

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



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EUROPEAN UNION FILM FESTIVAL

The 29th edition of the festival will showcase 27 films from across Europe, in a variety of genres. The 2017 Austrian period drama, *Mademoiselle Paradis* (M18, 97 minutes), is based on the inspiring true story of the 18th-century pianist Maria Theresia von Paradis and her relationship

with the doctor trying to cure her blindness. The movie stars Maria Dragus and Devid Striesow (both above). **WHERE:** National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** May 10 to 19, various times **ADMISSION:** Tickets at \$12 **INFO:** www.euff.sg



SUSPIRIA (R21)  
152 minutes/★★★★☆

Director Luca Guadagnino uses every trick known to modern film prosthetics to create a work that offers more than atmospheric chills. A naive American from a religious family, Susie (Dakota Johnson, left), has come to West Berlin in 1977 to train at an elite modern dance academy. She becomes a star pupil under the tutelage of Madame Blanc (Tilda Swinton). Susie is a witness to a few strange events, such as the disappearance of another student, Patricia (Chloe Grace Moretz). Loosely based on the classic supernatural horror movie of the same name, which was made by Dario Argento and released in 1977. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **WHEN:** Now showing, various times **MRT:** Bugis/Nicoll Highway **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg



THE WORLD'S END (NC16)  
109 minutes/Now showing on Netflix/  
★★★★☆

Released in 2013 and the last of three comic satires from Edgar Wright that impose Hollywood movie tropes on mundane English life, this work asks the question: What would happen if a robot invasion happens while a bunch

of blokes are trying to relive their youth through an epic pub crawl? The answer is a fun action-comedy that examines what it means to grow up and give in to the inevitabilities of middle age. The film stars (above from left) Martin Freeman, Paddy Considine, Simon Pegg, Nick Frost and Eddie Marsan.

FILMS

A Silent Voice (2016, PG)

Deaf elementary school girl Shoko Nishimiya meets a boy, Shoya Ishida, in her new class. Shoya, who is not deaf, leads the class in bullying Shoko, but the class starts to bully Shoya for bullying Shoko. After graduating, Shoko and Shoya do not speak to each other - until Shoya, tormented by his past, decides he must see Shoko to make amends and be her friend. This anime drama is in Japanese with English and Chinese subtitles. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4.50pm; Wed, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Guardians of The Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017, PG13)

Downtown East's Outdoor Movie Screening this month features the Marvel movie, which continues the Guardians' adventures as they traverse the outer reaches of the cosmos. They must fight to keep their newfound family together as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's parentage. **WHERE:** Open Plaza 2 (outside D'Marquee), Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7.30 - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** downtowneast.com.sg

Tehran Taboo (2017, R21)

Brash, unapologetic and darkly humorous, Iranian film-maker Ali Saezandeh's animated debut feature is a shocking peek into the interconnecting lives of three women in their desperate search for freedom in Iran's restrictive religious society. In Farsi with English subtitles.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sun, 5pm; Wed, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Oh Lucy! (2018, M18)

Setsuko Kawashima (Shinobu Terajima) is a lonely, chain-smoking office lady in Tokyo who is past her prime. She takes an English class and discovers a new identity in her American alter-ego Lucy, and falls for her instructor, John (Josh Hartnett). When he suddenly disappears, Setsuko earnestly sets out on a quest to find him, eventually leading her to the outskirts of Southern California. In Japanese and English. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Wed, 7.10pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

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Italian Film: Magical Nights (2018)

During the 1990 World Cup semi-final between Italy and Argentina, a renowned film producer is found dead in the Tiber river. The main suspects are three young aspiring screenwriters. In the course of just one night in the police station, they go through a tumultuous and emotional journey. **WHERE:** Ngee Ann Kongsi Auditorium, National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** May 19, 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$11, tickets at sistic.com.sg/events/ceuff0519 **INFO:** www.euff.sg

NATURE

**Chek Jawa Wetlands Tour**  
Discover Chek Jawa's six ecosystems

and the diverse array of animals that inhabit these unique habitats. Guided tours are conducted on days when tides recede to 0.5m and below for at least two hours when the intertidal flats are revealed. The tour takes visitors through the Chek Jawa visitors' centre, a 1.1km boardwalk, the Jejawi viewing tower and sandbar. **WHERE:** Pulau Ubin, Open Lawn (Chek Jawa Visitor Centre) **WHEN:** May 10, 8 - 10am **ADMISSION:** \$60 for group (up to 15 people) **INFO:** E-mail alan\_tan@nparks.gov.sg

TOURS

Istana Nature Guided Walk

This guided walk, which will take place during the Istana Open House on Labour Day, is a collaboration between the President's Office and National Parks Board. It will showcase the Istana's flora, fauna and biodiversity. **WHERE:** Istana, Orchard Road **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Wed, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$2 (child from age four), \$4 for citizens & permanent residents, \$10 for foreigners (family packages available) **INFO:** E-mail md\_shariff\_abu\_yamin@nparks.gov.sg

CONTESTS

**Objectifs Documentary Award**  
Applications are open for the Objectifs Documentary Award 2019, which supports original voices in visual story-telling in Singapore and the wider region. Successful recipients will be given professional and financial support to work on their projects over a six-month period. The final works will be exhibited at Objectifs in March and April next year.

**WHERE:** 155 Middle Road **MRT:** Bugis/Bencoolen **WHEN:** Closing date: May 13 **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6336-2957 **INFO:** objectifs.com.sg/docuaward2019

National Youth Film Awards

The National Youth Film Awards (NYFA) 2019 is back for its fifth edition, this time partnering the Singapore International Film Festival. It aims to provide a platform for young film-makers to showcase their talents and create opportunities for them to hone their skills and network with industry professionals. Entry categories are Open Youth and Media Students. Accepted works include documentary, animation and live-action films. **WHEN:** Closing date: May 31 **TEL:** 6521-6536 **INFO:** E-mail nyfa@scape.sg or go to scape.sg/nyfa

KIDS

The Very Hungry Caterpillar And Other Eric Carle Favourites

A timeless production, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar & Other Eric Carle Favourites* by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia, Canada, brings together three beloved tales by Eric Carle. **WHERE:** Victoria Theatre, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Tue - May 12: weekdays, 9.30 & 11.30am; weekends, 10.30am & 2.30pm; public holiday, 10.30am **ADMISSION:** \$18 - \$48 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

OTHERS

**Driverless Mobility Debate**  
Tumcreate and the Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities, Singapore University of Technology

and Design (SUTD) are holding a public debate about driverless mobility in Singapore. Data and participant insights will be collected and brought to the attention of the decision-makers. **WHERE:** SUTD Multi-purpose Hall, 61 Changi South Avenue 1 **MRT:** Upper Changi/Expo **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9.30am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at themobilitydebate.net (participants each get a \$70 NTUC Fairprice voucher) **TEL:** 6876-4264 **INFO:** tum-create.edu.sg

World Thalassaemia Day And Blood Donation Drive

The National Thalassaemia Registry at KK Women's and Children's Hospital is organising a blood-donation drive. Donors should take along their NRIC or work permit/employment pass, and donor card, if any. There will also be a Thalassaemia poster exhibition and screening for the first 100 donors. **WHERE:** Auditorium Foyer (Training Centre), Level 1 Women's Tower, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, 100 Bukit Timah Road **MRT:** Little India **WHEN:** May 8, 10am - 4pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6394-1863 **INFO:** hsa.gov.sg/donor\_criteria, hsa.gov.sg/travel\_deferral

LAST CALL

The Clairvoyants Live In Singapore

The world champions of mindreading, Tommy Ten and Amelie Van Tass, open up a new world of mentalism and unique illusions. The duo finished second place in TV reality show *America's Got Talent*. **WHERE:** Resorts World Theatre, Resorts World Sentosa, 8 Sentosa Gateway **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 7pm

**ADMISSION:** \$68 - \$198 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

Namewee 4896 World Tour Encore

Malaysian hip-hop singer Namewee first brought his world tour to Singapore in February last year. The tour's title, 4896, describes a very strong and powerful person when pronounced in Hokkien. **WHERE:** Compass Ballroom, Resorts World Convention Centre, 8 Sentosa Gateway **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$28 - \$178 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

Glamour Backstage

This programme, conducted by Image & You founder and principal consultant Sherrine Teoh, aims to help participants exude the glamour of a beauty queen at formal events. She will share insider pageant techniques. **WHERE:** Alelux Luxury Gown Rental, 03-04 Oxley BizHub 1, 61 Ubi Road 1 **MRT:** Tai Seng **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2-4pm (registration from 1.30pm) **ADMISSION:** \$240 a person, includes refreshments; register at bit.ly/2svj88k **INFO:** E-mail cybelle@aicingsingapore.org

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