

FILMS

Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story (2017, NC16)

This documentary reveals an unusual story of Hollywood legend and beauty Hedy Lamarr, who was also a technology genius and scientist. During World War II, she co-invented a secret communication system or "frequency hopping" with American composer George Antheil, in the hope of defeating the Nazis. The technology is now known as spread-spectrum broadcasting, which is the building block for GPS, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and military satellite technology.

WHERE: Expression Gallery, Level 4 ArtScience Museum, 6 Bayfront Avenue **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** Today - Mon & July 27 - 30, noon, 2 & 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** marina baysands.com/museum

Disobedience (2018, R21)

Based on Naomi Alderman's book, the film follows a woman (Rachel Weisz) as she returns to the community that shunned her decades earlier for an attraction to a childhood friend (Rachel McAdams). Their passion reignites as they explore the boundaries of faith and sexuality. Directed by Sebastian Lelio, director of the Oscar-winning *A Fantastic Woman* (2017).

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Thu (8.30pm, Green Room), July 28 (8.40pm, Redrum), July 29 (8.10pm, Redrum) **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

GV Hong Kong Film Festival

Catch Kara Wei's scintillating performance in the unique dramedy *Happiness* (2016), which led to her third Best Actress win at last year's Hong Kong Film Awards; Carina Lau in the poignant love story *In Your Dreams* (2018), which she also produced; and the late Leslie Cheung in films such as *Who's The Man, Who's The Woman* (1997) and *Double Tap* (2000).

WHERE: GV Tiong Bahru, 04-105 Tiong Bahru Plaza, 302 Tiong Bahru Road **MRT:** Tiong Bahru **WHEN/ADMISSION:** Thu: \$16 (\$13 for GVMC members); July 27 - Aug 1: \$13 (\$10 for GVMC members) **INFO:** www.gv.com.sg

NATURE

Orchid Plant Sales

On the first Sunday of next month, a few vendors will offer their collection of orchids for sale at the Botanic Gardens.

WHERE: Library Courtyard, Level 1 Botany Centre (Tanglin Gate), Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Aug 5, 4pm **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

Birdwatching For Beginners At Bishan-AMK Park

Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park is home to bird species that can be easily spotted, including the White-breasted Waterhen, Collared Kingfisher, Yellow-vented Bulbul and Pink-necked Green Pigeon.

WHERE: Meet Lee Ee Ling (9693-5870) at 7.30am at Carpark B, opposite SPC station, Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1 **WHEN:** Aug 26, 7.30 - 11am **ADMISSION:** For Nature Society (Singapore) members, go to www.nss.org.sg for membership details **TEL:** 6741-2036 **INFO:** E-mail contact@nss.org.sg

PETS

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 project continues at City Square Mall 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

Pioneers Trail Along Ann Siang Hill And Telok Ayer Green

Learn about the trade and ways of life of Singapore's early immigrants in this walking trail around a quiet enclave amid bustling Chinatown. Participants will visit places of worship and old shophouses built in the 1800s as well as the old well at the foot of Ann Siang Hill. They will also get a close look at fruit and spice trees planted along the way.

WHERE/MRT: Meet at Tanjong Pagar MRT station, entrance of Exit G (street level) **WHEN:** July 29, 10 - 11.30am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail Sim_Sue_Lin@nparks.gov.sg or Denise_Cng@nparks.gov.sg

Monumental Walking Tour National Day Special: Our Stars & Crescent Moon

Find out how Singapore's national

symbols such as the five stars and a crescent on the Singapore flag came about; learn about the pioneer leaders' ideals and aspirations for the country; and how three national monuments were witnesses to the birth of the national flag, anthem, pledge and crest.

WHERE: Former Parliament House (now The Arts House), Victoria Theatre & Victoria Concert Hall, former City Hall (now National Gallery Singapore) **MRT:** Raffles Place/City Hall **WHEN:** Aug 4, 9 & 11 (10 - 11.30am) **ADMISSION:** \$5 (\$3 for students & seniors), register at monumental-walking-tours.peatix.com/view **INFO:** E-mail NHB_NationalMonuments@nhb.gov.sg

CONTEST

Men's Health Cover Guy Contest

To mark its 15th anniversary, Men's Health Singapore is conducting its first search for the next Men's Health Cover Guy among its readers. It is on the lookout for someone with the physique and personality who is worthy to join the ranks of previous cover guys like actor-host Allan Wu. Male Singapore residents who are at least 18 years old can submit their entries online by uploading their best photo into a Men's Health cover frame on the website. The winner can receive more than \$6,000 worth of prizes.

WHEN: Till Aug 31 **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** menshealth.com.sg/coverguy

KIDS

Early Christmas At Snow City

Cool off in the heat and celebrate an early Christmas at Singapore's largest indoor snow playground, featuring interactive Arctic exhibitions, life-sized snow sculptures and a 60m slide down a snow slope.

WHERE: Snow City Singapore, 15 Science Centre Road **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Till Aug 31, 10am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore citizens & permanent residents: \$15 (adult), \$12 (child), \$18 (others) for one-hour snow play; \$25/\$18 for two-hour snow play (\$28/\$23, others); National Day special for kids: \$5.30 (Aug 1 - 31) **INFO:** snowcity.com.sg

Storytelling At Our Tampines Gallery

Located in Tampines Regional Library, Our Tampines Gallery is designed with visitors of all ages in mind and programmes are held regularly. Among them is a monthly storytelling session that is suitable for children up to eight years old.

WHERE: Our Tampines Gallery, Level 2 Our Tampines Hub (inside Tampines Regional Library), 1 Tampines Walk **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** Aug 1, 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free, no registration required

OTHERS

SkillsFuture Earn And Learn Carnival

The SkillsFuture Earn and Learn

Programme is a work-and-learn initiative that gives fresh graduates from polytechnics and the Institute of Technical Education a head-start in careers related to their field of study. They can learn more about the programme and interact with employers at this carnival, which is open to Singapore citizens and permanent residents.

WHERE: Lifelong Learning Institute, 11 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** July 28, 10am - 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Myskillsfuture.sg/festival

LAST CALL

Parenthood - An Amazing Journey: Your Child's Development: Learn, Play & Grow Together

This series of talks and workshops covers topics on healthy child development and essential parenting skills.

WHERE: KKH Auditorium (Training Centre), Level 1 Women's Tower, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road **MRT:** Little India **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am - 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 a person, \$25 a couple **TEL:** 6394-1268 (today, 9.30am - 4pm) **INFO:** www.kkh.com.sg/events

Tampines Urban Arts Festival

Try your hand at making digital music and coffee painting, doodle on a 10m blanket of intricate patterns and view the Payong Batik 1,000 Project, which

features 1,000 batik umbrellas created by residents. Exchange a 5kg bag of rice, which will go to needy families and homes, for an umbrella.

WHERE: Festive Walk East & Festive Plaza, Our Tampines Hub, 1 Tampines Walk **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5 - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** facebook.com/PAssionArtsAtTampines

LiSA Live Is Smile Always - Asia Tour

Dubbed Japan's "rock heroine" by the media, LiSA has headlined both anime and rock festivals and sold out large venues in Japan such as the Saitama Super Arena. She has performed in the United States, Mexico, China and South-east Asia.

WHERE: Zepp @ BigBox Singapore, 1 Venture Avenue **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$98 - \$148, go to apactix.com for tickets

• 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

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



SICARIO: DAY OF THE SOLDADO (NC16)

122 minutes/★★★★☆

Director Denis Villeneuve and actress Emily Blunt are absent from this sequel to the 2015 hit, but screenwriter Taylor Sheridan has returned to bring the same sharp social commentary, embedded in a blood-spattered crime thriller.

After terrorists are found to have entered the United

States across the Mexican border, CIA operative Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) is given carte blanche by his government to wage a covert war against the people-smuggling gangs.

He enlists the aid of Alejandro (Benicio del Toro), an assassin.

Together, they stir up an inter-gang war by kidnapping Isabel Reyes (Isabela Moner), the daughter of a kingpin, while disguised as members of a rival group.

Benicio del Toro and Isabela Moner star in Sicario: Day Of The Soldado.



MARLINA THE MURDERER IN FOUR ACTS (M18)

95 minutes/★★★★☆

The Singapore Film Society is holding a retrospective of one of Indonesia's most promising young talents, film-maker Mouly Surya.

Marlina The Murderer In Four Acts, a classic western with an Indonesian twist, was one of the highlights of last year's Singapore International Film Festival.

A widow (Marsha Timothy, right)

lives alone on the island of Sumba when a gang invades her home. In her area, the law is far away and she must take matters into her own hands.

Director Surya will be present for a post-screening dialogue.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway/Bugis **WHEN:** July 29, 5 pm **ADMISSION:** Free for Singapore Film Society members **INFO:** For membership options, go to www.singaporefilmsociety.com

NTCP8: FILMS BY ANTICIPATE PICTURES

Indie film distributor Anticipate Pictures asked its social media followers which films it should bring back for a second run and the result is a list of must-sees.

Among them is *The Square* (2017, M18), winner of the Palme d'Or at last year's Cannes Film Festival. In this portrait of urbane art museum director Christian (Claes Bang), writer-director Ruben Ostland peels away the thin veneer of civility that forms the identity of the modern, liberal male. Terry Notary (left) plays an ape impersonator helping Christian to conduct a social experiment, with results that will make anyone squirm.

WHERE: The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall/Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Till Sunday, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** anticipate.peatix.com



ROBIN WILLIAMS: COME INSIDE MY MIND (NC16)

108 minutes/HBO (StarHub TV Channel 601)/★★★★☆

Much of this film is a greatest hits compilation featuring the American comic and actor who died, by suicide, in 2014.

Director Marina Zenovich has great taste and the bits she has included are funny. The talking-head sections, featuring interviews with luminaries

like Billy Crystal and David Letterman, are edited with care.

What emerges is a portrait of a star who never became a terrible dad or entitled monster, but who remained who he was until his final days: a sweet, gentle soul for whom the art of expressing himself was everything.

• It airs on HBO (StarHub TV Channel 601). It will also be streaming on HBO GO and will be available on HBO On Demand (StarHub TV Channel 602).

PHOTOS: ANTICIPATE PICTURES, GOLDEN VILLAGE, HBO ASIA, SINGAPORE FILM SOCIETY