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FILMS

Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse (2018, PG)

Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, the creative minds behind The Lego Movie (2014) and 21 Jump Street (2012), bring their talents to a fresh vision of a different Spider-Man Universe, with a groundbreaking visual style. This film introduces Brooklyn teen Miles Morales and the limitless possibilities of the Spider-Verse. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Today, 5pm; tomorrow, 5.40pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) INFO: theprojector.sg

C'est La Vie! (2017, NC16)

Pierre and Helena are getting married in a magnificent wedding held in a 17th-century chateau. Max the caterer has coordinated everything. A series of unfortunate events disrupts the finely timed planning and each moment of happiness risks turning into a disaster. In French with English subtitles. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Today, 8.30pm; tomorrow, 8.45pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) INFO: theprojector.sg

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

In the distant future, a wastecollecting robot embarks on a journey that will decide the fate of mankind. There will be free rainbow popcorn and nachos and cheese. WHERE: Open Plaza 2 (outside D'Marquee), Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close MRT: Pasir Ris WHEN: Feb 23, 7.30 - 10pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: downtowneast.com.sg

Stage Russia: King Lear (2018, PG)

This recorded screening from the Moscow Satirikon Theatre (in Russian with English subtitles) is Yury Butusov's award-winning staging of Shakespeare's King Lear, which combines elements of futurism, motific lighting and respect for the source material. It features Golden Mask Award-winning actor Konstantin Raikin as Lear. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Feb 23, 7.30pm ADMISSION: \$25 (standard), \$23 (concession) INFO: theprojector.sg

Free Solo (2019, PG13)

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



COLD WAR (M18) 88 minutes/****

This is a rare film in which everything gels so perfectly, the whole would collapse if one element were missing. In Poland, just after World War II, Zula (Joanna Kulig), a young singer with a troubled past, comes under the guidance of Wiktor (Tomasz Kot, both above), a composer and arranger with the job of making Polish folk music great again.

Polish director Pawel Pawlikowski tells the story of a doomed love affai with a deep understanding of theme, variation and repetition. Like the central song - sung in rustic style in the first act, then reborn as an aching torch song which might have flowed from the pen of Elvis Costello or the horn of Chet Baker - episodes in the lives of Zula and Wiktor play out, each marked by the same haunting motif, musically and emotionally. It has been nominated in three categories (Best Foreign Language Film, Best Director, Best Cinematography) at the Academy Awards.





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Free Solo is a portrait of the free soloist climber Alex Honnold as he prepares to achieve his lifelong dream - climbing the face of the world's most famous rock - the El Capitan in Yosemite National Park without a rope. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Feb 24, 2.30pm; Feb 27, 8.30pm; March 2, 2.30pm, March 3, 2pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) INFO: theprojector.sg

Border (2018, M18)

Like the misfits at its heart, Border (in Swedish with English subtitles) defies easy categorisation. Adapted from Swedish writer John Ajvide Lindqvist's novella, it manoeuvres through multiple genres, from Nordic noir to coming-of-age romance to supernatural horror. An immigrant himself, director Ali Abbasi confidently draws on his outsider experience while invoking Nordic mythology to tell a story at once timely and timeless. WHERE: GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 MRT: Paya Lebar WHEN: March 6, 9pm ADMISSION: Singapore Film Society membership from \$18 a month TEL: 9017-0160 INFO: E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

NATURE

A Walk With Your Neighbours: The Monkeys Of Bukit Timah

The long-tailed macagues are the most conspicuous animals at Bukit Timah. Although commonly seen, they are very misunderstood. The world they live in comprises kin networks, power struggles, friends, foes and a complex social network. WHERE: Visitor Centre's Front Courtyard, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Hindhede Drive MRT: Beauty World WHEN: Feb 23, 5-6.30pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: E-mail sgmonkeywalk@ gmail.com

West Marsh Visit With The Kranji Marshals

The West Marsh, within the Core Conservation Area of Kranji Marshes, is a special area designated for the conservation of marsh birds. To minimise disturbances to these shy animals and other wildlife, access to this section is restricted to guided activities organised by NParks and its partners. Several times a year, visitors can access this section when NParks volunteers the Kranji Marshals – act as guides. WHERE: West Marsh (gate near

THE FAVOURITE (R21) 120 minutes/****

In this bawdy, smart and fast-paced period drama, director Yorgos Lanthimos throws away the grand halls. costumes and soldiers so common in films of the genre. Here, two women fight to manipulate a third for power. That there is a lesbian triangle at its centre is a secondary, but important, element in the mix.

It is the early 18th century and Queen Anne (Olivia Colman) is crippled by illness and grieving over 17 children, all stillborn, miscarried or dead in infancy.

Her lover and adviser is Lady Sarah Churchill (Rachel Weisz), from whom she derives both confidence and guidance about Britain's expensive war with other European nations. Into the household comes Abigail Hill (Emma Stone), a woman from a decayed branch of the English aristocracy, who is taken in as a scullery maid. The film is up for 10 Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress for Colman and Best Supporting Actress for Stone and Weisz.

THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER (M18) 121 minutes/★★★★☆

Brought back to mark the 10 Oscar nominations earned by director Yorgos Lanthimos' The Favourite, this is his previous work, a creepy tale of supernatural retribution.

Heart surgeon Steven Murphy (Colin Farrell, right) seems to have taken a fatherly interest in teenager Martin (Barry Keoghan). The young man is fixated on Steven, his wife Anna (Nicole Kidman, left), teenage daughter Kim (Raffey Cassidy) and young son Bob (Sunny Suljic). As Martin's behaviour grows more odd, Steven breaks off the relationship, but his decision carries an otherworldly penalty.

That juxtaposition of the mundane and the nightmarishly mythic is constantly at play in this movie, winner of the Best Screenplay award at the Cannes Film Festival and nominee for the top prize of the Palme d'Or for director and co-screenwriter Lanthimos. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Sunday, 7.50pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 INFO: theprojector.sg

Moorhen Blind), 11 Neo Tiew Lane 2 MRT: Kranji WHEN: March 2, 7.30 -11am ADMISSION: Free TEL: 6794-1401 INFO: E-mail nparks_sbwr@nparks.gov.sg

TOURS

Family Farm Tour

Experience being a farmer for a day, feed chickens and find out how farm staff with autism sow seeds. Smell, taste and touch edible plants and understand the importance of using sustainable, pesticide-free farming methods. Participants take home a set of microgreens seed kit worth \$15. WHERE: Citizen Farm, 60 Jalan Penjara MRT: Queenstown WHEN: Feb 23, 10am - noon ADMISSION: \$38 a person, includes materials INFO: E-mail learn@ediblegardencity.com

KIDS

Protect Our Pangolins

In conjunction with World Pangolin Day, this interactive 90-minute parent-child bonding session includes storytelling and craft activities to learn about the world's most trafficked mammal pangolins.

WHERE: Windsor Nature Park (Pavilion), 30 Venus Road MRT: Marymount WHEN: Feb 23, 9.30 - 11am ADMISSION: Free, register at nparks.gov.sg INFO: E-mail lim_siew_hong@nparks.gov.sg

Kids' Fun With Rainforest Life The green domain at the end of Rifle Range Road is home to an assemblage of wildlife unique to the tropical rainforest. This tour is organised by Nature Society (Singapore) (NSS). WHERE: Rifle Range Road (meeting point to be advised) MRT: Beauty World WHEN: Feb 24, 8 - 10 am ADMISSION: \$2 a child (NSS member), \$10 a child (non-member); register child (four - 12 years old) at tinyurl.com/nsskidsevent by tomorrow INFO: E-mail gloria_seow@yahoo.com

Disney On Ice: Mickey's Super Celebration

Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy join Mickey on a journey to discover his favourite memory of all time. Using Mickey's Mouse Pad, show hosts invite fans to be a part of the action and help the gang as they venture through Disney stories. WHERE: Singapore Indoor Stadium, 2 Stadium Walk MRT: Stadium WHEN: March 20 (7pm), March 21 & 22 (3 & 7pm), March 23 (10.30am, 2.30 & 6.30pm), March 24 (10.30am & 2.30pm) ADMISSION: \$25 - \$225, tickets from Singapore Indoor Stadium Box Office & SingPost outlets TEL: 3158-7888 INFO: www.sportshubtix.sg

OTHERS

National Gallery Singapore **Open House** As part of Light To Night Festival 2019: Traces And Echoes, visitors will enjoy free admission to all exhibitions at National Gallery Singapore from Feb 22 to 24, including the exhibition Minimalism: Space. Light. Object. Immerse yourself in the specially commissioned installations and programmes that reimagine Singapore's past and offer fresh perspectives on significant moments in the past 700 years. WHERE: National Gallery Singapore, 1St Andrew's Road MRT: City Hall WHEN: Feb 22 & 23 (10am - 10pm), Feb 24 (10am - 7pm) ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** nationalgallery.sg

Say konnichiwa again to Sakura Matsuri, the popular cherry blossom festival that makes a return to Gardens by the Bay next month. Admire the ephemeral beauty of cherry blossoms and explore the food, costumes and products of Japan at Nippon Street. Also enjoy Japanese cultural programmes featuring instrumental and dance performances. The Anime Garden will bring Japanese animation to life. WHERE: Gardens by the Bay, 18 Marina Gardens Drive MRT: Bayfront WHEN: March 1-31 (various dates & times) ADMISSION: Ticket charges to Flower Dome applies INFO: gardensbythe bay.com.sg/whatson

Natas Travel Fair

Natas Travel 2019 promises to give

visitors a vast selection of travel choices such as tour packages, customised tours, cruises and many other options under one roof. WHERE: Halls 5 & 6 Singapore Expo, 1Expo Drive MRT: Expo WHEN: Feb 22 - 24, 10am - 9.30pm ADMISSION: Free TEL: 6534-0187 INFO: E-mail: events@natas.travel

Inter Airport South East Asia

This international exhibition for airport equipment, technology and design and services aims to deliver a vision of building better airports in South-east Asia. WHERE: Hall 4A Singapore Expo, 1Expo Drive MRT: Expo WHEN: Feb 27 & 28 (10am - 5pm), March1(10am-4pm) ADMISSION: Free, register at rpg.infosalons.com.au/ interairport19si INFO: E-mail info@interairport-southeastasia.com

HDFC India Homes Fair

More than 23 developers will be represented at the HDFC India Homes Fair. Properties available are priced from three million rupees (S\$57,000). WHERE: Singapore Swimming Club, 45 Tanjong Rhu Road MRT: Mountbatten WHEN: March 9 & 10,11am - 7.30pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: hdfc.com

LAST CALL

Phonetics Workshop Find out how phonetics can help you speak better and communicate more effectively. Children as young as nine years old can join the class, which is conducted by Mr Joseph Wong, who specialises in communication, with a focus on phonetics. WHERE: 05-01 LTC Building D, 16 Arumugam Road MRT: MacPherson WHEN: Tomorrow, 9am - 6pm ADMISSION: \$180, claimable through SkillsFutureCredit INFO: E-mail josephwong@delapro.com.sg

Super Rugby – Sunwolves Vs Sharks

This year's Super Rugby season kicks off with a match between Singapore's adopted home team, Hito-Communications Sunwolves, which won their first match here last year, and South Africa's Sharks. WHERE: National Stadium, Singapore Sports Hub, 1Stadium Drive MRT: Stadium **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 6.55 - 8.15pm ADMISSION: From \$10 INFO: sportshub.com.sg/ SuperRugby

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Sakura Matsuri At **Gardens By The Bay**