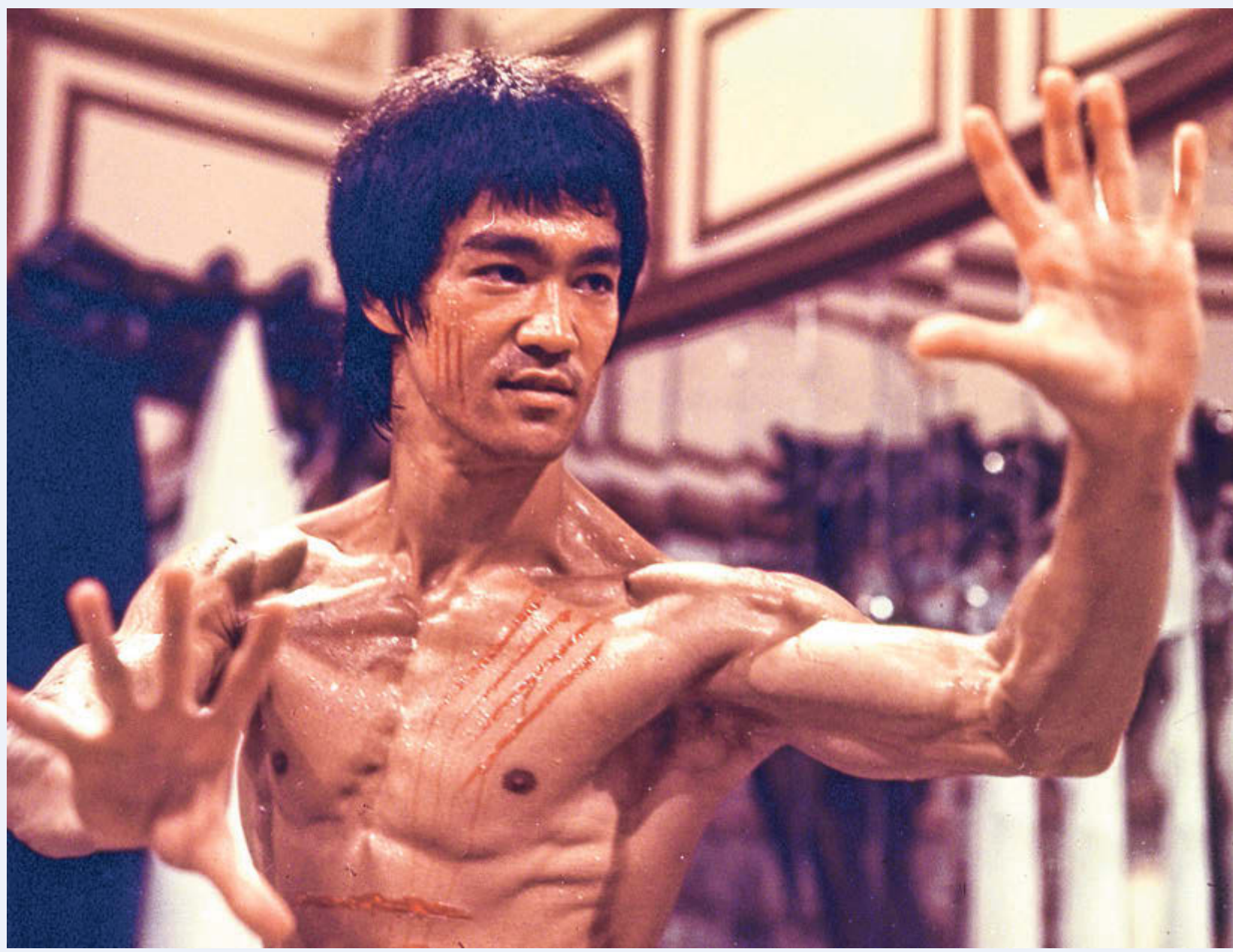


Film&TV Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent & Boon Chan Media Correspondent recommend



BRUCE LEE RETROSPECTIVE
Five of the martial arts master's well-known films – The Big Boss (1971, above), The Way Of The Dragon (1972), Fist Of Fury (1972), Enter The Dragon (1973) and Game Of Death (1973) – have been brought by Cathay Cineplexes back to the big screen, in remastered formats and with original, undubbed dialogue.
Bruce-mania gripped the world from the early 1970s and lasted well after his death in 1973. His work spawned an industry in martial-arts movies in Hong Kong that has lasted to this day, paving the way for a new generation of gongfu stars.
WHERE: Cathay Cineplex AMK Hub, Level 4 AMK Hub, 53 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 and Cathay Cineplex West Mall Level 5 West Mall, 1 Bukit Batok Central Link, MRT: Ang Mo Kio/Bukit Batok **WHEN:** Aug 12 to 16, various times **ADMISSION:** \$7 standard, \$4 for seniors. Tickets on sale from today **INFO:** www.cathaycineplexes.com.sg/movies

John Lui



PHOTOS: CATHAY CINEPLEXES, GOLDEN VILLAGE, NETFLIX

DARK
Now showing on Netflix/★★★★★
A group of teenage friends, including Jonas (Louis Hofmann), Magnus (Moritz Jahn) and Martha (Lisa Vicari), head into the woods one night. Magnus and Martha's younger brother, Mikkel (Daan Lennard Liebrenz, above), tags along but later vanishes into thin air.
The pacing is pretty slow at first, but it soon becomes clear there are plenty of secrets and lies in the small town of Winden, home to a nuclear plant and where everyone seems to know everyone else. Stick with it for a while and soon you will find it hard to stop at one episode as your eagerness for answers grows.
It is the first German-language Netflix original series, with the first season debuting in December 2017 and Season 2 released in June – proof that the streaming giant beefing up its slate of non-English content can pay off handsomely.

Boon Chan



SHOPLIFTERS (M18)
121 minutes/★★★★★
Winner of the Palme d'Or at last year's Cannes Film Festival, Shoplifters (left) tells the story of a rag-tag band of misfits who call themselves a family.
There is enough warmth, joy and sadness in this movie to fill three ordinary films. If Dickens lived in Japan today, he might have penned this story of the Fagin-like Osamu (Lily Franky), a thief with a weakness for giving space in his home to people with no place to go. This cheeky multi-generational bunch has created an oasis in a city with no space for the losers.
Writer-director Hirokazu Kore-eda lives for tiny, poignant moments of humanity – a parent teasing a child, older people looking at fireworks in the sky, wistfully talking about the time they used to be part of something larger, but which now seems like a lifetime ago.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Sunday, 2.20pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** www.theprojector.sg

FILMS

Miles Davis: Birth Of The Cool (2019, NC16)
A visionary, innovator and originator who defied categorisation and embodied the word cool, Miles Davis has become a cultural icon. Newly released archival material and performance footage illustrate a man of intensity and devotion to his craft. Despite the indignities of the United States during the time of segregation, nothing was going to stop Davis from realising his dream to create a new form of musical expression.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tomorrow & Aug 23, 8.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Anthropocene: The Human Epoch (2018, NC16)
This cinematic meditation on humanity's massive re-engineering of the planet is a feature documentary four years in the making. Narrated by Swedish actress Alicia Vikander, the film showcases the beauty and horror of man-made or altered landscapes.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Aug 9, 5.30pm; Aug 25, 2.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Army Daze (1996, PG)
A Singaporean-made comedy about a group of 18-year-old youth who are beginning their national service. Despite their different racial and family backgrounds, they discover many similarities and forge friendships that would help ease their transition to the tough army routine.
WHERE: The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Aug 10, 8.30pm; Aug 25, 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard), \$11.50 (concession) **INFO:** theprojector.sg

Pavarotti (2019, PG13)
Ron Howard and the award-winning team that made The Beatles: Eight Days A Week – The Touring Years, has now told the life story of acclaimed tenor, philanthropist and 20th-century icon, Luciano Pavarotti – from his humble beginnings in Modena to the height of his success, including as part of the record-breaking Three Tenors.
WHERE: Shaw Theatres Lido, Levels 5 & 6 Shaw House, 350 Orchard Road **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Aug 20, 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$18, tickets available from Tue, Singapore Film Society membership, from \$18 a month **TEL:** 9017-0160 **INFO:** E-mail info@singaporefilmsociety.com

NATURE
Weekends In The Park: Family Yoga
Soak in the morning sun with a family yoga session in the park, where you can also enjoy vast open lawns, lush banks of wildflowers and unique waterways. The young ones can have fun at the Water Playground.
WHERE: Tecoma Green/Ficus Green, lawn near Garden Spa/Dog Run, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, 1384 Ang Mo Kio Avenue **MRT:** Ang Mo Kio/Bishan **WHEN:** Aug 11, 8 - 9am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at bishanparkfamilyyoga.eventbrite.sg **TEL:** 8322-1251 **INFO:** E-mail recharge@yogaseeds.com.sg

Threatened Birds Of Singapore
Nearly a third of the resident bird species are threatened with extinction and documented in Nature Society (Singapore)'s Red Data Book. The society and Mapletree Investments have jointly organised this photography exhibition, which will also promote the 35th Singapore Bird Race in November.
WHERE: VivoCity, 1 Harbourfront Walk **MRT:** HarbourFront **WHEN:** Aug 16 - 23 **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6741-2036 **INFO:** E-mail contact@nss.org.sg

PETS

Pets' Day Out
Singapore Botanic Gardens is launching Pets' Day Out together with its signature monthly event, Gardeners' Day Out. Visitors can adopt pets from the animal welfare groups, interact with animals and volunteers from the groups, pose and take photos with the colourful birds on display, get complimentary pet health checks by vets (pre-registration required) and join pet-friendly fringe events.
WHERE: Visitor Services Centre, HortPark, 33 Hyderabad Road **MRT:** Labrador Park **WHEN:** Aug 17, 9am - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free, go to nparks.gov.sg for registration details **INFO:** E-mail nparks_hortpark@nparks.gov.sg

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

CONTESTS
Prata Eating Competition
Be the fastest to eat 10 pratas and win \$300 worth of cash and attractive prizes. All participants will get an event T-shirt (while stocks last).
Mr Zermatt Neo, who set the record for the most number of pratas eaten in 10 minutes, will be making an appearance.
WHERE: Safra Tampines, 1A Tampines Street 92 **MRT:** Tampines **WHEN:** Aug 9, 3 - 6pm (register by

tomorrow) **ADMISSION:** \$5 (Safra member), \$10 (guest) **TEL:** 6788-8433 **INFO:** E-mail psivarubun@safra.sg (Sivarubun)

Electric Go-kart Grand Prix
This competition, suitable for children from eight years old and adults (up to 100kg), is in two categories (under 16 years old and 16 and above). Participants will be timed for each attempt and the fastest three for each category over the three days will win prizes such as a Segway miniLite or a ES2 KickScooter (each worth \$799) and Downtown East vouchers (\$50 or \$100).
WHERE: D'Marquee at Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** Aug 9 - 11, noon - 9pm **ADMISSION:** \$18 a person (\$15 for NTUC members), five laps **INFO:** tinyurl.com/dekartz

SAF Yacht Club: Offshore Fishing Competition
SAF Yacht Club (SAFYC) members and guests can take part in this competition, which is organised as an Open Individual event. All catches must be submitted for weigh-in at the SAFYC Sembawang's marina office area by 4.30pm the same day.
WHERE: SAF Yacht Club, 43 Admiralty Road West **MRT:** Sembawang **WHEN:** Sept 1, 9am - 5pm **ADMISSION:** \$50 - \$70 registration fee; \$35 - \$50 boat charter; register at bit.ly/2Z3qRP3 **TEL:** 6758-3359 **INFO:** E-mail events@safyc.org.sg

KIDS

Coco The Colugo
Coco and Friends is a new programme, suitable for children aged five to eight (Kindergarten 1 to Primary 2), by National Parks Board and HSBC Singapore. It aims to promote greater understanding and awareness of some of Singapore's native biodiversity found in the forests. Through the eyes of Coco the Malayan Colugo, children will embark on a nature adventure, learning about Coco and his friends and about the plants found in the forest that are useful to both man and animals.

WHERE: Seminar/Meeting Room, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, 177 Hindhede Drive **MRT:** Beauty World **WHEN:** Aug 17, 10.30am - noon **ADMISSION:** \$10 a child **INFO:** E-mail lim_siew_hong@nparks.gov.sg

OTHERS

Designathon We Engage 2019: Designing For Dementia
The event aims to empower the community – designers, developers, entrepreneurs, students, caregivers, healthcare workers and social service providers – to come together to design for dementia. Form teams of two to five members to register your interest to join.
WHERE: Level 1 Makerspace, 111 Middle Road **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** Mon, 7.30 - 9.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 9672-2836 **INFO:** E-mail robin@onemakergroup.com

Bollywood Veggies National Day Activities
Explore local farm Bollywood Veggies during the long National Day weekend. Poison Ivy Bistro will house young hawkers selling local favourites, feature a variety of farm-to-table specials and peddle fresh local produce. There will also be walk-in activities such as pot-a-local-herb (\$10), terrarium making (\$25) and art with nature (\$10 to \$15).
WHERE: Bollywood Veggies, 100 Neo Tiew Road **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** Aug 9 - 12, 10am - 3pm **ADMISSION:** Free entry to farm; \$10 - \$25 for walk-in activities **TEL:** 9739-6677 **INFO:** E-mail events@bollywoodadventures.com

LAST CALL

SSO Subscription Concert: Kerson Leong Plays Schumann
Just 22, Canadian violinist Kerson Leong has played in leading venues, from Carnegie to Wigmore. He makes his Singapore debut with the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, led

by conductor Hannu Lintu, performing one of Schumann's final compositions, his Violin Concerto, which was lost to the music world for more than 80 years.
WHERE: Victoria Concert Hall, 9 Empress Place **MRT:** Raffles Place **WHEN:** Today, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 - \$88, tickets from ticketing.sso.org.sg

Singapore Botanic Gardens Market Square
Enjoy scrumptious bites and shop for plants at the Market Square in the Orchard Plaza as part of your weekend outing at Singapore Botanic Gardens.
WHERE: Orchard Plaza, Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 Cluny Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens **WHEN:** Tomorrow & Sun, 9am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** E-mail nparks_sbg_visitor_services@nparks.gov.sg

The Feng Ya Song Symphony
Celebrated composer Zhao Jiping and his vocalist wife, Zhang Ningjia, together with innovative music director Yeh Tsung and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra (SCO), will showcase his latest masterwork, The Feng Ya Song Symphony. Internationally renowned sheng master Wu Wei will perform the sheng concerto composed for him, Earth And Fire.
WHERE: SCO Concert Hall, Level 1 Singapore Conference Hall, 7 Shenton Way **MRT:** Tanjong Pagar **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$20 - \$78 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** sistic.com.sg

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