

Film Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



BYOCINEMA

Organised by the Singapore Film Commission, this free open-air celebration of Singapore cinema heads into its third film tomorrow with *Ramen Teh* (left, 2018, PG, 90 minutes), director Eric Khoo's drama about food linking members of a family across disparate cultures and generations.

Japanese actor Takumi Saitoh is Masato, a chef searching for links to his family that take him from Japan to Singapore. It also stars Jeanette Aw and Mark Lee.

Ramen Teh will screen at 7pm at Singapore Botanic Gardens' Eco Lake Lawn.

WHERE/MRT: Various locations, including Design Orchard Rooftop (Somerset), GSS PopUp@Grange Road Carpark (Somerset), Singapore Botanic Gardens (Botanic Gardens)

WHEN: Now to Sept 28

ADMISSION: Free

INFO: View schedule of all films and screening locations and indicate interest in attending at www.facebook.com/events/615609302293399



TALES FROM THE MAINLAND

Six elementary school children have been raped by their principal in southern China. The case is suppressed through political connections. But activist Ye Haiyan – better known on social media by the nickname Hooligan Sparrow – takes up the cause of the girls and this documentary follows their progress.

Hooligan Sparrow (above, 2016, M18, 84 minutes), comprised of footage smuggled out of China, won a

nomination for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival.

It is screened as part of *Tales From The Mainland*, a celebration of films from China.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road

MRT: Nicoll Highway

WHEN: Various times; Hooligan Sparrow screens tomorrow and on July 21

ADMISSION: \$13.50

INFO: For bookings and information, go to theprojector.sg



PHOTOS: GOLDEN VILLAGE, THE PROJECTOR, N.O.W. 2019

N.O.W. 2019

The N.O.W. project has a mission to "make visible the multifaceted and capable women, their voices and their not ordinary work".

The film portion of the event, which also covers music, visual arts, workshops and talks, will feature four works by women.

Among them is the crime thriller *Spoor* (left, 2017, rating to be confirmed, 128 minutes), from respected Polish director Agnieszka Holland.

In a remote, mountainous part of Poland, a reclusive woman, Janina (Agnieszka Mandat) is the sole witness to a series of killings, but no one believes her testimony.

The film is the winner of the Silver Bear at the Berlin Film Festival and winner of Best Director at the Polish Film Festival.

WHERE: Home of Theatreworks, 72-13 Mohamed Sultan Road

MRT: Fort Canning

WHEN: July 19 & 20, various times

ADMISSION: \$12

INFO: notordinarywork.com

FILMS

New Waves: Emerging Voices Of South-east Asian Cinema

New Waves by Singapore International Film Festival shines a spotlight on film-makers who are making an impact through their storytelling, with a focus on building a film community in South-east Asia. Highlights this year include a retrospective of short films produced by Akanga Film Asia and led by its founder Fran Borgia; a spotlight on award-winning film-maker Anthony Chen in anticipation of his sophomore feature *Wet Season* (2019); and *Through Her Eyes*, a curated line-up of films from the female perspective.

WHERE: Level 5 *Scape Gallery, 2 Orchard Link **MRT:** Somerset **WHEN:** Today & tomorrow, various times **ADMISSION:** \$5 **INFO:** sgiff.com/newwaves

Short Film: My Face

This short film is presented by the Department of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery at KK Women's and Children's Hospital to raise awareness of children with deformities and the social stigma they face. The programme includes on-stage interviews with the director and cast, patient performances and carnival activities.

WHERE: The Pavilion, 01-01 Far East Square, 28 China Street **MRT:** Telok Ayer **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 5 - 8pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6394-1150 **INFO:** tinyurl.com/kkmhface2019

MRT: Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Today & Wed, 8pm; tomorrow, Mon & Tue, 8.30pm; Sun, 5.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Paterson (2016, NC16)

Paterson (Adam Driver) is a bus driver in the city of Paterson, New Jersey. Every day, he adheres to a simple routine, including writing poetry in a notebook. On the other hand, the world of his wife Laura is ever changing. But they love each other and support each other's aspirations.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 4.40pm; Wed, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Moon Heroes At ArtScience Museum

ArtScience Museum pays tribute to the heroes who ventured into space and those who made it possible. While astronaut Neil Armstrong undertook the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the Moon, a special team of flight controllers on Earth navigated, calculated and innovated to change the course of history. *First Man* (2018) will be shown on July 18 (noon, 2.30, 5 & 7.30pm) and July 20 (10am), while *Mission Control: The Unsung Heroes Of Apollo* (2017) screens on July 19 (10am).

WHERE: Expression Gallery, Level 4 ArtScience Museum, Marina Bay Sands, 6 Bayfront Avenue **MRT:** Bayfront **WHEN:** July 18 - 20, various times **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** tinyurl.com/moonmbs19

A Singapore Botanic Gardens Movie: Shorts Under The Stars

Singapore Art Museum presents two nights of award-winning local and international short films curated for the family-friendly exhibition *Imaginarium*. Fringe activities start from 5pm.

WHERE: Eco Lake Lawn (Bukit Timah entrance), Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** July 19 & 20, 5 - 9pm (screening from 7.30pm) **ADMISSION:** Free (snacks provided)

INFO: E-mail nparcs_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

Downtown East Free Outdoor Movie Screening

This month's film, *Guang* (2018, PG13), is about the autistic Wen Guang (Kyo Chen), who is sent out to look for work by his brother (Ernest Chong), but the attempts fail. Guang is compulsively drawn to objects that produce musical notes. He behaves in a way that causes potential employers to reject him. His brother, who has raised him since the death of their mother, resents postponing his ambitions to look after his child-like sibling.

WHERE: Outside D'Marquee, Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** July 27, 7.30 - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6589-1688 **INFO:** downtowneast.com.sg

NATURE

Nature Appreciation Walk At Windsor Nature Park

Through this walk, participants will gain a greater appreciation of Singapore's rich natural heritage and the need to protect it for future generations. For instance, they will discover the importance of Windsor Nature Park as a buffer to the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.

WHERE: Meet at Windsor Nature Park Pavilion, off Upper Thomson Road **MRT:** Marymount **WHEN:** July 27, 9.15 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail lim_siew_hong@nparks.gov.sg

PETS

Pets & Plants Art Workshop

Conducted by Carlyn Law of Eat To Draw at Pets Actually, this illustration workshop will give tips on sketching, how to illustrate pets with ink pens and paint plants in gouache. Participants can take along their pets and get a \$10 voucher to spend at the store.

WHERE: Pets Actually, 26 Chia Ping Road **MRT:** Lakeside/Boon Lay **WHEN:** July 20, 2 - 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$100, e-mail eattodraw@gmail.com to sign up **TEL:** 9362-3626 **INFO:** eattodraw.com

Advanced Workshop For Cat Owners

This tour, organised by the Singapore Retailers Association, takes participants around Kampong Glam. Attractions include Rania Silk House, Haji Tawakkal Centre, Bhai Sarabat and Gelam Gallery, Singapore's first outdoor gallery.

WHERE: Cat Cafe Neko no Niwa, 54A Boat Quay **MRT:** Clarke Quay/Raffles Place **WHEN:** July 24, 7.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$35 a person (includes drink and goodie bag) **TEL:** 6536-5319 **INFO:** E-mail seeyou@catcafe.com.sg

TOURS

GSS: Experience Kampong Gelam

This tour, organised by the Singapore Retailers Association, takes participants around Kampong Glam. Attractions include Rania Silk House, Haji Tawakkal Centre, Bhai Sarabat and Gelam Gallery, Singapore's first outdoor gallery.

WHERE: Front Entrance (Gate 5), Masjid Sultan, 3 Muscat Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Today, 6pm; tomorrow & Sun, 4pm & 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free, register at tinyurl.com/gsskglam **TEL:** 6292-9329/9671-6103, **WhatsApp** or **SMS** 9855-6514

Culture City, Culture Scape, Public Art Trail

This tour aims to help participants get inspired by and unwind in the company of art nestled in the lush compounds of Mapletree Business City II.

WHERE: NTU Centre for Contemporary Art, Gillman Barracks, Block 43 Malan Road; meet at taxi stand of Alexandra Retail Centre, 460 Alexandra Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** July 31, Aug 14 & 28, Sept 11 & 25, Oct 9 & 23, 12.30 - 1pm **ADMISSION:** Free, sign up at bit.ly/31pwil **INFO:** bit.ly/2XgZwqN

Painting Of The Year Competition. Country winners in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand will be considered for a month-long residency programme at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum in Japan. **WHERE:** ArtSpace@HeluTrans, 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

Grow With Nature Drama Series: Let's Learn About Seeds!

Explore nature through dramatisation and be aware of nature's rich biodiversity. Suitable for children in kindergarten level 1 to Primay 4.

WHERE: Centre for Education & Outreach (House 1F), Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** July 21, 10 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at nparcs.gov.sg **INFO:** E-mail nparcs_sbg_edu@nparks.gov.sg, cyrena_lin@nparks.gov.sg

Brick Art Workshop

At this garden-themed workshop by Taman Jurong Brick Art Interest Group, children can learn basic building techniques by transforming simple rectangular building blocks into works of art. Recommended for children aged four to 12.

WHERE: Garden House, Jurong Lake Gardens, Yuan Ching Road **MRT:** Chinese Garden/Lakeside **WHEN:** July 27, 10am - noon **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6267-0155/0157 **INFO:** E-mail ruth_tan@nparks.gov.sg or Jeremy_WL_YEO@nparks.gov.sg

OTHERS

DrugFreeSG Carnival

Learn about the harmful effects of drugs through augmented reality and take part in the launch of Resist, an analogue card game with anti-drug elements which is co-produced by the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB)

LAST CALL

Work-Learn Carnival

Launch a career in the sector of your choice through the wide range of work-learn programmes available. For polytechnic and Institute of Technical Education graduates and working adults.

WHERE: Nanyang Polytechnic, 180 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 8 **MRT:** Yio Chu Kang **WHEN:** Today, 2.30 - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** myskillsfuture.sg/festival

Mercy Relief Presents: Charity Zumba

Mercy Relief has organised a zumba night. All proceeds from ticket sales will support the charity's sustainable development programmes to uplift and empower communities in Asia.

WHERE: Arena @ Our Tampines Hub, 1 Tampines Walk **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** Today, 7.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$18 (\$15 each for group of 10) **INFO:** giving.sg/mercy-relief/zumba

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