

## Film Picks

**John Lui Film Correspondent and Yip Wai Yee Entertainment Correspondent recommend**

**SHOPLIFTERS (M18)**

121 minutes/★★★★

Ideas explored in this winner of the Cannes Film Festival's highest prize, the Palme d'Or, include the meaning of family and how society's definition of family often runs counter to how people actually behave.

These are familiar themes for fans of Japanese director Hirokazu Kore-eda's work, but here, they are packaged in a story that might be his strongest and most accessible yet.

A crew of petty thieves and day labourers find a pre-schooler who appears to be abused.

The older man, Osamu (Lily Franky, right), wants to give shelter to the girl, but the others in the group say she should be returned to her family.

The film also stars Kirin Kiki (far right).

John Lui

**JJANG WEDNESDAY**

Fans of South Korean films should keep their Wednesdays free because one new Korean movie will be screened every hump day for six consecutive weeks, from now until the middle of next month.

One of the films is crime thriller *The Vanished* (2018), about the mysterious disappearance of a powerful woman's corpse from the morgue.

Another is romantic comedy *What a Man Wants* (2018, right, with Lee El and Shin Ha-kyun), about how a married taxi driver's cheating ways start to rub off on his brother-in-law.

Sounds like a "jjang" (Korean slang for awesome) line-up.

**WHERE:** Golden Village Plaza, 07-01 Plaza Singapura, 68 Orchard Road; and Golden Village Tiong Bahru, 04-105 Tiong Bahru Plaza, 302 Tiong Bahru Road **MRT:** Orchard/Tiong Bahru **WHEN:** Till Aug 15, various



times **ADMISSION:** \$13 from [www.gv.com.sg](http://www.gv.com.sg) and at Golden Village box offices

Yip Wai Yee



PHOTOS: GOLDEN VILLAGE

**HONG KONG FILM FESTIVAL**

In Hong Kong director Peter Chan's popular gender-bending comedy, *Who's The Woman, Who's The Man?* (1996), top Hong Kong stars Anita Yuen as well as the late Leslie Cheung (both above) and Anita Mui get entangled in a complex love triangle.

The film opens the Hong Kong Film Festival, which will screen seven acclaimed works from the city.

Better yet, all of them will be showing in their original Cantonese soundtracks.

**WHERE:** Golden Village Tiong Bahru, 04-105 Tiong Bahru Plaza, 302 Tiong Bahru Road **MRT:** Tiong Bahru **WHEN:** July 26 to Aug 1, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13 to \$16 from [www.gv.com.sg](http://www.gv.com.sg) and at Golden Village box offices

Yip Wai Yee

## FILMS

**Singapore Shorts '18: Asian Film Archive**

This is the inaugural edition of an annual showcase celebrating the best and the most promising Singapore short films in a cinematic setting. The three-day programme will feature 14 official selections from an earlier call for submissions featuring family-centric themes and trending social issues. A curation of the Asian Film Archive's (AFA) older films, titled *Singapore Day/Night: Selections From The AFA Collection*, will show how Singapore was portrayed through the lens of film-makers in the early 2000s. There will also be post-screening discussions with film-makers and reviews by film professionals.

**WHERE:** Gallery Theatre, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Today, 7.30 - 9pm, tomorrow & Sun, 3 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at [singaporeshorts18.peatix.com](http://singaporeshorts18.peatix.com) **INFO:** Go to bit.ly/singaporeshorts2018 for programme line-up

**Faces Places (2017, PG13)**

This documentary (in French with English subtitles) was nominated for Best Documentary Feature at last year's Academy Awards. Film-maker Agnes Varda and photographer JR document their heart-warming journey through rural France and the unlikely friendship they formed along the way.

**WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Wed, 9pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail [info@singaporefilmsociety.com](mailto:info@singaporefilmsociety.com)

**Marlina The Murderer In Four Acts (2018, M18)**

In the deserted hills of an Indonesian island, Marlina (Marsha Timothy), a young widow, is attacked and robbed for her cattle. To defend herself, she kills several men of the gang. Seeking justice, she goes on a journey of empowerment and redemption.

**WHERE:** Green Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** July 27, 7.30pm

**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession), \$10.50 (Singapore Film Society members) **INFO:** [theprojector.sg](http://theprojector.sg)

**Ryuichi Sakamoto: Coda (2017, PG)**

From techno-pop stardom to Oscar-winning film composer, the evolution of Ryuichi Sakamoto's music has coincided with his life journeys. Following the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Sakamoto became an iconic figure in Japan's social movement against nuclear power. As he returns to music following a cancer diagnosis, his haunting awareness of life crises leads to a resounding new masterpiece.

**WHERE:** Green Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** July 28, 8.20pm, Aug 11, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** [theprojector.sg](http://theprojector.sg)

## NATURE

**Chek Jawa Wetlands Tour**

Discover Chek Jawa's six ecosystems and the diverse animal species that inhabit these unique habitats. Guided tours are conducted on days when the tide recedes to 0.5m and below for at least two hours, when the intertidal flats are revealed.

**WHERE:** Open Lawn, Chek Jawa Visitor Centre, Pulau Ubin **WHEN:** Tue & Wed, 8 - 10am **ADMISSION:** \$60, register at [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)

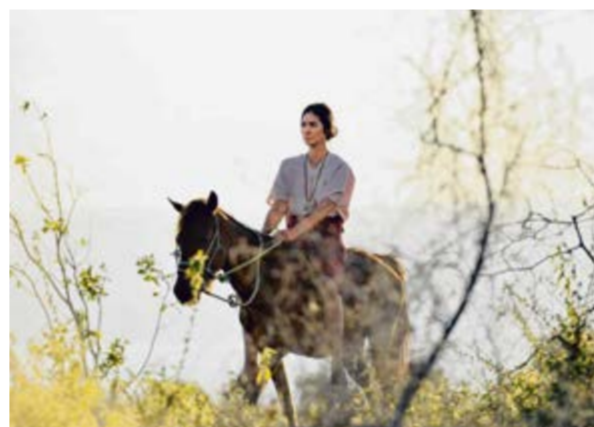
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## PETS

**Basic Obedience Foundation Class For Dogs**

Conducted by Action for Singapore Dogs (ASD), the class covers the Amichien Bonding principles, which can help to create the foundation of an owner's relationship with his dog, effective techniques of communication and basic obedience exercises.

**WHERE:** Tiong Bahru Park, 1 Henderson Road **MRT:** Tiong Bahru **WHEN:** Tomorrow, July 21 & 28, Aug 4, 11 & 18, 4.30 - 6pm **ADMISSION:** \$350 (\$250 for ASD adopter) **TEL:** 6100-2737 **INFO:** E-mail [info@asdsingapore.com](mailto:info@asdsingapore.com)

**Paws For A Good Cause At City Square Mall**

Together with key pet welfare associations, City Square Mall and Quayside Isle at Sentosa Cove are hosting a series of adoption drives for more than 70 dogs and cats. The next one will be at City Square Mall with Purely Adoptions.

**WHERE:** Fountain Square, Basement 1 City Square Mall, 180 Kitchener Road **MRT:** Farrer Park **WHEN:** Aug 4, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** [citysquaremall.com.sg](http://citysquaremall.com.sg)

## TOURS

**Civic District Tree Trail**

This trail takes participants through Singapore's historic Civic District where they can marvel at many majestic and interesting trees, some of which have witnessed the transformation and progress of Singapore through the years.

**WHERE:** Entrance of the Istana, Orchard Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** July 29, 9 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg)

## KIDS

**Kids Craft Series: Crafting With Leaves**

Children aged five to 12 will create art using botanical finds from around the gardens, such as a collage of the resident heron or kingfisher, or a patterned placemat.

**WHERE:** Japanese Gardens - GuestHouse, Jurong Lake Gardens, 1 Chinese Garden Road **MRT:** Chinese Garden **WHEN:** July 21, 9 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at [www.nparks.gov.sg](http://www.nparks.gov.sg) **TEL:** 6267-0157 **INFO:** E-mail [ruth\\_tan@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:ruth_tan@nparks.gov.sg) or [Jeremy\\_WL\\_YEO@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:Jeremy_WL_YEO@nparks.gov.sg)

**Marlina The Murderer In Four Acts stars Marsha Timothy.** PHOTO: SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Level 1 Marina Mandarin Singapore, 6 Raffles Boulevard **MRT:** Promenade **WHEN:** Sun, noon - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6845-1018 **INFO:** E-mail [events.marina@meritushotels.com](mailto:events.marina@meritushotels.com)

**Quayside's Sunday Floral Market**

On the last Sunday of every month, Hello Flowers will set up a pop-up flower stall to sell bespoke arrangements using seasonal blooms including roses, peonies, tulips and lavenders. There is also a D-I-Y potpourri station featuring an assortment of dried petals and organic essential oils, as well as floral arrangement workshops.

**WHERE:** Main courtyard, Quayside, 60 Robertson Quay **MRT:** Fort Canning **WHEN:** July 29, 11am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free; bouquets from \$25 **INFO:** [thequayside.sg](http://thequayside.sg)

## LAST CALL

**Wanna One World Tour**

K-pop boyband Wanna One will perform their first full-scale concert here. Despite debuting less than a year ago, the 11-member group have garnered wins at major local and international music award ceremonies.

**WHERE:** Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$128 - \$348, tickets from [apactix.com](http://apactix.com)

**Rain Forest Tour**

Learn about Singapore's tropical rainforests with volunteer guides in this one-hour tour. Mandarin tours are available only for the 10am and 4pm slots.

**WHERE:** Visitor Services Desk at Nassim Gate, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9am - 4pm (hourly; register 15 minutes earlier) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail [nparks\\_sbg\\_visitor\\_services@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg)

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## OTHERS

**Marina Mandarin And White Link Bridal Showcase**

Learn more about wedding packages, enjoy high tea and tour the wedding venues, including the newly refurbished Pool Garden Pavilion that boasts a panoramic view of the Marina Bay skyline.

**WHERE:** Marina Mandarin Ballroom,