

FilmPicks

Yip Wai Yee Entertainment Correspondent and John Lui Film Correspondent recommend



**MANDY (R21)**  
121 minutes/★★★★☆

In the Pacific Northwest in 1983, Red Miller (Nicolas Cage) and Mandy Bloom (Andrea Riseborough, left) live happily in a forest cabin.

Trouble happens when a cult led by Jeremiah Sand (Linus Roache) and the couple cross paths, causing Red to embark on a bloody journey of vengeance.

Revenge sagas such as this are a dime a dozen, but what separates the good from the bad is style. Mandy oozes it in a way that makes it nearly impossible not to drink in every colour-saturated frame.

John Lui



**ARGENTINE FILM FESTIVAL**  
Wild Tales (2014, above), the celebrated anthology film by Damian Szifron, tells six stories about the extremes humans go to during distressing times.

One story, for example, is about what happens after a teenager commits a hit-and-run on a pregnant woman, while another has an angry bride seeking vengeance on her groom after discovering that he cheated on her with a wedding guest.

The film, which was nominated for the Best Foreign Language Oscar as well as the Palme d'Or at Cannes, is one of six films showing at the Argentine Film Festival this month.  
**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Thursday to Sept 23, various times  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 from theprojector.sg

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**SCREAM ASIA FILM FESTIVAL**  
Get your scream on.

At the inaugural Scream Asia Film Festival, catch 11 horror films that will suit every horror movie taste – whether it is British film Ghost Stories (2017), starring Martin Freeman; or Japanese offering Tokyo Living Dead Idol (2018), about a popular female idol who gets bitten by a zombie. Singapore's own Zombiepura (above), about a zombie virus outbreak in a local army camp, has

been selected as the opening film. The festival is not happening until next month, but given how popular horror movies are in Singapore, it is probably a good idea to book tickets early.  
**WHERE:** The Cathay, 2 Handy Road  
**MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut  
**WHEN:** Oct 19 to 28, various times  
**ADMISSION:** \$13 from www.cathaycinplexes.com.sg

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FILMS

**The Passenger (1975, PG)**

Jack Nicholson plays David Locke, a disillusioned American reporter who is sent on a gruelling mission to North Africa, but he makes little progress with the story. When he discovers the body of a stranger, who looks similar to him, he assumes the dead man's identity because he wants to start life over again. He discovers that the man was an arms dealer, leading him into dangerous situations. Aided by a beautiful woman (Maria Schneider), Locke attempts to avoid both the police and criminals out to get him.  
**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sun, 5pm; Sept 30, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession)  
**INFO:** theprojector.sg

**The German Doctor (2013, PG13)**

Having adopted a new identity, Nazi war criminal Joseph Mengele finds refuge in Patagonia and befriends the family of a 12-year-old girl as they struggle to reopen an inherited hotel. The film is inspired by the true story of an Argentine family who lived with Mengele without knowing his true identity. He was a German Schutzstaffel officer and physician at the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II.  
**WHERE:** Green Room, The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Thu, 8pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession)  
**INFO:** theprojector.sg

NATURE

**Introduction To Bonsai**

In this workshop led by Tay Kiah Phuang from the Yuhua Bonsai & Artistic Stone Club, participants will learn about bonsai plants and artistic stones and get to take their own bonsai plant home.  
**WHERE:** Bonsai Garden Main Hall, Jurong Lake Gardens **MRT:** Chinese Garden **WHEN:** Sept 22, 9 - 11am **ADMISSION:** \$20; to register, go to

www.nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail JurongLakeGardens@nparks.gov.sg

TOURS

**Amara Heritage Trail At Sentosa**

Participants will discover the nature and history within Amara Sanctuary Resort Sentosa as they explore World War II-related sites, uncover stories and get glimpses of the lives of British soldiers in the colonial era.  
**WHERE:** Amara Sanctuary Resort Sentosa (meet at lobby), 1 Larkhill Road  
**MRT:** HarbourFront  
**WHEN:** Sat & Sun, 10 - 11am  
**ADMISSION:** \$18 (\$12 for Amara Sanctuary in-house guests)  
**TEL:** 6825-3888 **INFO:** E-mail sentosa@amarasanctuary.com

CONTEST

**Zespri Human Pinball For Singapore Book Of Records**

Teams of five or 10 are invited to join this record-breaking experience at the Zespri Human Pinball Arena, where they can join capsule fitness classes by WeBarre and Boom Singapore throughout the day. There are two team prizes – Best Game Played and Best Dressed Team – to be won every hour.  
**WHERE:** The Ground Theatre, Scape, 2 Orchard Link **MRT:** Somerset  
**WHEN:** Sept 26, 6 - 10pm  
**ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, sign up at zesprihumanpinball.com; spectators welcome

**Oral History Video Challenge**

To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the National Archives of Singapore (NAS) has launched the first Oral History Video Challenge. Contestants should choose from more than 120 pre-selected oral history extracts across the themes of the Arts, Japanese Occupation, Communities of Singapore and Sports, and submit a two- to three-minute video – in the form of illustrations, animation or re-enactments – that depicts their understanding of the extracts.

Complete the online entry form and upload the unlisted video submission onto YouTube. Prizes of up to \$2,500 are up for grabs.  
**WHERE:** nas.gov.sg/OHvideo challenge **WHEN:** Closing date: Dec 10 (11.59pm) **ADMISSION:** Free (minimum age: 13)

KIDS

**Pinkfong Baby Shark Live Musical**

The production tells the story of the Shark Family, who have been living in Ocean Land peacefully with their marine neighbours until the playful little Baby Shark disappears. Daddy Shark immediately calls Pinkfong for help. Doors open 90 minutes earlier for pre-show activities such as colouring and origami-making.  
**WHERE:** MES Theatre, 1 Stars Avenue  
**MRT:** one-north **WHEN:** Nov 2, 2.30 & 6.30pm; Nov 3 & 4, 10.30am, 2.30 & 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$58 - \$88, VIP: \$128, including meet-greet-photo pass with Pinkfong & Baby Shark **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

OTHERS

**La Putri & Singapore Brides Event: All About Wedding Jewellery**

Get an insider look at modern bridal jewellery and wedding styling, as well as the world of precious gemstones and fine craftsmanship at this event at the La Putri boutique.  
**WHERE:** 02-15 Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard/Somerset **WHEN:** Sept 22, 1 - 5pm (register for a slot to take part) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** laputri.com

**SG Farmers' Market**

More than 20 Singapore farmers will gather at myVillage @ Serangoon Garden next weekend to sell produce such as vegetables, eggs, fish and mushrooms. Activities include stage games, cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs and lucky dips.  
**WHERE:** myVillage @ Serangoon Garden, 1 Maju Avenue **MRT:** Lorong

Chuan **WHEN:** Sept 22 & 23, 9am - 2pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** ava.gov.sg

LAST CALL

**Nature Appreciation Walk At Bukit Timah Nature Reserve**

Experience nature in its pristine form at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, which is only 12km from the bustling city centre. The reserve boasts a rich and diverse ecological system.  
**WHERE:** Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (meet at Visitor Centre's Front Courtyard), Hindhede Drive  
**MRT:** Beauty World  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9.30 - 10.30am  
**ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail lim\_siew\_hong@nparks.gov.sg

**Love In The Moonlight – Together For All**

This Mid-Autumn Festival, gather your loved ones for this community and fund-raising event by social service organisation Shan You that advocates good mental health and provides social care for the elderly and less privileged. The events will take place at the S.E.A. Aquarium and The Coliseum. There will be food, games and performances at The Coliseum.  
**WHERE:** S.E.A. Aquarium & The Coliseum, Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway  
**MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Sun, 5.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$30 (adult), \$20 (child), \$80 (family package for two adults & two children), go to goo.gl/EV1KHN for tickets **TEL:** 6741-9293 **INFO:** E-mail info@shanyou.org.sg

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