

FILMS

The Chinese Lives Of Uli Sigg (2016, NC16)

This documentary is about Swiss entrepreneur, diplomat and art collector Uli Sigg and the tense socio-political context of China's transformation since the 1970s. **WHERE:** Block 7, Gillman Barracks, 7 Lock Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$5 from start-ulisigg.peatix.com

A Singapore Botanic Gardens Movie: Shorts Under The Stars

The 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:** Today & tomorrow, 5 - 9pm (screening from 7.30pm) **ADMISSION:** Free (snacks provided) **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

Blue (2017, PG)

The industrialisation that has occurred in the oceans over the last century mirrors the events that triggered mass extinctions on land. Industrial-scale fishing, habitat destruction, species loss and pollution have placed the ocean in peril. The very nature of the sea is being irretrievably altered. Blue is a provocative journey into the ocean realm, witnessing this critical moment in time when the marine world is on a precipice.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3.15pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Amazing Grace (2019, PG)

Amazing Grace depicts the 1972 concert when singer Aretha Franklin performed with Reverend James Cleveland and The Southern California Community Choir at the New Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles. Director Sydney Pollack forgot to use clapperboards, making it almost impossible to sync sound to image and the film remained unseen for decades. After Pollack died in 2008, director Alan Elliott took over the production.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Thu, July 29 - 31: 8.30pm; July 26: 7.50pm; July 27: 4.40pm; July 28: 2.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Downtown East Free Outdoor Movie Screening

This month's film, Guang (2018, PG13), is about 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 and 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

In Fabric (2018, R21)

In Fabric, which premiered at last year's Toronto International Film Festival, is a haunting ghost story set against the backdrop of a busy winter sales period in a department store, and follows the life of a cursed dress as it passes from person to person, with devastating consequences. **WHERE:** GV Suntec City, 03-373 Suntec City Mall, 3 Temasek Boulevard **MRT:** Promenade/ Esplanade **WHEN:** Aug 24, 1pm **ADMISSION:** Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

NATURE

Nature Appreciation Walk At Windsor Nature Park

Through this guided walk, participants will gain a greater appreciation of Singapore's rich natural heritage and the need to protect it for future generations. 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

FilmPicks

John Lui Film Correspondent recommends



BIRDS OF PASSAGE (M18)
125 minutes/Now showing/★★★★☆

What happens when a Central American indigenous culture, one that has resisted Christianisation and Western ways for centuries, gets into the drug trade? This hypnotic, beautifully photographed crime thriller digs into what happens when, beginning in the 1970s, gringos (Americans) begin arriving with plane loads of cash, looking to buy as much marijuana as the Wayuu

native people of Colombia can grow. Rapayet (Jose Acosta, above left) is a young man looking to make enough to marry, but the lure of drug money pushes him - and his clan - into a future that will shake their culture to the core. This film was Colombia's nomination in the Best Foreign Language category at this year's Oscars. **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Now showing, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** For schedule and bookings, go to theprojector.sg

PHOTOS: ANTICIPATE PICTURES, GOLDEN VILLAGE, SINGAPORE FILM SOCIETY



PARASITE (M18)
131 minutes/Now showing/★★★★★

Social satires rarely come as funny, as 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 at odd jobs. Then Ki Woo (Choi Woo-shik, above right), the eldest son, is asked to fake his credentials to land a job as a tuition teacher. His student is a girl, Da Hye (Jung Ji-so, above left), 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 that will change the fortunes of both families. Winner of the Palme d'Or, the highest award, at this year's Cannes Film Festival.



CONTEMPORARY ASIAN CINEMA SERIES

This new project, a partnership between the Singapore Film Society (SFS) and Filmgarde Cineplexes, will showcase critically acclaimed films from South Korea, Hong Kong, China, Japan and other parts of the region. Kicking off the series is South Korean psychological thriller Clean Up (2018, NC16, 104 minutes), winner of the New Currents award at last year's Busan International Film Festival. The debut feature of film-maker Kwon Man-ki tells the story of a woman, Jung Ju (Yoon Ji-hye, above), who is mentally tortured by a sin she committed years ago until one day, the consequences catch up with her. Clean Up screens on July 26 and 27. **WHERE:** Filmgarde Cineplex Bugis+, 05-01 Bugis+, 201 Victoria Street **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** July 26 to November **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 for the public, \$12 for SFS Film Addicts and Filmgarde members **INFO:** For bookings and schedule, go to fgcineplex.com.sg/movies

PETS

Dog Grooming Certification: Theory Examination

The Singapore Kennel Club (SKC) is holding its 19th SKC Grooming Examination and 8th SKC Elites Grooming Competition (both on Sept 6 at United Square), preceded by a written theory examination. **WHERE:** Theory exam: Pet Lovers Centre IHQ, 07-91/92 North Spring Bizhub, 11 Yishun Industrial Street 1 **MRT:** Yishun **WHEN:** Aug 19, 2 - 4pm **ADMISSION:** \$120 entry fee; certification fees (upon passing): \$150 - \$500 **TEL:** 6469-4821 **INFO:** E-mail admin@skc.org.sg or go to skc.org.sg

TOURS

Culture City, Culture Scape, Public Art Trail

Get inspired by and unwind in the company of art nestled in the 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/31lpwll **INFO:** bit.ly/2XgZwqN

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 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.uobppy.com

KIDS

Brick Art Workshop

At this garden-themed workshop by Taman Jurong Brick Art Interest Group, children can learn basic

building techniques by transforming building blocks into works of art.

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

URA Draft Master Plan Exhibition

The Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) is taking its Draft Master Plan 2019 to the heartland. Check out future plans for your neighbourhood at the various venues. **WHERE (MRT):** Waterway Point (Punggol), Westgate (Jurong East), Junction 8 (Bishan), Our Tampines Hub (Tampines), Causeway Point (Woodlands) **WHEN:** Mon - July 28: Waterway Point, Westgate, Junction 8; July 29 - Aug 4: Our Tampines Hub; Aug 1 - 4: Causeway Point **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** ura.gov.sg

Chas Carnival

Learn more about the upcoming enhancements to the Community Health Assist Scheme (Chas) and

how you and your family can apply for it. This family-friendly carnival includes educational interactive sessions with health experts and health talks by Singapore Cancer Society and Tan Tock Seng Hospital. **WHERE:** Toa Payoh HDB Hub Atrium, 480 Lorong 6 Toa Payoh **MRT:** Toa Payoh **WHEN:** July 27 & 28, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.chas.sg

LAST CALL

Mr Sign

Mr Sign by the T.H.E Dance Company centres on the subject of thoughts and ideas. Through a performance and post-show dialogue, the production examines the individual's place in a hierarchical society and enables the audience to gain an understanding and appreciation of contemporary dance as well as to reflect on whether communication is indeed important to humans. **WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade/ City Hall **WHEN:** Today, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$38; \$23 for students, full-time national servicemen & seniors **INFO:** esplanade.com

Dragonfly Walk At Toa Payoh Town Park

In this event organised by Nature Society (Singapore), join guide Lena Chow in discovering the beautiful dragonflies of Toa Payoh Town Park. The many species found there include Trumpet Tails, Scarlet Adjutants and Common Amberwings. **WHERE:** Meet at 10am at the side of the park next to Toa Payoh Swimming Complex **MRT:** Toa Payoh **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10 - 11.30am **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.nss.org.sg

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