

FILMS

Cold War (2018, TBA)

Winner of the Best Director award at last year's Cannes Film Festival, this Polish film with English subtitles is set against the backdrop of the 1950s Cold War in Poland, in which two people of different backgrounds and temperaments begin an almost impossible romance.

WHERE: GV Suntec City, 3 Temasek Boulevard **MRT:** Promenade/ Esplanade **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 1pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com



The Teenage Textbook Movie stars Calee Goh and Melody Chen (both above). PHOTO: CATHY

The Teenage Textbook Movie (1999, PG)

Nostalgic, hilarious and unapologetically Singaporean, director Philip Lim's 1990s adaptation of Adrian Tan's best-selling novel is a love letter to the 1990s. Mel (Melody Chen) and her best friend Sissy Song (Lim Hwee Sze) enroll in the fictitious Paya Lebar Junior College, where she encounters boys and experiences first love.

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

Documentary: Factory (Super)Women

This film portrays the lives of factory workers who paved the way for Singapore's economic success. Inspired by his mother and grandmother's experiences as factory workers, producer Pang Wei Han records the oral history of female factory workers as they reminisce about their lives. The documentary is infused with their bittersweet memories of factory work – from the stress of the production line to the sense of community and sisterhood with their fellow workers.

WHERE: Jurong Town Hall, 9 Jurong Town Hall Road **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Feb 23, 11am & Feb 24, 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free, tickets for factorysuperwomen.peatix.com

Downtown East Outdoor Movie Screening: Wall-E (2008, G)

In the distant future, a small waste-collecting robot embarks on a journey that will decide the fate of mankind. This outdoor movie screening held every last Saturday of the month at Downtown East includes free snow popcorn and nachos and cheese.

WHERE: Open Plaza 2 (outside D'Marquee), 1 Pasir Ris Close **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** Feb 23, 7.30pm - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** downtowneast.com.sg

The Chinese Lives Of Uii Sigg (2016, NC16)

Directed by art historian Michael Schindhelm, this film is a history of Sara's recent opening up to the West and of the West's embrace of Chinese contemporary art, through the eyes of Sigg and the artists he championed.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Feb 28, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

NATURE

Bird Watching Along The Southern Ridges

Join this bird-watching tour at the Southern Ridges, where up to 43 species of birds have been spotted so far. This tour will take participants through the Forest Walk and the Singing Forest in search of these birds. Take along a pair of binoculars or a camera with a zoom function for a better experience.

WHERE: Faber Hill Park, plaza area at Henderson Waves **MRT:** Telok Blangah **WHEN:** Free, register at nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail Titia_Leong@nparks.gov.sg & Anne_Ng@nparks.gov.sg

Coney Island-Lorong Hias Rumble

This tour conducted by Nature Society (Singapore) will take participants along 12 and older to explore Coney Island. It starts at Punggol MRT station and ends at Lorong Halus.

WHERE/MRT: Meet at Pandian (8am) at Punggol MRT station **WHEN:** Feb 16, 8am - 1pm **ADMISSION:** Free, for

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends

JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL

One of the closing films of this year's edition is the drama, Early Summer (1951, PG, 125 minutes), from revered director Yasujiro Ozu.

He is in his element here, examining how people behave in family units, especially when personal desires and family duty are in conflict.

Access Setsuko Hara (far right, with Chikage Awashima) won acclaim for playing Noriko, a woman of marriageable age caught between her family's wishes and her own wants.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sunday, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg



PHOTOS: THE PROJECTOR UP



LEANING INTO THE WIND: ANDY GOLDSWORTHY (PG)

British artist Andy Goldsworthy makes art out of things he finds on the land: twigs, rocks, flowers and other natural objects.

Unlike other artists, who might work with clay or paint in a studio, how Goldsworthy walks into fields and

forests to bend, fold, cut and arrange objects is visually fascinating.

German director Thomas Riedelsheimer's camera follows the artist to the outdoors and also into galleries and museums.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sunday, 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg



LADY BIRD (M18)

Showing on HBO, HBO On Demand and HBO Go

There have been other good coming-of-age stories with female protagonists – The Edge Of Seventeen (2016) and Come to Mind – but what sets this one apart is the compellingly drawn mother-daughter relationship.

Christine 'Lady Bird' McPherson

(Saoirse Ronan) is a high-schooler who dreams of leaving home for college, to escape her controlling mother, Marion (Laurie Metcalf), and what she considers the cultural desert of Sacramento, California.

friend Julie (Beanie Feldstein) learn about femininity, boys and sex, the meaning of friendship and living with parents who are flawed human beings.

Nature Society (Singapore) members, go to nss.org.sg for membership details.

Croc Talk: At The Estuarine Crocodiles: Eat Main Bridge

Learn about the estuarine crocodiles that bask in the Sungai Brooh Wetland Reserve with a National Parks volunteer, who will regale participants with information about the crocodiles' characteristics and behaviour.

Participants can also observe the crocodiles.

WHERE: Main bridge at Sungai Buloh Wetland Reserve, Wetland Centre (Neo Tiew entrance) **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** Feb 17, 3 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6794-1401 **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbrw@nparks.gov.sg

TOURS

Night Heritage Tour

Did you know that the history of Fort Canning dates back to the 14th century? In this night tour held in conjunction with the Festival at the Fort @ Light 2019, participants will hear the intriguing stories and legends that shroud the Forbidden Hill.

WHERE: Raffles House, Raffles Terrace, Fort Canning **MRT:** Fort Canning **WHEN:** Feb 16, 7 - 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at www.nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail jason_ooi@nparks.gov.sg

KIDS

The Storytelling Centre: Oink & Squeak!

The Storytelling Centre revisits classics such as the three little pigs who outwit the big bad wolf; the old woman who put her pig, refused to jump over a stile, and a piglet whose ambition was to become king. Also, sneak along with a mouse family as it goes in search of the ideal husband for its little mouse. There will be a simple craft activity.

WHERE: The Artgarden at Goodman Arts Centre, 90 Goodman Road **MRT:** Mountbatten **WHEN:** Sun, Feb 17 & 24, 11.30am - 12.15pm **ADMISSION:** \$10 for a

parent-and-child pair **INFO:** storytelcentrelimited.com

Sara Goes Gardening (A Guided Tour)

Sara the botanist, her siblings and friends discover the joy of gardening at the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Join Sara as she learns fascinating facts about aloe vera, lippins and other nutritious herbs and spices. Also, pick up tips on how to grow your favourite plants.

WHERE: Visitor service desk at Jacob Ballas Children's Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Feb 23, 10 - 11am **ADMISSION:** \$9 a child (includes \$3 Sara Goes Gardening workbook), \$6 for each accompanying adult, register at www.nparks_sbg.edu@nparks.gov.sg

Kids' Fun With Rainforest Life @ Rifle Range

The green domain at the end of Rifle Range Road is home to wildlife unique to the tropical rainforest. Explore this terrain with a guide who will show the plants, insects and birds that call it home.

WHERE: Rifle Range Road **MRT:** Beauty World **WHEN:** Feb 24, 8 - 10am **ADMISSION:** \$10 a child, \$2 for Nature Society (Singapore) members, register your children (aged four - 12) at tinyurl.com/nsskidssevent, registration closes on Feb 16 **INFO:** E-mail gloria_seow@yahoocom

LAST CALL

La Cenerentola By Rossini

Under the direction of Edith Podesta, Operalab returns with a light-hearted fully staged opera production of Rossini's La Cenerentola, which follows its successful presentation of Mozart's Così Fan Tutte last March.

WHERE: Esplanade Concourse, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Sun, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free

INFO: www.esplanade.com

Golden Prosperous Year

Celebrate Chinese New Year with local getai singers Wang Lei, Hao Hao, Li Pei Fen, Bao Bei Sisters, Zhong Jin Ling, Zheng Ying Ying and veteran Malaysian singers Huang Xiao Feng and Zhuang Xue Zhong.

WHERE: Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Sun, 1.6 - 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$88 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.ssttc.com.sg

Flora Goddess

This dance is about two beautiful flowers, Da Mian and Bu Zhuang. A spider is jealous of their lives and disguises itself as a flower to inflict harm on one of them.

WHERE: Esplanade Theatre, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 3.6 - 7pm & Tomorrow, 3pm **ADMISSION:** \$38 - \$128, tickets from www.esplanade.com

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