# **FILMS**

### Queen Of Katwe (2016, PG)

Queen Of Katwe is based on the true story of a young girl from rural Uganda. Her world changes when she is introduced to the game of chess and, as a result of the support she receives, is instilled with the confidence she needs to pursue her dream of becoming an international chess champion. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden

Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: Sun, 5.40pm; March 16, 2pm; March 30,5pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO**: the projector.sg

## The Punk Singer (2013, NC16)

Take a peek into the colourful and bold life of Bikini Kill frontwoman and the "riot grrrl" punk movement pioneer Kathleen Hanna - activist, musician and cultural icon. Find out how the movement inspired Kurt Cobain, Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) and rock royalty Joan Jett. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road

MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: March 16, 8.30pm; March 31, 5.30pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) INFO: the projector.sg

#### Rafiki (2018, R21)

Rafiki is a tender love story between two young women. Kena and Ziki have long been told that "good Kenyan girls become good Kenyan wives" but they yearn for something more. Despite the political rivalry between their families, the girls encourage each other to pursue their dreams in a conservative society.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: March 23, 5.30pm, April 6, 5.30pm ADMISSION: \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) INFO: the projector.sg

#### **Avengers: Infinity War** (2018, PG13)

The next Downtown East Outdoor Movie Screening will feature the Avengers and their allies sacrificing all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

WHERE: Open Plaza 2 (outside D'Marquee), Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close MRT: Pasir Ris WHEN: March 30, 7.30 - 10pm **ADMISSION**: Free INFO: downtowneast.com.sg

# **NATURE**

#### **Birdwatching At Lorong Halus** A former rubbish dump, Lorong Halus is now home to a good range of bird species such as the Little Grebe, Baya

Weaver and various Munias. WHERE: Meet Jimmy Lee beside Fat Po Restaurant in Tebing Lane MRT: Punggol (Riviera LRT station) WHEN: March 16, 7.30 - 10.30am ADMISSION: Free, e-mail ellee1584@ gmail.com to register by Sun

## **KIDS**

#### **Jumpstart Writing For P1**

Children will learn basic writing conventions, different ways to start a sentence and how a story develops. Through hands-on activities and storytelling sessions, participants will have a blast as they learn new writing skills.

WHERE: SPH News Centre, 1000 Toa Payoh North MRT: Braddell WHEN: March 19, 10am - 12.30pm ADMISSION: \$149 a student INFO: stskills.sg

## **Creative Writing For PSLE**

Equip your child with a set of creative writing skills that can help him craft stories that shine at the Primary School Leaving Examination. WHERE: SPH News Centre, 1000 Toa Payoh North MRT: Braddell WHEN: March 19, 10am - 1pm or 2 -5pm **ADMISSION**: \$199 a student INFO: stskills.sg

## Be An Ethnobotanist For A Day

Children (Kindergarten 1 to Primary 6) can step into the shoes of an ethnobotanist, to appreciate the importance of plants in their daily lives.

WHERE: Eco Garden, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road MRT: Botanic Gardens WHEN: March 18, 10 - 11am ADMISSION: \$6 a child (\$6 for accompanying adult) INFO: E-mail nparks\_sbg\_edu@nparks.gov.sg

# **OTHERS**

## International Women's Day Bazaar

Browse for bags, jewellery, beauty and wellness products, personalised crafts and eco-friendly gifts. WHERE: Distrii Level 2 Event Hall, Republic Plaza, 9 Raffles Place MRT: Raffles Place WHEN: Today. 10am - 3pm ADMISSION: Free INFO: bit.ly/2SMmOCG

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



# **HAPPINESS FILM FESTIVAL**

Launched this year to promote discussion about and awareness of happiness, the line-up includes The Work (2017, NC16, 87 minutes, left), which won the best documentary feature at the

Sheffield Doc/Fest 2017. In Folsom State Prison in California, inmates take a four-day group therapy session in which these hard men reveal, often while showing great emotional distress, the trauma they have carried with them since childhood. WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road MRT: Nicoll Highway WHEN: March 20 to 24, various times ADMISSION: \$15 for general admission & \$36 for a bundle of tickets to three different films from happinessfilmfestival.peatix.com INFO: E-mail info@ happinessinitiative.sg



PHOTOS: HAPPINESS FILM FESTIVAL, SINGAPORE FILM SOCIETY, NUS ARTS FESTIVAL

## LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT (PG13)

110 minutes

Screened in the Un Certain Regard section of the Cannes Film Festival last year, this drama from celebrated Chinese writer-director Bi Gan (Kaili Blues, 2015) is about how a man returning to his home town in China sparks bittersweet memories. Stars Huang Jue (above), Tang Wei

and Sylvia Chang. WHERE: GV Suntec, 3 Temasek Boulevard MRT: Promenade/Esplanade

WHEN: March 23, 12.50pm ADMISSION: Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month (sign up online at www.singaporefilmsociety.com) **INFO**: E-mail info@ singaporefilmsociety.com or go to

www.singaporefilmsociety.com



#### **NUS ARTS FESTIVAL 2019**

The event this year marks the 90th anniversary of the National University of Singapore's Department of Mathematics. Four films with a numbers theme will be

One highlight is the anime Summer Wars (2009, PG, 114 minutes, above), from acclaimed director Mamoru Hosoda (Wolf Children, 2012; The Girl Who Leapt Through Time, 2006). The film tells the story of mathematically gifted high-schooler Kenji and what happens when his code is used to create havoc in the virtual and real worlds.

Associate Professor Deborah Shamoon from the Department of Japanese Studies, whose key area of research is manga and anime, will present a short talk on the creation of virtual worlds before the screening on March 22 at 7.30pm.

WHERE: Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, Level 2 Education Resource Centre, 8 College Ave West MRT: Kent Ridge/Buona Vista/Clementi WHEN: March 15 to 23, various times ADMISSION: Free with registration at

