

Film Picks

Yip Wai Yee and John Lui recommend

MEXICAN FILM FESTIVAL

Mexico's Diego Luna is best known as the star of films such as *Y Tu Mama Tambien* (2001) and *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* (2016), but see how he fares as a film-maker with *Abel* (2010), his directorial feature debut.

In this drama, the titular boy (Christopher Ruiz-Esparza, right), who is nine, imagines he is the head of his household in his father's absence.

The film is part of the Mexican Film Festival, which is showing a number of acclaimed films from the country.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road
MRT: Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** June 10, 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50
INFO: theprojector.sg

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PHOTOS: HBO, MEXICAN FILM FESTIVAL



FAHRENHEIT 451 (NC16)

100 mins/★★★★☆

In this adaptation of the 1953 classic novel of the same name by Ray Bradbury, books have been banned in the world of the future because they contain dangerous, socially destabilising ideas.

Under the command of Captain Beatty (Michael Shannon, left), it is the job of the firemen to burn – in a public spectacle – any remaining books. Guy Montag (Michael B. Jordan) is a young fireman whose affection for the rebellious Clarisse (Sofia Boutella) leads him down a dangerous path.

This is Bradbury's parable about censorship illustrated as an action movie, with *Black Mirror*-tinged updates about artificial intelligence, public shaming on the Internet and the dumbing down of society.

John Lui

ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

After a passionate one-night stand with a handsome stranger (Alessandro Borghi), Adriana (Giovanna Mezzogiorno) is eager to see him again on a proper date. When he does not show up, she believes he just flaked out – until she gets word that he has been found dead.

The film *Naples In Veils*, which won the Italian Academy Award David di Donatello 2018 for Best Cinematography and Best Art Direction, is part of the Italian Film Festival, which kicks off today.

WHERE: Various locations, including The Projector and Golden Village Plaza Singapura **MRT:** Various
WHEN: Till June 9, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 from The Projector or Golden Village box offices
INFO: www.amsingapore.esteri.it

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FILMS

The Great North Korean Picture Show (2012, PG)

North Korea's film industry is a vital tool in the regime's vast propaganda machinery. Foreign film-makers are now allowed into the country's only film school – an elite institution where young talents are trained to create works that will not only entertain, but also help shape the psyche of an entire nation. Directed by Lynn Lee and James Leong of Singapore, this documentary is in Korean with English subtitles.

WHERE: GV Grand, 03-29 Great World City, 1 Kim Seng Promenade
MRT: Tiong Bahru/Orchard
WHEN: Wed, 9pm
ADMISSION: Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month
TEL: 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

Royal Opera House: Swan Lake (2017/2018)

Swan Lake has had a special role in the repertory of The Royal Ballet since 1934. This season, The Royal Ballet creates a new production with additional choreography by artist-in-residence Liam Scarlett. While remaining faithful to the Petipa-Ivanov text, Scarlett will bring fresh eyes to the staging of this classic ballet, in collaboration with his long-term designer John Macfarlane. This is a recorded screening of the theatre production.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road
MRT: Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** July 28, 4pm (Redrum) **ADMISSION:** \$25 (standard), \$22 (concession)
INFO: theprojector.sg

NATURE

Singapore Garden Festival Northpoint City Roadshow

The biennial Singapore Garden Festival, which presents the best of tropical horticulture and floral artistry, will return next month for its seventh edition. The roadshow makes a stop at South Atrium in Northpoint City and features Instagram-worthy photo points, including a mini garden display and mascots Benny the Bee, Gary the Grasshopper and Lindy the Ladybug. There are also fringe activities to learn more about plants and how we interact with them daily as well as painting activities for children.

WHERE: South Atrium, Northpoint City, 930 Yishun Avenue 2

MRT: Yishun **WHEN:** Till June 10, 10.30am - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.nparks.gov.sg

Bukit Brown-Central Catchment Nature Reserve Ramble

Walk with the Nature Society (Singapore) guides from Bukit Brown to the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.

WHERE: Meet at Bukit Brown Cemetery's main gate near Sime Road
MRT: Bukit Brown **WHEN:** June 9, 8am
ADMISSION/INFO: Nature Society (Singapore) members only; go to nss.org.sg for membership details

Ecolife At Coney Island Park

Follow National Parks Board volunteer guides to find out more about the interesting history of Coney Island and the flora and fauna found there.

WHERE: Coney Island Park, Pulau Serangoon (meet at West Entrance)
MRT: Punggol **WHEN:** June 23, 9 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: www.nparks.gov.sg

PETS

Basic Obedience Foundation Classes For Dogs

Action for Singapore Dogs (ASD) is conducting basic obedience foundation classes that incorporate Amichien Bonding principles, the foundation of owner-pet relationships. The sessions will also cover effective techniques of communication and basic obedience exercises.

WHERE: Tiong Bahru Park, 1 Henderson Road **MRT:** Tiong Bahru
WHEN: Saturdays (six sessions from tomorrow), 4.30 - 6pm; Sundays, (six sessions from Sun) 2.30 - 4pm
ADMISSION: \$350 (\$250 for ASD adopters); home-based classes: \$400 - \$450 **TEL:** 6100-2737
INFO: E-mail info@asdsingapore.com

Good Canine Citizen Training

The Good Canine Citizen Programme promotes responsible dog ownership and encourages the training of well-mannered dogs. At the sixth session of the programme, a dog-and-handler team must pass a short behavioural evaluation of less than half an hour to earn the Good Canine Citizen certificate.

WHERE: Suntec City (North Wing, Tower 1 & 2), 1 Raffles Boulevard
MRT: Esplanade/Promenade
WHEN: June 9 (every Sat for six weeks), 9.30 - 10.30am
ADMISSION: \$250 - \$400
TEL: 6469-4821 **INFO:** skc.org.sg

KIDS

Basic Aviation Course With Aptitude Flying

Let your child explore the wonders of flying an aircraft with SG Aviation Training's introductory course, Basic Aviation Course With Aptitude Flying. Participants will be exposed to various aviation theories and practical activities.

WHERE: 01-02 Haite Building, 15 Changi Business Park Crescent
MRT: Expo **WHEN:** Tomorrow, June 9, 16 & 23, 10am - 1pm **ADMISSION:** \$385 for four sessions **TEL:** 8405-0939 (Captain Saravanan) **INFO:** E-mail fltops@sgatraining.com, go to sgatraining.com or facebook.com/sgatraining

Storytelling, Craft & Baking Workshops For Children

Designed for children aged four to 10, PositiveLeePeilin's workshops aim to unlock the little ones' imagination, grow their confidence and expand their energies with mermaids and monsters. This involves storytelling and hands-on activities such as craft and baking. The skills segment for this month's workshops features pastry-making, where the child will learn to make unicorn cupcakes and monster brownies from Le Cordon Bleu-trained pastry chefs from Yume Patisserie.

WHERE: B1-05 PoMo, 1 Selegie Road
MRT: Bencoolen/Dhoby Ghaut
WHEN: Mon (2 - 4.30pm); Mermaid Magic Plus, June 18 (2 - 4.30pm); Gruffalo Encounter Plus **PRICE:** \$88
INFO: E-mail positiveleepeilin@gmail.com or go to positiveleepeilin.com

Camp KidZania

In this overnight camp by KidZania Singapore, participants step into the shoes of the KidZania Supervisors and learn what it takes to run an award-winning city. Kids aged seven to 15 will get to explore KidZania Singapore and take part in various interactive activities.

WHERE: Palawan Kidz City, 31 Beach View, Sentosa **MRT:** HarbourFront
WHEN: June 9 (9am) & June 10 (10am)
ADMISSION/INFO: \$138 (\$118 for KidZania pass holders), sign up at kidzania.com.sg/events/category/events

Outdoor Mindfulness Camp

Designed for children aged six to 13, this three-day, two-night camp will help children face new challenges, build confidence and develop grit in activities under the guidance of

mindfulness teachers and outdoor facilitators. Participants will build their own tents, sleep under the stars, go through an obstacle course, take a night walk and hike a nearby trail. They will also be taught to recognise and regulate their emotions, manage stress and responsibilities, and identify different ways to practise self-care.

WHERE: Temasek Club, 131 Rifle Range Road **MRT:** Clementi/Beauty World (shuttle bus available)
WHEN: June 14 (9am) - June 16 (noon)
ADMISSION: \$680, e-mail rosemary@theresiliencecamp.com to register
INFO: theresiliencecamp.com

OTHERS

Seletar Mall's 3rd Anniversary

In conjunction with its third anniversary, Seletar Mall has organised an adventure-themed campaign. Apart from \$3 value deals and in-store promotions, shoppers can check out activities such as conquering a 6m-tall rock wall and gliding along the 18m-long flying fox. Those who spend at least \$100 can join a lucky draw to win top prizes such as overseas trips or an Osim uLove massage chair worth \$6,399.

WHERE: 33 Sengkang West Avenue
MRT: Sengkang (Fernvale LRT)
WHEN: Till July 1, 10am - 10pm
ADMISSION: Free, spend at least \$30 to take part in interactive adventures, \$100 or more for lucky draw
INFO: facebook.com/theseletarmall

Ocean Fest At S.E.A. Aquarium

Ahead of World Oceans Day on June 8, S.E.A. Aquarium has launched its first eco-festival, Ocean Fest, which raises awareness for ocean conservation. Highlights include a marketplace showcasing ocean-friendly products, a plastic art installation, underwater performances, upcycling workshops and educational challenges.

Visitors who are passionate about marine conservation can join Guardians of the S.E.A.A., the aquarium's new conservation group that supports conservation research, education and public engagement efforts to protect the marine environment.
WHERE: Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway
MRT: HarbourFront
WHEN: Till June 24, 10am - 7pm
ADMISSION: \$34; \$22 for children (ages four - 12) and seniors (from age 60) **INFO:** www.rwsentosa.com/oceanfest

Jurassic World: Explore & Roar!

At Universal Studios Singapore's new

experience, visitors can expect a variety of dinosaur adventures, including an all-new live action show, cutting-edge augmented reality experience and an interactive raptor training programme. The movie *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* opens here later this month.

WHERE: Universal Studios, 8 Sentosa Gateway **MRT:** HarbourFront
WHEN: Tomorrow - Aug 22, 10am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Universal Studios/Sentosa admission charges where applicable
INFO: goo.gl/yUz7q4

LAST CALL

Nafa's Best Of Best Music Concert

This concert will feature finalists and award winners of the following competitions held this year: Nafa-Rave Chinese Concerto Competition, Nafa-Kris Foundation Fund Concerto Competition, 9th Lucien Wang Piano Competition, as well as the Nafa Vocal Competition.

WHERE: Lee Foundation Theatre, Nafa Campus 3, 151 Bencoolen Street
MRT: Bencoolen **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6.30 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, register at bob1806.eventbrite.sg

Golden Shoe Heritage Trail

The trail tracks the fortunes of Singapore's Wall Street from the time it was named Raffles Way in the Central Business District, also known as the Golden Shoe. It starts from the Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre and ends at Lau Pa Sat, one of the oldest and most renowned food centres in Singapore.

WHERE: Meet at Singapore Chinese Cultural Centre Lobby, 1 Straits Boulevard **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar
WHEN: Tomorrow, 5 - 6.30pm
ADMISSION/INFO: Free, register for the English/Mandarin guided tour at singaporeccc.org.sg/cbdtrail

Climate Action Carnival And Opening Of Sustainable Singapore Gallery

A two-day Climate Action Carnival will launch the newly revamped Sustainable Singapore Gallery. Besides all-day guided tours, visitors can also take part in interactive games and upcycling craft workshops, learn more about climate action initiatives by organisations, enjoy music and dance performances, and have a picnic under the stars.

WHERE: Marina Barrage, 8 Marina Gardens Drive **MRT:** Marina South Pier
WHEN: Tomorrow (5 - 11pm) & Sun (1 - 8pm) **ADMISSION:** Free
INFO: climateaction.sg/carnival