



FilmPicks

John Lui and Boon Chan recommend

PINK SCREEN

One of the films to be presented in this selection of LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) movies is the French drama BPM (above, R21, 140 minutes, 2017), winner of six Cesar Awards.

The film dramatises the question at the heart of HIV/Aids activism in France in the early 1990s as factions, personified as characters, argue over the effectiveness of disruptive protests, such as spraying fake blood on pharmaceutical company executives. Or should they try to project a more positive image in the form of a gay parade?

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road

WHEN: Tomorrow - July 22, various times

ADMISSION: \$13.50

INFO: theprojector.sg

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ANT-MAN AND THE WASP (PG)

118 minutes

★★★★☆

The sequel to the 2015 origin story brings just as much family fun with the bonus of a new, equally capable partner, The Wasp.

Some months after the events of Captain America: Civil War (2016), Scott Lang (Paul Rudd) is under house arrest. As he tries to be a good dad to Cassie (Abby Ryder Fortson), who lives with his ex-wife Maggie (Judy Greer), Lang's former mentor Dr Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) and his daughter Hope, aka The Wasp (Evangeline Lilly), are now fugitives.

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SINGAPORE FILM SOCIETY

To mark the screening of the new film, Shoplifters (M18, 121 minutes), of celebrated Japanese auteur Hirokazu Kore-eda (July 11, 9 to 11pm), the Singapore Film Society will also screen an earlier film of his, The Third Murder (2017). Details of the screening will be announced later.

Winner of the Palme d'Or at this year's Cannes Film Festival, Shoplifters tells the story of a rag-tag band of misfits who call themselves a family. Comedian Lily Franky plays the head of the unit, which gets by on petty larceny. He finds a child (Miyu Sasaki, right) with bruises in an alley and, against the advice of everyone in the group, decides to take her in.

This month, there will also be a retrospective of three films by Indonesia film-maker Mouly Surya, who will take the audience's



questions at the screening of her newest film, Marlina The Murderer In Four Acts, on July 28.

For information, go to singaporefilmsociety.com

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BURNING (M18)

148 minutes

★★★★☆

Director Lee Chang-dong was a one-time South Korean Minister of Culture and Tourism and is a film festival favourite for works such as the brutal and lyrical Poetry (2010).

He is in fine form in Burning, teasing out the relationships between three characters and shepherding the film through subtle turns with a suggestive portent here and a telling line of dialogue there.

Jongsu (Yoo Ah-in, right) is a part-time deliveryman who wants to be a writer. A chance encounter with his former neighbour Haemi (Jun Jeong-seo) leads to a tentative romance. She later returns from a trip to Africa with a new friend, Ben (Steven Yeun), in tow, who confesses



to Jongsu during a pot session that he burns abandoned greenhouses.

Based on Haruki Murakami's short story, Barn Burning.

Boon Chan

FILMS

The Before Trilogy

The romance trilogy starts with Before Sunrise (1995, NC16), where Paris university student Celine and scrappy American tourist Jesse hit it off on a train bound for Vienna and impulsively decide to spend a day together before he returns to the United States the next morning. In the follow-up movie, Before Sunset (2004, NC16), almost a decade after their short-lived romance in Vienna, Celine tracks down Jesse, now an author, at the tail end of his book tour in Paris, with only a few hours left before he has to board a flight back home. In the concluding film, Before Midnight (2013, M18), the pair are several years into a relationship and in the midst of a Greek vacation with their twin daughters and a group of friends.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road
MRT: Nicoll Highway
WHEN: Tomorrow, 2pm (Before Sunrise), 4.30pm (Before Sunset) & 7pm (Before Midnight)
ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard) & \$11.50 (concession)
INFO: theprojector.sg

The Shower (2017)

This Korean short animated feature by Hwang Sun-won is a heart-warming story about a friendship between a boy and a girl at a brook and their adventures through the countryside together. The film takes a dramatic turn as the awkward silence between the two breaks when they experience a sudden downpour in the mountains.

WHERE: Eco Garden, Eco Lake Lawn, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road
MRT: Botanic Gardens
WHEN: Sun, 7.30 & 8.30pm
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

NATURE

Therapeutic Horticulture Programme

The programme uses plants and nature-related activities to maximise the benefits of a therapeutic garden, with a series of workshops suitable for elderly groups and people with dementia and other special needs. They are led by trained guides and have been designed to promote low-intensity exercise and improve motor skills and stimulate memory, as well as promote positive social interactions, a connection with nature and mindfulness.

WHERE: Activity Lawn, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park
MRT: Ang Mo Kio
WHEN: Tue, 9 - 11am
ADMISSION: \$38 (100 per cent waiver for voluntary welfare organisations & Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth charities)
TEL: 9842-0016
INFO: E-mail yoon_hui_lian@nparks.gov.sg

Singapore Botanic Gardens Heritage Festival

The Botanic Gardens celebrates its three-year inscription anniversary as a Unesco World Heritage Site with tours by staff and volunteers, concerts and performances, food trails, plant sales and free entry to the National Orchid Garden.

WHERE: Orchid Plaza, National Orchid Garden, Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road
MRT: Botanic Gardens
WHEN: Till Sun, 8.30am - 7pm
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

PETS

Cat Care Workshop

This workshop covers topics including understanding the basics of cat nutrition, common cat food ingredients, the importance of hydration, how much vaccination your cat needs, sterilisation and preparing your home for a cat.
WHERE: Cat Cafe Neko no Niwa, Level 2, 54A Boat Quay
MRT: Raffles Place/Clarke Quay
WHEN: July 18, 7.30 - 9.30pm
ADMISSION: \$35 a person (includes drink & goodie bag)
INFO: spca.org.sg & catcafe.com.sg

Paws For A Good Cause At City Square Mall

City Square Mall is hosting an adoption drive for dogs and cats with Purely Adoptions.
WHERE: Fountain Square, B1 City Square Mall, 180 Kitchener Road
MRT: Farrer Park
WHEN: Aug 4, 10am - 4pm
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: citysquaremall.com.sg

TOURS

Farm Tour & Farm-To-Table Workshop

Participants in this tour-cum-workshop will visit an organic herb

and vegetable farm, learn about compost and garbage enzymes and get gardening tips from a farmer. Kids will get to feed fish, check out a well, look into a microscope and discover the pond ecosystem. The workshop also covers food enzymes and their health benefits, pesticide residues commonly found on non-organic fruits and vegetables, and how to wash non-organic fruits and vegetables.

WHERE: 40 Neo Tiew Road
MRT: Kranji, go to goo.gl/1ejYJa for shuttle bus schedule
WHEN: Tomorrow, 9am - noon
ADMISSION: \$20 (adult), \$10 (child) & \$60 (family package)
TEL: 9859-1504 (Deb)
INFO: E-mail info.healingfood@gmail.com

Rain Forest Tour

This one-hour tour is conducted by volunteer guides. Tours in Mandarin are available at 10am and 4pm.
WHERE: Visitor Services Desk at Nassim Gate, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road
MRT: Botanic Gardens
WHEN: July 14, hourly from 9am - 4pm (register 15 minutes earlier)
ADMISSION: Free
INFO: E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

CONTEST

Fab Junior Chef Competition

This competition challenges children aged seven to 12 to transform plain bread and a bunch of ingredients into yummy grub. Up for grabs are prizes of up to \$700 in Tecno cooking appliances.
WHERE: Halls 405 & 406 Suntec

Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre, 1 Raffles Boulevard
MRT: Esplanade/Promenade
WHEN: July 21, 1 - 2.30pm
ADMISSION/INFO: Free, sign up at feelfabfest.sg by July 13

KIDS

KidZania Go! At Changi Airport T3

KidZania Go!, a series of roadshows to raise awareness among families on how realistic roleplay can educate kids, will bring some of its popular roleplay activities beyond its kid-sized city to Changi Airport Terminal 3, where adults and kids can better understand different occupations through experiential play.
WHERE: B2 (opposite Kopitiam) Changi Airport Terminal 3, 65 Airport Boulevard
MRT: Changi Airport
WHEN: Till July 15, 11am - 9pm
ADMISSION: Free, minimum spending required for all roleplay activities
INFO: www.kidzania.com.sg

OTHERS

Farmers Market

Stalls will sell local and organic produce, such as locally grown vegetables and herbs, organic raw honey, extra virgin coconut oil, organic apple cider vinegar, nutritional yeast, wholemeal bread mix and herbal teas, at affordable prices.
WHERE: 40 Neo Tiew Road
MRT: Kranji, go to goo.gl/1ejYJa for shuttle bus schedule

WHEN: Tomorrow, 9am - 2pm
ADMISSION: Free
TEL: 9859-1504 (Deb)
INFO: E-mail info.healingfood@gmail.com

LAST CALL

Jazz Vocal Feature: Cyrille Aimee

Primarily raised in France by French-Dominican parents, French jazz singer Cyrille Aimee was a curious child in Samois-sur-Seine, discovering gypsy music after sneaking out of her bedroom window and wandering in nearby gypsy encampments. She went on to sing on street corners around Europe and found herself at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 2007, where she won first prize in the vocal competition, kick-starting her jazz career.
WHERE: Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive
MRT: Esplanade/City Hall
WHEN: Sun, 7.30pm
ADMISSION: \$40 & \$28 (limited concessions for students, full-time national servicemen & seniors)
INFO: www.esplanade.com

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