

Film & TV Picks

John Iui Film Correspondent recommends



**THE OLD MAN AND THE GUN (PG13)**  
94 minutes / ★★★★★

Forrest Tucker (Robert Redford, above) is in his 70s, but is in no hurry to slow down his bank-robbing career. Police detective John Hunt (Casey Affleck) is intrigued by Tucker's confidence and takes a personal stake in the case. Tucker meets Jewel (Sissy Spacek, above) and woos her without revealing his double life.

This is the film that Redford picked to close his career, and it is a fitting one. Tucker is a senior whose bank robbing job requires him to pretend to be someone else to win the trust of his target.

And, very much like an actor, Tucker's skill in maintaining a front is crucial to the success of the enterprise.

It is easy to think of this picture as a latter-day postscript to Redford's 1969 classic, *Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid*.



**CAPERNAUM (NC16)**  
123 minutes

This Lebanese drama picked up the Jury Prize at the 2018 Cannes Film Festival. After its premiere there, it reportedly won a 15-minute standing ovation.

The story is seen from the point of view of a boy, Zain (Zain Al Rafeea, above) – a Syrian refugee in Lebanon and a child who has taken his

parents to court to sue them for giving him life. He has been born into unimaginable hardship and wants his parents punished.

Lebanese film-maker Nadine Labaki sees the work as giving voice to a generation born into war and poverty.

**WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar  
**WHEN:** Jan 25 and 26, 7pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50  
**INFO:** www.anticipatepictures.com

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**TRUE DETECTIVE, SEASON 3**

Now showing on HBO, HBO Go and HBO On Demand/★★★★★

After the quality slump of Season 2, this drama about moody cops haunted by their worst cases seems to have picked itself up, if the first two episodes are anything to go by.

Wayne Hayes (Mahershala Ali, above) is a black detective working in

a nearly all-white Ozark town, and dealing with the mistrust that follows. In a story spanning decades, Hayes has to discover truths about a case of child abduction and murder before everything is lost to his deepening dementia.

Ali's powerful performance is backed up by those of Carmen Ejogo (above), who plays his wife Amelia, and Stephen Dorff, who is his partner Roland.

FILMS

**Early Spring (1956, PG)**

Director Yasujiro Ozu's exceptional follow-up to his critically acclaimed *Tokyo Story* is set in the quintessentially humdrum world of salarymen. A discontented young white-collar worker – bored with his wife and his job – has a brief affair with the office flirt and imperils his marriage.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Jan 27 & Feb 9, 4.30pm (Green Room)  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Life Is Beautiful (1997, PG)**

*Life Is Beautiful* (in Italian with English subtitles) is about an open-minded Jewish Italian man and his son who become prisoners in camps during the Holocaust. He uses a mix of will, humour and imagination to protect his son from the dangers around their camp. Presented by the embassies of Italy and Israel in commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, this film won Oscars for Best Actor, Best Original Dramatic Score and Best Foreign Language Film.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Jan 27, 5.30pm & Feb 9, 8.30pm (Redrum)  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Schindler's List (1993, M18)**

This is the digitally remastered version to commemorate the 25th anniversary release of Steven Spielberg's masterpiece, which won seven Academy Awards, including best picture and best director. The true story follows the enigmatic Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson), who saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road

**MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Feb 3, 7.20pm; Feb 16, 1.30pm (Green Room)  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

CONTEST

**Snap, Post & Win With Cold Stone Creamery**

To take part in ice-cream chain Cold Stone Creamery's contest, snap a picture at Cold Stone Creamery outlets at VivoCity, Waterway Point or Orchard Central, post it on Instagram with the hashtag #ColdStoneCharacterCakes, and tag @ColdStoneCreamerySG and friends whom you want to share the prizes with. The photo with the most likes each week will be selected to win a pair of in-season passes to DreamWorks Animation's upcoming feature film, *How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*. All submissions will be entered into the final round and the photo with the most likes will win the grand prize – one year of free ice cream.

**WHERE (MRT):** Cold Stone Creamery outlets at VivoCity (HarbourFront), Waterway Point (Punggol) and Orchard Central (Somerset)  
**WHEN:** Closing date: Feb 28  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFO:** coldstonecreamery.com.sg

KIDS

**Developing Social And Emotional Intelligence In Children**

In this workshop, participants learn how to effectively develop their children's social and emotional intelligence in five steps. How well children do at school and in life is affected by factors such as how confident they feel about themselves, how effectively they are able to manage their behaviour, how well they can concentrate and organise themselves and how effectively they can solve problems.

**WHERE:** Singapore Shopping Centre, 190 Clemenceau Avenue **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10am - 1pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$37.87 (original price \$128), register at eventbrite.sg

**Story-Telling Session: Tiger Tales**

Listen to Asian folktales about tigers as told by young storytellers. For instance, did you know that tigers used to be a smooth golden colour? According to Vietnamese folklore, the mighty tiger was tricked into getting his stripes. Tigers are the fiercest animal in the forest, except for one particular tiger from Korea who was afraid of the persimmon.

**WHERE:** The Artground at Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road  
**MRT:** Mountbatten **WHEN:** Jan 27, 11.30am - 12.15pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$10 for each parent-child pair  
**INFO:** storytellingcentrelimited.com

TOURS

**Chinatown CNY Festive Market Walk**

Led by a Chinatown resident and guide, this walk offers a fun combination of history, sightseeing, street art, stories and customs of Chinese New Year. There will also be tastings of festive goodies.  
**WHERE/MRT:** Meet at Chinatown MRT station **WHEN:** Tue, Jan 25, 26, 29, & 30, Feb 1 & 2 (6 - 8pm)  
**ADMISSION:** \$48 a person  
**TEL:** 8749-4007  
**INFO:** everydaytourcompany.com

**Walking Tour: There Was A Road Here**

The route will straddle neighbourhoods of historical significance that lie between Serangoon Road and Beach Road and attempts to retrace fragmented urban parcels and reclaim lost narratives. With the aid of old and new street maps, participants will learn how "mapping" is a cultural activity that reveals or conceals complexity.

**WHERE:** Rochor (meeting point will be provided upon confirmation)  
**MRT:** Rochor/Jalan Besar  
**WHEN:** Feb 23 & March 2, 9am - noon  
**ADMISSION:** \$15, tickets and info at therewasaroadhere.peatix.com

OTHERS

**An Enchanted Garden Wedding Showcase**

Couples can view one-of-a-kind wedding designs, explore food and beverage offerings by The Halia restaurant and enjoy exclusive offers by bridal vendors.  
**WHERE:** The Villa, 1 Cluny Road, Ginger Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens  
**MRT:** Botanic Gardens  
**WHEN/ADMISSION:** Sun, 11am - 3pm (\$38 net a couple), 4 - 6pm (\$28 net a couple) **TEL:** 6484-0711 **INFO:** Go to bit.ly/villawedshow19 or garden-events-sg.com

**CNY Lion Dance Competition**

In its 12th year, this annual event will see top lion dance troupes from Singapore and the Asia-Pacific region vying for the grand prize.  
**WHERE:** Kreta Ayer Square, 21 Banda Street **MRT:** Outram Park/Chinatown  
**WHEN:** Jan 26, 6.30 - 10.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$10, tickets from Kreta Ayer Community Club, 28 Kreta Ayer Road; and Chinatown Visitor Centre, 2 Banda Street, Kreta Ayer Square **TEL:** 6222-3597 (Kreta Ayer Community Centre), 6534-894 (Chinatown Visitor Centre)

LAST CALL

**Seniors Day Out: Kopi, Teh & Contemporary Art**

Led by trained multilingual students, visitors will learn about the artworks in the Singapore Art Museum President's Young Talents exhibition. The session will end with a fun hands-on workshop and light refreshments.

**WHERE:** Gallery & Workshop Spaces, SAM at 8Q, 8 Queen Street **MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3 - 5.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail education@singaporeartmuseum.sg

**Outdoor Movie Screening: The Greatest Showman (2017, PG)**

Bring a mat and picnic basket and enjoy this movie starring Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams and Zac Efron. The film celebrates the birth of show business and tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

**WHERE:** SAM at 8Q Plaza, Singapore Art Museum, 8 Queen Street  
**MRT:** Bras Basah **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFO:** singaporeartmuseum.sg

**Open Call For Strings For Kindness**

Strings for Kindness, which comprises young string players who aim to inspire graciousness through kind acts and music playing, is calling for young violinists – primary school pupils or other violinists – to audition for a chance to join the ensemble.  
**WHERE:** Multi Purpose Room, 8@Mt Sophia **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFO:** facebook.com/StringsForKindness

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