

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



CARTOONS UNDERGROUND

Out of the more than 1,500 works submitted from 90 countries, 21 will be screened during the single-night event.

One of them is Bigman Businessman (right) from Singaporean Clarisse Chua, now a student of character animation at the California Institute of the Arts. In this gentle satire of office life, Bigman's oversized body does not stop him from working in a company built for normal-sized people, but can he deal with the ostracism?

In the drama What Has To Be (above) from director and animator Jerrold Chong, a couple deal with the death of their firstborn child, even as they await the birth of their second.

Cartoons Underground, now in its seventh year, is billed as Singapore's largest independent animation festival.

WHERE: Kult Kafe, 11 Upper Wilkie Road **MRT:** Little India/Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Oct 27, 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free, with registration, go to cartoonsunderground.com/festival-2018



SCREAM ASIA FILM FESTIVAL

Among the feature films at this horror-themed event is Mom And Dad (M18, 83 minutes). A strange frequency rings out in the neighbourhood. A father and mother lose their minds and now want their children dead. In fact, all parents within range of the vibration want to do the same to their children.

This 2017 black comedy stars Nicolas Cage (above) and Selma Blair as parents Brent and Kendall, a nice suburban couple who feel the need to become childless again – in the quickest way possible.

WHERE: Cathay Cineplexes **MRT:** Various **WHEN:** Today till Oct 28, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13 **INFO:** www.screamasiafilmfest.com



PHOTOS: CARTOONS UNDERGROUND, NATIONAL GALLERY SINGAPORE, SCREAM ASIA FILM FESTIVAL

PAINTING WITH LIGHT: FESTIVAL OF INTERNATIONAL FILMS ON ART

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, exhibitions featuring tribal peoples were all the rage in Europe and the United States.

One of these "human zoo" shows is the subject of Bontoc Eulogy (NC16, 1995, 57 minutes, above), which puts a focus on how members of the Bontoc Igorot tribe in the Philippines were shown at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri.

Director Marlon Fuentes is a descendant of one man who was taken there and uses live and found footage to tell the story of his ancestor, who never returned home.

Painting With Light is presented by the National Gallery Singapore.

WHERE: National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till Oct 28, various times **ADMISSION:** \$10 a ticket from the Gallery and Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg) **INFO:** www.nationalgallery.sg/paintingwithlight

FILMS

The Fly (1986, M18)

Seth Brundle (Jeff Goldblum), a brilliant scientist on the verge of an important discovery, finds himself transforming into a fly when his experiment goes horribly wrong. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Today, 8.20pm; Oct 28, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Fright Night (1985, M18)

Sixteen-year-old Charley Brewster tries to convince everyone that his next-door neighbour is a vampire who is responsible for a series of unexplained murders. He finally wins the support of a TV horror show host and, together, they track down the killer. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sun, 8.15pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Zombiepura (2018)

Corporal Tan Kayu is a lazy soldier doing guard duty during his mandatory reservist stint in an isolated army camp. A mysterious virus breaks out and turns his camp mates into rabid zombies. Trapped together, Kayu must team up with his arch-rival, the tough Sergeant Lee Siao On, to survive. Cut off from the outside world, their military training is put to the test. **WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Thu, 9pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

Bohemian Rhapsody (2018, M18)

The film traces the meteoric rise of the rock band Queen through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implosion as frontman Freddie Mercury's life spirals out of control and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid, where Mercury,

facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in rock music's history. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Oct 28, 5pm; Nov 2, 7.40pm; Nov 4, 5pm; Nov 3, 8pm; Nov 4, 8.10pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Suspiria (1977, M18)

An innocent American ballet dancer's excitement at being accepted to a prestigious European dance school turns to terror when she discovers that the institution is a cover for a murderous coven of witches. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Oct 27, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

NATURE

Pasir Ris Park Mangrove Clean-Up
During the high tide, man-made waste such as plastics and foam pieces get stuck among the mangrove trees. You can help to clean up the mangrove beds and prevent inedible material from being ingested by animals living in the area. **WHERE:** Mangrove Swamp (outreach venue), Pasir Ris Park **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** Oct 27, 9-11am **ADMISSION:** Free, go to www.nparks.gov.sg to register **INFO:** E-mail jeanice_AW@nparks.gov.sg

PETS

Singapore Specials Run By ASD
Held since 2010, the Singapore Specials Run, organised by Action for Singapore Dogs, aims to raise awareness about the plight of stray and abandoned dogs. It hopes to let runners experience the struggles of these dogs and raise funds to help the dogs which the organisation has rescued and are living at its shelter and foster homes. **WHERE:** Activity Lawn, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1 **MRT:** Ang Mo Kio/Bishan **WHEN:** Nov 11, 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$55 - \$65; to register, go to bit.ly/asdssr18 by Sun **INFO:** E-mail info@asdsingapore.com

SKC Championship Dog Shows
The Singapore Kennel Club (SKC) will be holding the 219th and 220th SKC Championship Dog Shows and the sixth and seventh FCI Asia-Pacific Championship Shows next month. Entries are open for the shows, which will have judges from Indonesia, Taiwan and Thailand. **WHERE:** MacPherson Community Club, 400 Paya Lebar Way **MRT:** Mattar **WHEN:** Nov 3 & 4 (register by 6pm, Oct 26) **ADMISSION:** Puppies: \$70 - \$100; dogs: \$110 - \$230 (lower rates for second & third/fourth to ninth/10th or more) **INFO:** skc.org.sg

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TOURS

Civic District Tree Trail: Raffles Landing Route
The trail takes participants through the historic Civic District where they can see majestic and interesting trees, some of which have stood tall for many generations and witnessed the transformation and progress of Singapore through the years. Starting from Raffles Landing, the guided tour goes on to War Memorial Park. After the tour, take a short walk back to Empress Lawn to enjoy the National Parks Board's Rockestra concert. **WHERE:** Raffles Landing, Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Oct 27, 5 - 6.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, to register, go to www.nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail Sim_Sue_Lin@nparks.gov.sg

KIDS

The Great Moscow Circus
The circus returns to Singapore for the first time in more than 10 years. It

boasts the world's most dangerous and death-defying acts, including the Wheel of Death and Motorbike Sphere of Fear. **WHERE:** Mighty Big Top, Marina Bay Sands, 10 Bayfront Avenue **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** Thu - Nov 18: Tue - Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, noon, 4 & 7.30pm; Sun, 11am & 3pm; Nov 6 (Deepavali), noon & 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$65 - \$155; children (three - 12 years old) & seniors, \$55 - \$135 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

Pinkfong Baby Shark Live Musical
In the far Ocean Land, the Shark Family have been living 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, origami-making and the sale 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

Slay The Zombies
Get into the Halloween spirit and be ready to slay some zombies in Orchard Road. An unauthorised experiment has led to a viral outbreak and turned all the lab workers into zombies, leading to an attack on Orchard Road. Players have to investigate, contain the virus and recover the anti-toxin. **WHERE:** Grange Road carpark (beside 313@Somerset) **MRT:** Somerset **WHEN:** Oct 26 - Nov 4, 5 - 11pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 - \$30 (one game), \$120 (team of four) **TEL:** 6242-8032 **INFO:** zombieattacks.com

LAST CALL

Butterfly Walk: Rifle Range To Jelutong
In the secondary forest from Rifle Range to Jelutong Tower, rare butterflies which have been seen include the critically endangered Great Imperial, Studded Sergeant, Pygmy Posy, Ultra Snow Flat, Lesser Harlequin, Silver Royal and Colonel. The more commonly encountered butterflies are the Commander, Common Bluebottle, Tailed Jay, Cruiser, Branded Imperial, Purple Duke, Elbowed Pierrot and Yellow-veined Lancer. **WHERE:** Meet Simon Chan & Amy Tsang at 9.30am at the end of Rifle Range Road next to a small carpark **MRT:** Beauty World **WHEN:** Sun, 9.30 - 11.30am **ADMISSION:** For Nature Society (Singapore) members; go to www.nss.org.sg to join **TEL:** 9817-5549 (Amy) **INFO:** E-mail contact@nss.org.sg

Botanic Gardens Movie: Mary Poppins (1964)
After a zumba workout (6 to 6.30pm) at the Eco-Lake Lawn, visitors can chill under the stars with Mary Poppins, a musical-fantasy film about a nanny (played by Julie Andrews) who visits the dysfunctional Banks family in London and takes the children on a series of adventures. Pack your picnic mats and baskets and enjoy free popcorn and candy floss (7 to 10pm). **WHERE:** Eco-Lake Lawn, Eco Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6 - 10pm (movie starts at 7.30pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

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