

FILMS

Isle Of Dogs (2018, PG)

When, by executive decree, all the canine pets of Megasaki 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 guard dog, Spots. There, with the assistance of a pack of newly found mongrel friends, he begins an epic journey that will decide the fate and future of the entire prefecture.
WHERE: GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8
MRT: Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Wed, 9 - 11pm
ADMISSION: Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month
TEL: 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

The Room (2003, M18)

Johnny is a successful banker who lives happily in a San Francisco townhouse with his fiancée, Lisa. One day, inexplicably, she gets bored of him and decides to seduce his best friend, Mark. The movie – written, directed and produced by Tommy Wiseau, who also stars in it – has been called the greatest bad movie ever made.
WHERE: Green Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** May 19, 9pm
ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

The Disaster Artist (2017, M18)

Produced, directed by and starring James Franco, the movie is based on the non-fiction book of the same name and chronicles the making of Tommy Wiseau's 2003 film, The Room, widely considered one of the worst films ever made.
WHERE: Green Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** May 26, 8.30pm
ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

NATURE

Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park Ecolife

This tour designed for families explores Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and its biodiversity through interactive exploration themes and activities. Participants work together to answer worksheets, conduct surveys and take part in photo hunts.
WHERE: Promenade (multipurpose shelter), Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park **MRT:** Ang Mo Kio/Bishan **WHEN:** May 26, 9 - 11am
ADMISSION: Free, register at nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail Yoon_Hui_Lian@nparks.gov.sg

Horseshoe Crab Rescue & Research Programme

Horseshoe crabs are in decline globally because of habitat loss, poaching and overfishing. The Nature Society Singapore aims to monitor their population to ensure that they stay around for generations.
WHERE: Kranji Mudflats (details will be sent via e-mail one week before the event) **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** June 3, 7.30 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at tinyurl.com/nsshorseshoecrab **INFO:** E-mail Lester at hscrr.nss@gmail.com

PETS

A-dog-tion Drive

This is an adoption drive by Action for Singapore Dogs. Many of the dogs available are HDB-approved. Action for Singapore Dogs merchandise will also be on sale.
WHERE: Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, 12 Tai Gin Road **MRT:** Toa Payoh **WHEN:** Sun,

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



EUROPEAN UNION FILM FESTIVAL

The event, in its 28th edition, is the longest-running foreign film festival in Singapore. In the Finnish romantic drama, The Violin Player (M18, 120 minutes), Karin (Matleena Kuusniemi, above) is a concert violinist whose career is derailed after an accident leaves her with a permanent hand injury. She turns to teaching and one day meets Antti, a student 20 years her junior. Director Paavo Westerberg will speak at a post-screening dialogue.
WHERE: National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till May 20, various times
ADMISSION: \$12 from Sistic (go to www.sistic.com.sg or call 6348-5555) **INFO:** www.euff.sg



LOVELESS (R21)

127 minutes
 In this drama from Russia, nominated for Best Foreign Language Film at this year's Academy Awards, a disintegrating marriage is the background of a tragedy. As Zhenya (Maryana Spivak, left) and Boris (Aleksy Rozin) battle over their divorce terms and become involved in other relationships, their son Alyosha (Matvey Novikov) vanishes.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** May 26 and June 17, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg

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BERGMAN CENTENARY

Brought back by popular demand, this retrospective celebrates the most well-known works of Swedish film-maker Ingmar Bergman (1918-2007). In The Seventh Seal (1957, PG, 99 minutes), a knight meets Death in person. To delay the inevitable, he asks Death for a game of chess before he carries out his duty, and in the conversation that follows, Bergman delves into the questions that have troubled humans for millennia.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sunday to June 3, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ARTS: SINGULAR SCREENS

The festival's film section closes, fittingly, on renowned Iranian film-maker Abbas Kiarostami's last film, 24 Frames (2017, PG, 114 minutes, above). In this wordless experimental work, 24 still images are turned into short films through digital animation. Critics have called it a masterpiece and a worthy cap to a long, illustrious career, but others may find this example of "slow cinema" hard to take. This film is among the selection in this annual event, which showcases the best and boldest new voices from around the world.
WHERE: Screening Room, The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall/Clarke Quay **When:** Today **ADMISSION:** \$9 a film, \$24 for three films **INFO:** sifa.sg/programmes/singular-screens

noon - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** asdsingapore.com

Doggie Carnival

Activities at the carnival include a free try-out of equipment to train your canines, demonstrations and performances of agility and obedience of the different breeds. Dogs will also compete in the Most Talented (performing the most tricks in the shortest time) and Greatest Temptation (highest resistance for rolling balls, food treats or other lures) challenges.
WHERE: Civil Service Club @ Changi, 2 Netheravon Road **MRT:** Changi Airport **WHEN:** June 9, 10am - 4pm
ADMISSION: Free, register at goo.gl/2sveK9 by June 2, \$3 for each dog in fun games **TEL:** 6391-5607 (Hai Ming) **INFO:** E-mail onnhaimging@csc.sg

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 achievement of the highest

standards in landscape architecture education worldwide. The top prize is US\$3,500 (S\$4,600).
WHERE: Details in ifla2018.com/student-design-competition
WHEN: Submission deadline is May 18, 6pm **ADMISSION:** Submission fee US\$10 - US\$50 **INFO:** E-mail ifla2018student@sil.a.org.sg

KIDS

Hi-5 Children's Workshop

This workshop, for children aged four to six, draws on the movement and music from the Hi-5 television series to bring stories to life. Participants will take on characters to play out situations, create soundscapes and use descriptive words to explore and express animal movement.
WHERE: Basement 3 Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** June 3, 9am - 12.45pm, 2 - 5.45pm
ADMISSION: \$160+GST (for kids aged four - six) **INFO:** facebook.com/hi5houseoflearning

Safra Lil' Stars - Showcase Your Talents

Organised by Safra Toa Payoh, this singing and dancing competition offers a platform for NSmen to bond with their families and support their children in exploring their talents.

There are solo, family and group categories, as well as a new Majulah! Family category for National Day songs. Children aged five to 12 can join the solo or group categories.
WHERE (MRT), WHEN: Safra Toa 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 osamantha@safra.sg (Samantha) or go to www.safra.sg/ilstars

OTHERS

A Turkish Experience At Seletar Mall

The week-long event is organised by the Singapore Turkish Friendship Association and supported by the Embassy of Turkey. Highlights include a display of Turkish national costumes, footwear, headgear and indigenous fabrics; belly dancing performances; a showcase of traditional Turkish coffee brewing; and a food bazaar with vendors from Turkey. Spend at least \$50 at the mall to stand a chance to win round-trip air tickets from Turkish Airways.
WHERE: 33 Sengkang West Avenue **MRT:** Sengkang (Fernvale LRT) **WHEN:** Till Thu, 10am - 9pm

ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** theseletarmall.com

LAST CALL

MusicFest@SGH

The sixth edition of this concert will be bigger with 260 performers, with celebrities such as Chua En Lai and Benjamin Kheng participating for the first time. The event is presented by Novartis and jointly organised by Singapore General Hospital and Sing'theatre. Since its launch in 2013, the yearly event has brought together close to 2,000 musicians and artists, and provided 218 hours of live music to more than 32,000 patients and caregivers.
WHERE: Singapore General Hospital Campus (public spaces such as lobbies, gardens, corridors & cafeterias), Outram Road **MRT:** Outram Park **WHEN:** Today, 10.30am - 5pm (finale concert: 7 - 8pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** singtheatre.com

Duke Ellington Orchestra

The legendary Duke Ellington Orchestra, founded by and named after one of the 20th century's most prolific American composers, will play some of the late composer's landmark jazz pieces in a 75-minute performance in Singapore Botanic Gardens.

WHERE: Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6 - 7.15pm
ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

Who Let The Dogs Out Carnival

This event, organised by Telok Blangah Community Club, offers fun activities for your family and pet dog. Dr Rachael Kilroy and Dr Ong Wei Jun will be giving a basic dog-health talk, which includes how to spot kidney disease in dogs.
WHERE: West Coast Dog Run, West Coast Park, West Coast Highway **MRT:** Clementi/Haw Par Villa **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9am - noon
ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** goo.gl/GoE9wR

• 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 stlife@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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