

FILMS

Nasi Lemak 2.0 (2011, PG)

In this Malaysian comedy (Mandarin and Malay with English subtitles), young chef Huang (Namewee) struggles to get his restaurant business going and adapt to the local cooking that his patrons desire. He is also well known as Hero Huang in the neighbourhood, where he carries out good deeds to help the community – until he meets Xiao K (Karen Kong), who gets him into deep trouble. **WHERE:** Screening Room, The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** Raffles Place/City Hall **WHEN:** Sept 28 (9pm), Sept 30 (4pm) **ADMISSION:** \$12 (senior/student concessions available); \$2 discount for Singapore Film Society members) **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

The Shepherds (2018, R21)

This documentary (in Mandarin with English subtitles) tells of how a heterosexual female pastor founded Taiwan's first LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender)-affirming church in May 1996, offering a haven for LGBT Christians who have been rejected by the Christian community. **WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Oct 3, 9pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

Women In Film: Series Of Short Films

Objectifs' annual Women In Film & Photography programme includes a free screening of a series of short films. In Gaze (2017, Iran), a woman witnesses a crime on a bus and has to decide if she wants to expose it. Tong Guem: I Hate Curfews (2018, South Korea) is a documentary that explores the societal restrictions and expectations imposed on women in South Korea, through the paradigm of curfews. The other films are A Feeling More Than A Picture (2017, United States) and He Was Once Here (2016, Thailand). **WHERE:** Lower Gallery, Objectifs, 155 Middle Road **MRT:** Bencoolen/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Oct 5 - 28 (Tue-Sat, noon - 7pm; Sun, noon - 4pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6336-2957 **INFO:** E-mail info@objectifs.com.sg. Films are screened on loop during opening hours

NATURE

Southern Ridges Walk

The YMCA Outdoor and Adventure team takes on a trail from the eastern edge of the Southern Ridges to the remaining mangroves in the south of Singapore. From the many architecturally striking bridges and walkways, trekkers can enjoy a panoramic view of the verdant greenery in the three parks and one nature reserve that make up the Southern Ridges.

WHERE/MRT: Meet at HarbourFront MRT station Exit D (8am) **WHEN:** Sept 29 **ADMISSION:** Free, text *29 Sept Sign Up* to 9660-5740 **INFO:** E-mail gladyscheong@ymca.org.sg

Ethnobotany Garden And Centre

The Ethnobotany Garden, the newest addition to the Singapore Botanic Gardens, is located in the Bukit Timah Core, near the Eco Lake. Visit the outdoor garden showcasing more than 300 species of plants of the Malay Archipelago, Indochina and South Asia. There is also a Centre for Ethnobotany, which explores the relationship between plants and people through interactive displays spread over two levels.

WHERE: Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Garden, 5am - midnight daily; centre, 9am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nparks.gov.sg

PETS

Good Canine Citizen Training

This programme aims to promote responsible dog ownership and the training of well-mannered dogs. The six sessions provide dog owners with the tools they may use in their daily life with their pets and end with a dog and handler team taking a short behavioural evaluation.

WHERE: Suntec City (North Wing, Towers 1 & 2), 3 Temasek Boulevard **MRT:** Promenade **WHEN:** Tomorrow, Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27, 9.30 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** \$250 - \$400 **TEL:** 6469-4821 **INFO:** www.skc.org.sg

TOURS

Chinatown Tour: Signs, Symbols & Shophouses

Architectural historian Ellen Philpott-Teo will explore the various

phases of Singapore's historic building typology with a focus on reading the ornamentation, Chinese symbols and motifs. Participants will gain an understanding of the social and cultural place of shophouses in Singapore in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as insight into key ideas, such as the Chinese diaspora in South-east Asia, architectural syncretism and symbolism in Chinese culture. **WHERE:** Chinatown Point, 133 New Bridge Road (meet at Upper Cross Street/New Bridge Road corner) **MRT:** Chinatown **WHEN:** Oct 4, 1 - 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$75 a person, e-mail support@straitstourneys.com to register **INFO:** goo.gl/o5qnHF

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. Get fit with dedicated capsule fitness classes from 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:** Wed, 6 - 10pm **ADMISSION/INFO:** Free, sign up at zesprihumanpinball.com; spectators welcome

KIDS

Pinkfong Baby Shark Live Musical

In far Ocean Land, the Shark Family have been living peacefully with their marine neighbours, until playful Baby Shark disappears. Daddy Shark immediately calls Pinkfong for help in

finding Baby Shark. Doors open 90 minutes earlier for pre-show activities such as colouring, origami-making and sales of Pinkfong Baby Shark merchandise. **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, includes 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 inside look at modern bridal jewellery and wedding styling, as well as the world of precious gemstones and fine craftsmanship. **WHERE:** 02-15 Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard/Somerset **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 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 to sell vegetables, eggs, fish, mushrooms and other produce. Activities include stage games, lucky dips and celebrity chefs' cooking demonstrations and cook-offs. **WHERE:** myVillage @ Serangoon Garden, 1 Maju Avenue **MRT:** Lorong Chuan **WHEN:** Tomorrow & Sun, 9am - 2pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.ava.gov.sg

SG Enable Training And Career Fair

People with disabilities can look forward to training and employment opportunities from more than 20 training providers and employers. Find out how to write a better resume at the CV Clinic and learn from career

skills workshops conducted by business professionals. **WHERE:** Ability Hub Halls 1 & 2 Enabling Village, 20 Lengkok Bahru **MRT:** Redhill **WHEN:** Sept 29, 9.30am - 1pm **ADMISSION:** Free, registration required at bit.ly/sgfair2018 **TEL:** 1800-858-5885 **INFO:** bit.ly/290918SGE

Family Fun At National Museum

Every last Saturday of the month, the National Museum of Singapore holds activities such as interactive tours, storytelling sessions, family workshops, drop-in craft activities and performances. This month, the event coincides with the closing weekend of the special exhibition, The More We Get Together: Singapore's Playgrounds 1930-2030. **WHERE:** National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Sept 29, Oct 27, Nov 24 & Dec 29 **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** nationalmuseum.sg

LAST CALL

Seventeen Ideal Cut Concert

One of South Korea's hottest boy groups, Seventeen, are back with their exclusive concert Ideal Cut. Fast Track Events, Pledis Entertainment, Live Nation Korea and ShowNote are bringing the group to Singapore and Malaysia this month. **WHERE:** Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk **MRT:** Stadium **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$98 - \$288, tickets from www.sportshubtix.sg, Singapore Indoor Stadium box office & SingPost outlets **TEL:** 3158-7888 **INFO:** www.sportshub.com.sg

Xie Sheng Zhi: Enchanting Classic Songs

Singapore singer Xie Sheng Zhi and pianist Alvin Wong present familiar Chinese folk songs and classic hits,

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY – THE IMAX EXPERIENCE

Here is a chance to catch one of cinema's most influential films on the big screen again – and on the immersive Imax screen, no less.

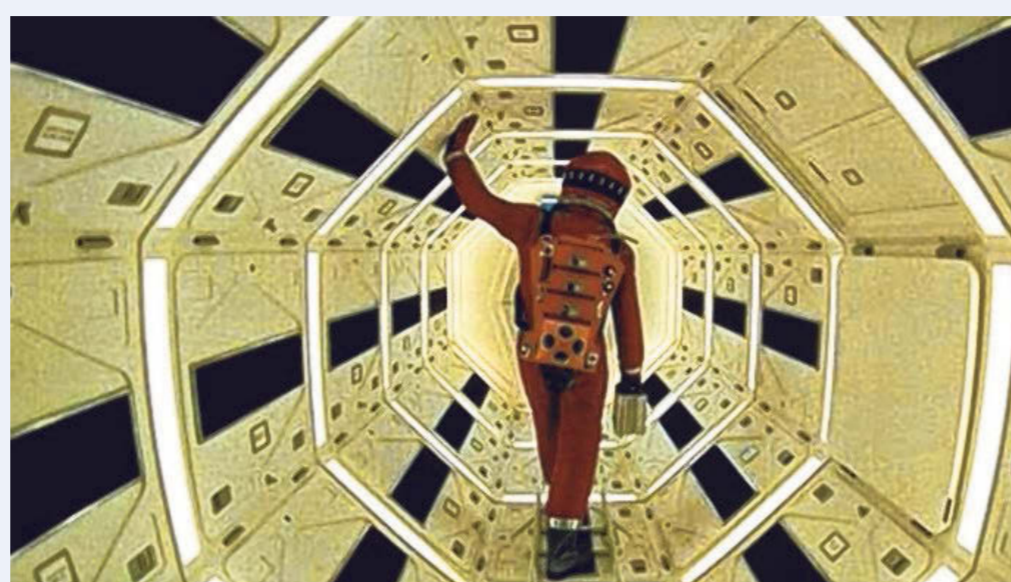
Stanley Kubrick's 1968 sci-fi masterpiece 2001: A Space Odyssey (left), an eerie tale about a human expedition into space amid increasingly strange behaviour from the spaceship's computer HAL, will be showing on the Imax screen for one week starting next Thursday.

Singapore is the only South-east Asian country to screen the film in Imax format, so this is quite a treat for local cinephiles. Tickets go on sale on Tuesday.

WHERE: Shaw Lido Imax, 5th/6th floors Shaw House, 350 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Thursday to Oct 3, various times **ADMISSION:** \$17 to \$20

Film Picks

Yip Wai Yee Entertainment Correspondent and Boon Chan Media Correspondent recommend



MONSTRUM (PG13)
105 minutes/★★★★☆

During the reign of King Jung Jong (Park Hee-soon), rumours of a terrible man-eating monster roaming Mount Inwangsan spread panic among the people. Is there really a monster or is it all a ploy by scheming Prime Minister Sim Woon (Lee Geung-young)? The movie offers a central mystery, blood and gore from vicious attacks, political intrigue, comic relief and even a burgeoning romance. It could easily have been too much, but director Huh Jong-ho manages to pull off a fine balancing act.

Boon Chan



(From far left) Kim In-kwon, Kim Myung-min, Lee Hye-ri, Choi Woo-shik and Park Sung-woong star in Monstrum.

UTTER REDUX 2018: THE BIGGER PICTURE

For years, the Singapore Writers Festival has commissioned film adaptations based on Singapore literature, whether they be short films, animated works or a full-length feature.

Now, those films, including the feature film One Hour To Daylight (2016, below), will be showcased once more over a special one-day conference, which will also feature panel discussions and workshops with film-makers such as Wee Li Lin and Jerrold Chong.

WHERE: National Library, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis/City Hall **WHEN:** Sun, noon to 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 for the whole day, \$5 for a single session, from utter-redux2018.peatix.com

Yip Wai Yee



THE SINGAPORE SOUTH ASIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Set in 1940s India, Manto (above) will open the Singapore South Asian International Film Festival.

It explores the tumultuous life of acclaimed Urdu-language writer Saadat Hasan Manto, who is famed for his stories about the partition of India.

The festival will screen a selection

of the most acclaimed or buzzworthy films from South Asia.

WHERE: Carnival Cinemas at Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road, and 02-30A Shaw Towers, 100 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway/Bugis **WHEN:** Oct 5 to 14, various times **ADMISSION:** \$10 from www.sgsaiff.com

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Yip Wai Yee

including A Night On The Prairie and Under The Silver Moonlight.

WHERE: Esplanade Concourse, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 7, 8 & 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.esplanade.com

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