

**FILMS**

**The Secret Life Of Pets 2 (2019, PG)**

Max the terrier's owner gets married and has a baby. When the family takes a trip to the countryside, Max has numerous run-ins with canine-intolerant cows, hostile foxes and a scary turkey. He meets Rooster, a gruff farm dog which tries to cure the lovable pooch of his neuroses. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Today, 5.50pm; tomorrow, 3pm; Sun, 2.20pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**First Reformed (2017, NC16)**

A pastor of a small church in upstate New York starts to spiral out of control after a soul-shaking encounter with an unstable environmental activist and his pregnant wife. Stars Ethan Hawke, Amanda Seyfried and Cedric the Entertainer. **WHERE:** GV Paya Lebar, 03-107 SingPost Centre, 10 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** Wed, 9pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

**I've Got A Little Problem (2017, R21)**

Poet-photographer Ren Hang was known for shooting nude photos of Chinese youth and his explicit representation of Chinese sexuality. This film (in Mandarin with English subtitles), shot just months before his sudden death in 2017, chronicles his struggle with Chinese censorship, painful public scrutiny and manic depression, that eventually sent his life spiralling out of control. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** July 5, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Girls Always Happy (2018, NC16)**

Wu, who is in her mid-20s, lives with her single mother. A divorced, elderly man helps the women through lean periods. Their unhealthy close relationship is characterised by reproaches and quibbling. In Mandarin and English subtitles. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** July 6, 5.30pm; July 14, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**NATURE**

**Biodiversity Guided Walk At Jurong Lake Gardens**

This walk will help participants appreciate the animals, plants and trees around Jurong Lake Gardens as well as its sights and sounds. **WHERE:** Jurong Lake Gardens, Yuan Ching Road; meet at Leaf Shelter (South Carpark & The Oval) **MRT:** Chinese Garden/Lakeside **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8.30 - 10am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at www.nparks.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail jeremy\_wl\_yeo@nparks.gov.sg

**What's In My Water**

Is that a fish, a worm, an insect or a crocodile swimming in the water? This morning walk helps visitors get to know the creatures and plants which live in and around the water edges of Sungei Buloh. **WHERE:** Visitor Centre, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 60 Kranji Way **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** July 13, 9.30 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6794-1401 **INFO:** E-mail nparks\_sbw@nparks.gov.sg

**TOURS**

**Learning Forest Tour**

The Learning Forest features a network of boardwalks and elevated walkways which allow visitors to explore habitats ranging from a freshwater forest wetland to a lowland rainforest. Visitors can learn about freshwater forest wetland ecosystems at the Keppel Discovery Wetlands and walk among some of the tallest tree species in South-east Asia at the SPH Walk of Giants. **WHERE:** Singapore Botanic Gardens (Visitor services at Tyersall Gate), 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** July 13, 9 - 10am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks\_sbg\_visitor\_services@nparks.gov.sg

**CONTESTS**

**UOB Painting Of The Year Competition**

United Overseas Bank is inviting Singapore citizens and permanent residents to enter the 38th UOB Painting Of The Year Competition. Country winners in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand will be considered for a month-long

**FilmPicks**

**John Lui Film Correspondent recommends**



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**PARASITE (M18)**

131 minutes/Now showing/★★★★

Social satires rarely come as funny, unpredictable or as generous to its characters as this work by South Korean film-maker Bong Joon-ho. His peek into the lives of people from the opposite ends of the wealth divide makes both parties responsible for their own miseries.

But instead of making viewers hate them for their nasty, selfish behaviour, he elicits pity. The Kim family live in a grubby basement dwelling, working odd jobs to make ends meet. Then, Ki Woo (Choi Woo-shik, extreme left), the eldest son, is asked to fake his credentials to land a job as a tutor. His student is Da Hye (Jung Ji-so), the daughter of a wealthy man, Mr Park (Lee Sun-kyun). At the Park mansion, Ki Woo sees the splendour of their lives compared with the squalor of his own and it sets in motion a string of incidents, which will change the fortunes of both families.

This film, which also stars (from left) Song Kang-ho, Jang Hye-jin and Park So-dam, won the Palme d'Or, the highest award, at this year's Cannes Film Festival.



**BYO CINEMA**

Organised by the Singapore Film Commission, this free open-air celebration of Singapore cinema screens its second film tomorrow - director Kelvin Tong's drama-comedy, It's A Great, Great World (PG, 89 minutes, 2011).

The movie stars (above, from left) Ng Hui, Joanne Peh and Chew Chor Meng, among others, as the people

who, over the decades, have had their lives touched by the Great World Amusement Park.

It will be aired at GSS PopUp@Grange Road carpark. **WHERE:** Various locations, including Design Orchard Rooftop, GSS PopUp@Grange Road carpark, Singapore Botanic Gardens

**WHEN:** Till Sept 28 **ADMISSION:** Free **NFO:** bit.ly/2IREawr



**CAPERNAUM (NC16)**

123 minutes/★★★★

This Lebanese drama picked up the Jury Prize at last year's Cannes Film Festival. After its premiere there, it reportedly won a 15-minute standing ovation. It has since become the highest-grossing Middle Eastern film of all time, helped by its surprise box-office success in China.

The story is seen from the viewpoint of Zain (Zain Al Rafeea, above right), a Syrian refugee boy in Lebanon who is suing his parents for

giving him life. He has been born into unimaginable hardship and wants his parents punished.

Lebanese film-maker Nadine Labaki has a knack for communicating the misery of life at the bottom without falling into the usual artistic traps of romanticisation (also known as poverty porn) or its opposite, shock-value gruesomeness.

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

residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan. **WHERE:** ArtSpace@Helu Trans, 02-04 Tanjong Pagar Distripark, 39 Keppel Road **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar/Outram Park **WHEN:** Submissions: Aug 16 - 18; awards ceremony in November **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6539-1177 **INFO:** E-mail paintingoftheyear@uobgroup.com or go to www.uobpoy.com

**KIDS**

**Preschool Roadshow By Busy Bees Asia**

Brands from the Busy Bees Group - which include Learning Vision, Bright Path, Odyssey The Global Preschool, Brighton Montessori, Pat's Schoolhouse and Asian International College - will be represented at this roadshow for children aged two months to six years, families and preschool educators. **WHERE:** West Atrium, Suntec City, 3 Temasek Boulevard **MRT:** Promenade/Esplanade **WHEN:** July 6 & 7, 10am - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bba.sg/BestStartInLife

**OTHERS**

**Wild Summer Fun Market And Carnival**

This one-day event features more than 20 vendors selling artisanal products such as men's and women's fashion and accessories, handmade jewellery, lifestyle products, wine, tea and food produce. Kids can enjoy the outdoor carnival games and learn to be kind to animals. Proceeds will be donated to non-profit organisation Animal Concerns Research & Education Society. **WHERE:** Block 8 Dempsey Hill **MRT:** Holland Village (Google "Dempsey Hill shuttle bus" for the schedule) **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.facebook.com/dempseyhillsg

**Drink, Feast, Game, Repeat At The Quay**

Entertainment and food concepts Chupitos Bar, Heytea, Holey Moley, Level Up and Pong Singapore will transform Clarke Quay into a playground and party place. Games include mini golf, 1990s arcade games and pong challenges. Win Clarke Quay dining vouchers nightly and enjoy bar bites, event-exclusive shots, alcoholic slushies, ice-cold beers and non-alcoholic teas. **WHERE:** Clarke Quay Fountain Square, 3 River Valley Road **MRT:** Clarke Quay **WHEN:** Thu - July 6, 6.30 - 11.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** clarkequay.com.sg

**Launch Of Short Film: My Face**

KK Women's & Children's Hospital is launching a short film, My Face, presented by its Department of Plastic, Reconstructive & Aesthetic Surgery, to raise awareness of children with deformities and the social stigmatisation they face. The programme includes interviews with the film's director and cast, patient performances and carnival activities. **WHERE:** The Pavilion, 01-01 Far East Square, 28 China Street **MRT:** Telok Ayer **WHEN:** July 13, 5 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free (no registration required) **TEL:** 6394-1150 **INFO:** www.saps.org.sg/my-face-a-short-film

**Spider-Man Far From Home Exhibition**

This exhibition features Spider-Man suits from previous Spider-Man films, an adventure playground for kids and adults, installations of the Tower Bridge in London and Rialto Bridge in Venice. Freebies include drawstring bags (with minimum \$50 spent at participating outlets) and movie tickets at Shaw Theatres Jewel (with at least \$120 charged to Mastercard at Changi Airport). **WHERE:** Terminal 3 Changi Airport, Level 2 Departure Hall & Basement 2 (opposite Kopitiam) **MRT:** Changi Airport

**WHEN:** Till July 14, 10am - 11pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** bit.ly/2VJICqb

**LAST CALL**

**New And Competing Nationalisms in Myanmar**

This half-day discussion will look at the resurgence of nationalist attitudes in countries such as Myanmar, where nationalism has been conflated with patriotism and ethno-religious themes infuse issues of identity in societal and political life in the country. **WHERE:** Seminar Room 2, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, 30 Heng Mui Keng Terrace **MRT:** Kent Ridge **WHEN:** Today, 9.30am - 12.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at www.iseas.edu.sg **TEL:** 6778-0955 **INFO:** E-mail admin@iseas.edu.sg

**How I Learnt To Drive By Paula Vogel**

Playwright Paula Vogel's acclaimed play is set in 1960s rural America and explores a teenage girl's coming of age as she navigates a complicated relationship with an older man. **WHERE:** Drama Centre Black Box, Level 5 National Library Building, 100 Victoria Street **MRT:** City Hall/Bugis **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3 & 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 - \$39 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

**HDB Heartland Talk - Enriching Your Golden Years**

Learn about the housing policies for the elderly, the use of Central Provident Fund for retirement and the essentials of planning for the future. Take along your laptop, mobile phone or other electronic devices to download the e-briefing materials via Wireless@SG before the event. **WHERE:** HDB Auditorium, Basement 1 HDB Hub, 480 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh **MRT:** Toa Payoh **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 2 - 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bit.ly/hdbht

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