

FilmPicks

Yip Wai Yee Entertainment Correspondent recommends



SINGAPORE CINEMA: BETWEEN TAKES
How well do you know Singapore film history? The Singapore Film Commission (SFC), in celebrating its 20th anniversary, commissioned a documentary to commemorate the biggest milestones of Singapore cinema. The film, Singapore Cinema: Between Takes, will be screened tomorrow, along with a panel discussion with local film-makers Eric Khoo, Kirsten Tan and Sanif Olek as well as SFC director Joachim Ng. **WHERE:** Gallery Theatre, National Museum of Singapore, 93 Stamford Road **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am **ADMISSION:** A refundable \$5 registration fee from Peatix (go to <https://sgiff2018-sgo-sgcinema.peatix.com/>)

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SHADOW (NC16)
115 mins
If you missed Zhang Yimou's gorgeous wuxia masterpiece Shadow in cinemas earlier this year, you can catch it at The Projector this weekend. The film, which stars real-life Chinese celebrity golden couple Deng Chao and Sun Li, is an intricate tale about secret identities and court intrigue during the Three Kingdoms period. Veteran film-maker Zhang, said to have "returned to form" after his critically panned monster movie The Great Wall (2016), finally bagged his first Golden Horse award for Best Director for Shadow earlier this month. The film also snagged the most number of awards at the ceremony.



WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sunday, 2.20pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 from theprojector.sg
Deng Chao (left) and Sun Li (right) in Shadow.

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Turning 18 (2018, right) is a documentary about two indigenous Taiwanese teenage girls on the cusp of adulthood – one is a sex abuse survivor and the other a teenage mother. The two impoverished girls meet and become friends at a vocational training programme, where they share dreams of having happy families and leading better lives. The film, which also examines the bigger issues of sexual abuse of minors and casual racism in Taiwan, is one of 103 films showing at the Singapore International Film Festival. **WHERE:** Various locations, including Capitol Theatre, National Gallery Singapore and National Museum of Singapore **MRT:** Various **WHEN:** Till Dec 9 **ADMISSION:** \$12 from Sistic (call 6348-5555 or go to www.sistic.com.sg)



FILMS

The Imitation Game (2014, NC16)
Based on the real-life story of legendary cryptanalyst Alan Turing, the film portrays the nail-biting race against time by him and his team of code-breakers at Britain's top secret Government Code and Cypher School in Bletchley Park during the darkest days of World War II. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Today, 8pm (Blue Room) **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Happy As Lazzaro (2018, PG13)
This Italian film directed by Alice Rohrwacher won the Best Screenplay Award at this year's Cannes Film Festival. The charming magic-realist folk tale spans rural and urban Italy. Lazzaro, a young peasant so good that he is often mistaken for being simple-minded, meets Tancredi, a young nobleman cursed by his imagination. Life in their isolated pastoral village Inviolata is dominated by the terrible Marchesa Alfonsina de Luna, the queen of cigarettes. **WHERE:** Hall 3, Filmgarden Bugis+, 201 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Sun, 2pm **ADMISSION:** \$10.80 - \$12 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

Faces Places (2017, PG13)
This documentary (in French with English subtitles) is directed by Belgian-born director Agnes Varda and the iconic French photographer-muralist JR, a long-time fan of Varda. The film documents their heartwarming journey through rural France and the unlikely tender friendship they formed along the way. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden

Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sun, 2pm (Redrum) **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Widows (2018, M18)
From Academy Award-winning director Steve McQueen (12 Years A Slave) and co-writer and best-selling author Gillian Flynn (Gone Girl), Widows is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities. Set in contemporary Chicago in a time of turmoil, tensions build when Veronica (Viola Davis), Alice (Elizabeth Debicki), Linda (Michelle Rodriguez) and Belle (Cynthia Erivo) take their fate into their own hands and conspire to forge a future on their own terms. Also stars Liam Neeson, Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Thu to Dec 9, 8pm (Green Room) **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

NATURE

Ecolife At Coney Island Park
The 50ha Coney Island Park is home to a wide variety of fauna and flora, some of which are critically endangered, as well as habitats including coastal forests, grasslands, mangroves and Casuarina woodlands. **WHERE:** West Entrance, Coney Island Park **MRT:** Punggol (Punggol Point LRT) **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at www.nparks.com.sg **INFO:** E-mail pearlynn_sim@nparks.gov.sg or neo_meng_yang@nparks.gov.sg

Birdwatching 101
Every year, thousands of birds escape

the cold north to spend the winter months in the warmer southern parts of the earth. Singapore, especially the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, is a favourite stopover for these birds. Participants will learn how to identify birds and use a pair of binoculars and a spotting scope to better see the details of birds. **WHERE:** Wetland Centre, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 301 Neo Tiew Crescent **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** Dec 8, 9.30 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at www.nparks.gov.sg **TEL:** 6794-1401 **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbwr@nparks.gov.sg

CONTESTS

Gift A Golden Christmas With The Golden Duck
To join snack company The Golden Duck's annual Gift A Golden Christmas contest, write a heartfelt message at the website mentioned below to a loved one living overseas. The Golden Duck will pick the best messages and send out up to 100 packages of its signature flavours, Nanyang Chicken's sauces and other local goodies to the overseas addresses of the winners' loved ones. **WHERE:** Go to thegoldenduck.typeform.com/to/Calvvh **WHEN:** Entries close on Dec 14, 11.59pm (delivery by Dec 31) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** facebook.com/TGDSG

KIDS

The Gruffalo Character Mascot Appearance And Activities
The Gruffalo, from the classic picture book of the same name, will appear at Kinokuniya Main Store tomorrow. Children can mingle with the mascot and enjoy storytelling and other activities. The Gruffalo merchandise

will also be on sale. The event is a prelude to the upcoming stage production of The Gruffalo at KidsFest in January. **WHERE:** Kinokuniya Singapore Main Store, 04-20/21 Ngee Ann City (Takashimaya Shopping Centre), 391 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6737-5021 **INFO:** kinokuniya.com.sg

SmartKids Asia Storyland
SmartKids Asia is an educational kids' fair. At the Storyland, get acquainted with the timeless classic tales of Cinderella, Peter Pan and Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs in the form of theatrical plays and storytelling. **WHERE:** Hall 5B Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive **MRT:** Expo **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register eventbrite.sg

Dragons & Damsels In Our Wetland: A Guided Tour
With body structures that have remained largely unchanged for millions of years, dragonflies – fighter pilots of the insect world – help to keep the population of insect pests in check and are an indicator of wetland health. Learn how the plants and animals have adapted to the wetland habitat, discover the differences between dragonflies and damselflies, and challenge yourself to identify the many species of dragonflies and damselflies that can be found here. **WHERE:** Visitor Services Desk at Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10 - 11am **ADMISSION:** \$6 each for child and accompanying adult; register at www.nparks.gov.sg **TEL:** 6471-9961 **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_edu@nparks.gov.sg

Nature Keeper Camp
This one-day camp (for Primary 1 to 5 kids) is a programme by the National Parks Board and Mitsubishi Corporation that aims to develop and increase a child's appreciation for nature and natural heritage. The camp provides fun and educational learning in a forest environment. There will be nature walks, games with nature themes, indoor learning and hands-on activities. **WHERE:** Seminar/Meeting Room, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Hindhede Drive **MRT:** Beauty World **WHEN:** Tue, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$25 a child (includes halal lunch, tea break and craft materials); register at www.nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail lim_siew_hong@nparks.gov.sg

Meet The 'Real' Santa Claus
Finnair, the official airline of Santa Claus since the 1980s, will be flying Father Christmas to Singapore and organising a four-day festive campaign, where the original Santa will be spreading joy, goodwill and Christmas cheer. Besides a meet-and-greet session with the public upon his arrival at Changi Airport Terminal 1, Santa will also be at the Finnair check-in area to mingle with passengers flying to Helsinki and at the inaugural Nordic-Asia Christmas Festival at Millenia Walk. **WHERE (MRT):** Changi Airport T1 Arrival Hall (Changi Airport), Millenia Walk, 9 Raffles Boulevard (Promenade) **WHEN:** T1: Wed, early evening; Millenia Walk: Dec 7 (1-9pm), Dec 8 (3-7pm) **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail finnair@mangopr.com

OTHERS

Lifelong Learning Institute Skills Bazaar
Buy gifts from independent creative retailers and enjoy a festive spread

of food. Sign up for workshops – Glitter Slime Making (2 - 2.30pm, \$16), Colourful Christmas Ornaments (3 - 4pm, \$21) or Christmas Bauble (3 - 4pm, \$30) – to pick up new skills and make personalised gifts which you can give to your loved ones or donate to the institute's adopted charities Awwa and Minds. **WHERE:** 11 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Dec 8, 1 - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free (bazaar); workshops \$16 - \$30 a person **INFO:** goo.gl/36zSG3

LAST CALL

Work Out For A Good Cause
In support of Giving Week 2018 and Babes Pregnancy Crisis Support, PushPullGive is holding a Hiit-Fit Bodyweight Workout, with all proceeds going to Babes, which helps young mothers in difficult situations. PushPullGive is a social enterprise start-up that offers fitness activities through which it raises funds that enable marginalised youth to enjoy fitness programmes without having to worry about the cost. **WHERE:** Tiong Bahru Park, 1 Henderson Road **MRT:** Tiong Bahru **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8 - 9am **ADMISSION:** \$23, tickets at givingweekhiit.peatix.com **TEL:** 9633-8394 **INFO:** E-mail info@pushpullgive.com

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