

**FILMS**

**The Night Is Short, Walk On Girl (2018, M18)**

This film from visionary director Masaaki Yuasa (*Mind Game*, 2004; *Adventure Time's Food Chain*, 2014) is a comedy about one epic night in Kyoto. As a group of teens goes out for a night on the town, a sophomore known only as The Girl With Black Hair experiences a series of surreal encounters with the local nightlife – all the while unaware of the romantic longings of Senpai, a fellow student who has been creating increasingly fantastic and contrived reasons to run into her.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm; May 19, 5.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession)  
**INFO:** theprojector.sg

**The Dressmaker (2015, PG13)**

Based on Rosalie Ham's best-selling novel, *The Dressmaker* is the story of femme fatale Tilly Dunnage (Kate Winslet), who returns to her small home town in Australia to right the wrongs of the past. This stylish drama features comic undertones about love, revenge and haute couture.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway  
**WHEN:** Wed, 7.40pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession)  
**INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Everybody Knows (2018, PG13)**

The film follows Laura (Penelope Cruz) on her travels from Argentina to her small home town in Spain for her sister's wedding, taking her two children along for the occasion. Amid the joyful reunion and festivities, the elder daughter is abducted. In the tense days that follow, various family and community tensions surface and deeply hidden secrets are revealed. In Spanish with English subtitles.

**WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road  
**MRT:** Nicoll Highway  
**WHEN:** May 9 & 11, 8pm; May 12, 5pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession)  
**INFO:** theprojector.sg

**NATURE**

**Bird Watching Along The Southern Ridges**

Up to 43 species of birds have been spotted so far at the Southern Ridges. 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 zoom function for a better experience.

**WHERE:** Faber Hill Park, Plaza Area at Henderson Waves (meet at entrance of Henderson Waves)  
**MRT:** HarbourFront  
**WHEN:** May 18, 7.30 - 9.30am  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFO:** E-mail [anne\\_ng@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:anne_ng@nparks.gov.sg)

**TOURS**

**Biodiversity Appreciation At Kent Ridge Park Tour**

This experience includes a guided tour of the various highlights at Kent Ridge Park as well as a hands-on floating island construction project for the Kent Ridge Pond as part of the National Parks Board's habitat enhancement initiative.

**WHERE:** Kent Ridge Park (field near the pond), Vigilante Drive  
**MRT:** Pasir Panjang  
**WHEN:** May 18, 9 - 11am  
**ADMISSION:** Free, register at [nparks.gov.sg](http://nparks.gov.sg)  
**INFO:** E-mail [yeow\\_jie\\_ying@nparks.gov.sg](mailto:yeow_jie_ying@nparks.gov.sg)

**CONTESTS**

**Objectifs Documentary Award**

Applications are open for the Objectifs Documentary Award 2019, which supports original voices in visual storytelling in Singapore and the 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](http://objectifs.com.sg/docuaward2019)

**National Youth Film Awards**

The National Youth Film Awards 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](mailto:nyfa@scape.sg) or go to [scape.sg/nyfa](http://scape.sg/nyfa)

**Film Picks**

**John Lui Film Correspondent recommends**



**EUROPEAN UNION FILM FESTIVAL**  
The 29th edition of the festival will showcase 27 films from across Europe in most genres.

The Irish selection *Sing Street* (2016, screens on May 11, 7pm, above) is a funny and heartbreaking coming-of-age story set in 1980s Dublin. Conor (Ferdia Walsh-Peelo) is a teen songwriter, dodging bullies at school and pursuing an unattainable girl.

Writer-director John Carney made two other films in which pop and rock do the job of dialogue and action – the Oscar-winning *Once* (2007) and *Begin Again* (2013) – but this is the most autobiographical of the three and the most entertaining.

**WHERE:** National Gallery Singapore, 1 St Andrew's Road  
**WHEN:** May 10 to 19, various times  
**ADMISSION:** \$12  
**INFO:** [www.euff.sg](http://www.euff.sg)

PHOTOS: SHAW ORGANISATION, NETFLIX



**HOTEL MUMBAI (M18)**

123 minutes/★★★★☆

In this tense and emotionally truthful adaptation of a documentary about the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, American businessman David (Armie Hammer) and his wife Zahra (Nazanin Boniadi), their infant and nanny Sally (Tilda Cobham-Hervey) are guests of the posh Taj Mahal Palace Hotel. Waiter Arjun (Dev Patel, left) shows up for work and is assigned duties by head chef Oberoi (Anupam Kher).

This is the day in November 2008 that terrorists will attack 12 locations in the city, including the hotel, leading to a hostage crisis that will leave many dead.

**THE WANDERING EARTH (PG13)**

125 minutes/Now showing on Netflix/★★★★☆

China's second highest-grossing film of all time – after *Wolf Warrior 2* (2017) – is a big-budget science-fiction epic based on a novella from award-winning Chinese author Liu Cixin. It is a loud, explosion-filled and ridiculously over-the-top adaptation of a serious work.

In the future, when the decaying Sun is about to engulf Earth, humans build country-size rocket engines that turn the planet into an ark so it can move to another star system. Astronaut Liu (Wu Jing) is part of a team on a space station guiding the planet. When the Earth engines fail, he and his son (Qu Chuxiao) and adopted daughter (Zhao Jinmai, right) must act to save billions of lives.



**OTHERS**

**The Big Furniture Fair**

Visitors can check out interior design firms and designer showflats on display. They can also browse leather and fabric sofas, international mattress brands, ethnic furniture, solid wood furniture, furnishings such as flooring, wallpaper and lighting, and smart home solutions.

**WHERE:** Hall 6B Singapore Expo, 1 Expo Drive  
**MRT:** Expo  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow - May 12, noon - 10pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**TEL:** 6842-7266  
**INFO:** [myhomeinternational.com.sg](http://myhomeinternational.com.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 as well as 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:** Wed, 10am - 4pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**TEL:** 6394-1863  
**INFO:** [hsa.gov.sg/donor\\_criteria](http://hsa.gov.sg/donor_criteria), [hsa.gov.sg/travel\\_deferral](http://hsa.gov.sg/travel_deferral)

**LAST CALL**

**Careers Connect On-The-Go**

This event takes career coaching, job-matching services and job-search workshops to the heartland.

**WHERE:** Chong Pang City, Block 101 Yishun Avenue 5 (carpark in front of blocks 101 & 102)  
**MRT:** Yishun  
**WHEN:** Today - Tue, 10.30am - 7pm  
**ADMISSION:** Free  
**TEL:** 6883-5885  
**INFO:** [adaptandgrow.sg/careersconnect](http://adaptandgrow.sg/careersconnect)

**Chimi's Cinco De Mayo FeasTa**

Cinco de Mayo is held every May 5 to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla. In Singapore, the two-day festival will feature Mexican street food, Latin-American music, carnival games and more. The first day is a party edition for adults, while day two will feature activities for families with kids.  
**WHERE:** 01-01 NTUC Centre, 1 Marina Boulevard  
**MRT:** Downtown/Raffles Place  
**WHEN:** Tomorrow, from 5pm; Sun, from noon

**ADMISSION:** \$20 a day (at venue), \$18 early-bird tickets (till tomorrow, 3pm) at [cdmfeasta.eventbrite.sg](http://cdmfeasta.eventbrite.sg)

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