school teacher who hides his deteriorating eyesight from her one for the sake of his students. The film is inspired by real events and Jack Lubinski won Best Director at the Sao Paulo International Film Festival and the Shanghai International Film Festival. **WHERE:** The Projector, Golden Mile Tower, Beach Road **WHEN:** Till Sunday, various times **ADMISSION:** \$15.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg

FILMS

**Wasted! The Story Of Food Waste**  
The documentary aims to change the way people buy, cook, recycle and eat food. Audiences will see how the world's most valuable resource, such as food, is wasted. **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6-9pm **WHERE:** Mario Barati, Massimo Bottura and Danny Bowen, make the most of every kind of food, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes. **WHERE:** Sherwood Towers, 1 Jalan Anak Bukit **MRT:** Beauty World **ADMISSION:** Free, register at goo.gl/MG2z0s **INFO:** facebook.com/lifestylegreening

**The Eagle Huntress (British, G)**  
Mongolian-Animal documentary film is narrated by executive producer David Ridley, the English actress of *Star Wars* fame. Aisholpan, a 13-year-old girl, tries to become the first female in 12 generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle-hunter and rises to the pinnacle of a tradition that has been handed down from father to son for centuries. **WHERE:** WorkCentral, 180 Clemenceau Avenue **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Wed, 6.45pm **ADMISSION:** \$16 **INFO:** singaporefilm.com

NATURE

**The Grand Budapest Hotel (2014, M18)**  
The movie, starring an ensemble cast, recounts the adventures of Gustave H. (Ralph Fiennes), a famous hotelier who falls in love with a young European hotelier, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. **WHERE:** The Projector Blue Room, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 5001 **BEACH ROAD MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** May 4, 8pm to 5pm, 20.40.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15.50 (standard), \$13.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Nonesuch Kingdom (2012, PG13)**  
Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, *Nonesuch Kingdom* tells the story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love, make a secret pact and run away together into the wilderness. As various authorities hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing offshore and the

peaceful island community is turned upside down in more ways than anyone can handle. **Stars:** Bruce Willis, Bill Murray, Edward Norton and Frances McDormand. **WHERE:** The Projector Blue Room, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 5001 **BEACH ROAD MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** May 5 & 12, 7.40pm **ADMISSION:** \$12.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Isle Of Dogs (2018, PG)**  
When, by executive decree, all the canine pets of Megaski City are exiled to a vast garbage dump called Trash Island, 12-year-old Atari Kobayashi sets off alone in a miniature Junior-Turbo Prop and flies across the river in search of his wayward dog, Spots. There, with help from a pack of newly found mongrel friends, he begins an epic journey that will decide the fate and future of the entire prefecture. **WHERE:** DV Paya Lebar, 803-107 Singpost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 3 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** May 16, 6p-7.30pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** e-mail info@singaporefilm.com

TOURS

**Figs Of The Fort Trail**  
Learn about the more than 10 species of fig trees in Fort Caning Park, including the magnificent Burmese Banyan tree that has been identified as a Heritage Tree. **WHERE:** Meeting Point, roundabout behind Fort Caning Art Centre and Hotel Fort Caning **MRT:** Fort Caning **WHEN:** May 12, 4-6pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at nps.gov.sg/Info **E-mail:** Jason\_wong@nps.gov.sg

**Tulipmania Floral Display**  
Set foot in a quaint little town and walk among the tulip giants at Gardens by the Bay's well-loved Tulipmania. Visitors can get free guided tours of the tulip display, sign for a tulip-themed floral cupcake workshop and win air tickets to Amsterdam or Bali in an Instagram contest organised by Gardens by the Bay and official air partner KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

**WHERE:** Flower Dome, Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** Till May 13, 9am-9pm **ADMISSION:** Flower Dome admission charges apply (half-price for seniors) **INFO:** gardensbythebay.com.sg/tulipmania

**Singapore Garden Festival Orchid Show**  
The inaugural Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) Orchid Show will showcase a variety of award-winning and heritage orchids. An offshoot of the flagging SGF, the show is a partnership between the National Parks Board and the Orchid Society of South East Asia, priming Singapore for its role as host for the Asia-Pacific Orchid Conference in 2022. **WHERE:** National Orchid Garden & other parts of Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Till Sun, 8.30am-7pm **ADMISSION:** Free for Singapore citizens, permanent residents & work-permit holders; international visitors \$5 (adults), students & seniors \$3! **INFO:** e-mail singaporegardenfestival@nps.gov.sg

PETS

**Animal Healing With Reiki**  
Learn how animal healing can help to improve your pet's physical and emotional health and events their behavioural issues. **WHERE:** Simply Reiki, 04-11 Icon@Changi, 228 Changi Road **MRT:** Eunos **WHEN:** July 19, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$10 **TEL:** 9070-4466 **INFO:** simplyreiki.sg/experience.html

TOURS

**Istana Nature Guided Walk**  
Join the guided nature walk during the Istana Open House on Labour Day. This walk is a collaboration between the President's Office and the National Parks Board, which will showcase the Istana's flora, fauna and biodiversity. **WHERE:** The Istana, Orchard Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Tue, 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@nps.gov.sg

**Farm Tour & Farm-To-Table Workshop**  
Pick up gardening and farming tips, feed the fish, tour a hydroponics farm and take part in a farm-to-table workshop. **WHERE:** Boxfarm, 40 Neo Tiew Road; meet at DKranji Farm Resort at 501 **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** May 5 & 12, 9.30am-noon **ADMISSION:** \$15 a person (includes a bento lunch) **TEL:** 9859-1504 (Deborah) **INFO:** e-mail info@healingfood@gmail.com

CONTEST

**Landscape Architecture Student Competition**  
The Student Design Competition of the 55th IFLA World Congress 2018 is sponsored by the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and organised by the Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects. It aims to demonstrate the achievements in landscape architecture education worldwide. **WHERE:** Go to ifla2018.com/s/ student-design-competition for details **WHEN:** Submission deadline is May 18, 6pm **ADMISSION:** US\$10 - US\$50 submission fee **INFO:** e-mail ifla2018student@ifla.org

KIDS

**Role Of Animals In Books For Children And Youngs**  
Explore the portrayal of animals as companions and farm creatures in children's literature in this interactive workshop, which offers children suggestions on how to more closely align animals' portrayal with the reality. **WHERE:** 03-32 Goddard Arts Centre Block, 9 Goodwood Road **MRT:** Mountbatten **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9.30-11am **ADMISSION:** \$53.24 **INFO:** e-mail alab@alabbookcouncil.sg or go to alabbookcouncil.sg/courses

**Safra Life Stars - Showcase Your Talents**  
Organised by Safra Ta Payoh, the talent competition features solo,

family and group categories. This year's event has a new category - Majulah! Family Category - National Day songs. Children aged five to 12 can join the solo or group categories. **WHERE (MRT):** Safra Ta Payoh Atrium, 293 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh (Toa Payoh), June 9 (heats for Solo & Group), noon-6pm, Safra Punggol, 9 Sentul Crescent (Punggol), Sam Kee LRT, July 8 (finals), noon-6pm **ADMISSION:** \$10 (solo), \$20 (group). Registration closes on May 28 **TEL:** 6355-4522 **INFO:** e-mail osamantah@safra.sg (Samantha); go to www.safra.sg/istars

OTHERS

**Christie's Hong Kong Spring Auctions in Singapore**  
Christie's auction house will be hosting its most comprehensive Singapore preview of Asian 20th-century and contemporary art, Chinese paintings, jewellery and jadeite, watches, handbags and accessories. **WHERE:** The Ballroom, Level 3 Hiltop Singapore, 581 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Thu & Fri, 11am-7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** e-mail enquiry@christies.com

**Password Security**  
The Cyber Security Agency of Singapore is holding the Republic's first password security training café. Learn a simple way of creating strong passwords that are easier to remember over a cup of Ya Kun coffee or tea. Participants will receive a set of limited-edition coasters. **WHERE:** Basement 2 Atrium, Bedok Mall, 311 New Upper Changi Road **MRT:** Bedok **WHEN:** May 5 & 6, 11am-6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** e-mail book.com/CSASingapore, csa.gov.sg

**Kindness Carnival**  
The carnival celebration of Kindness Day, will feature fun games, yummy eats and groovy acts. Activities include filling up the Singa collector's book with original donations or cycling to light up bulbs on the main-stage backdrop. To mark

the first weekend of Ramadan, 600 packets of biryani will be distributed for a mass iftar session. **WHERE:** OCBC Square, 5 Stadium Drive **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** May 19, 10am-11pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** klnednesday.sg **TEL:** 6761-9106 **INFO:** kindnesday.sg

LAST CALL

**Monument Trail**  
This historical landmarks of the Civic District and learn more about their history. The trail starts at Cavenagh Bridge near the mouth of the Singapore River, once the heart of Singapore's commercial activity and enter trade, and takes participants through Empress Place and Cavenagh Bridge. **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10-11.30am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at nps.gov.sg/Info **E-mail:** Sim\_Sue\_Lim@nps.gov.sg Denise\_Chp@nps.gov.sg

Celebrating Unesco International Jazz Day

Join the Jazz Association (Singapore), otherwise known as Jazz, and its youth orchestra, JazzYO!, in commemorating Unesco International Jazz Day with a concert at the Botanic Gardens, a Unesco World Heritage Site. The concert will feature Jazz executive and music director Jeremy Monteiro and jazz veteran Louis Solano. **WHERE:** Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Sun, 6-7.15pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** e-mail npsk\_sg\_visitor\_services @nps.gov.sg

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