

**Film&TV Picks**

**John Lui Film Correspondent and Boon Chan Assistant Life Editor recommend**

**EYES WIDE SHUT (R21)**  
159 minutes/Streaming on Netflix  
★★★★☆

This drama, released in 1999, is long and uneven, and that can be explained by how, at one point during development, it was planned as a sex comedy.

But legendary director Stanley Kubrick (the iconic science-fiction work 2001: A Space Odyssey, 1968), who is also the screenplay's co-writer, eventually turned in a fairly engrossing psychological thriller with erotic overtones.

Tom Cruise (right) is slightly miscast as Dr Harford, a man whose beliefs in morality and his own masculinity are shaken after he discovers that his wife Alice (Nicole Kidman, far right) is not quite as rock-solid faithful as he had assumed.

John Lui



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**ITAEWON CLASS (NC16)**  
Streaming on Netflix  
★★★★☆

This K-drama is a tale of vengeance, in which a young man with little to his name pits himself against a rich and powerful family in the food business.

It also finds the time and space to explore what it means to have principles, how one should treat other people and how one should live.

The show gets interesting when lead character Park Saeroyi (Park Seo-joon, right) gathers around him a makeshift family at his pub, one which includes Hyun-yi (Lee Joo-young), the terrible cook with a secret, Yi-seo (Kim Da-mi), the social media-savvy youngster with a crush on him; and Jang Geun-soo (Kim Dong-hee), the illegitimate son of his nemesis.

Unfortunately, the plot turns in the last few episodes are less than convincing.

But there is no denying that Park has created an indelible character who stands up for what he believes is right, one whom audiences have loved cheering on. Itaewon Class has topped the Netflix charts in Singapore and South Korea.

Boon Chan



**FIRST MAN (PG13)**  
135 minutes/Streaming on HBO Go  
★★★★☆

In this 2018 biopic of astronaut Neil Armstrong from Oscar-winning director Damien Chazelle (Whiplash, 2014), the much-vaunted Nasa (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is shown to actually be a bureaucracy lurching from one crisis to another.

Using a screenplay based on historian James R. Hansen's 2005 official biography, First Man: The Life

Of Neil Armstrong, this film shows astronauts to be as fragile as the rockets that could be either a life support system or funeral pyre, depending on whether tiny mistakes had been made.

Ryan Gosling's (above) Armstrong is a bottled-up, uncommunicative man, traits that make him a great test pilot and mission leader but terrible as a husband and father – and awful as a relatable movie character.

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**FILMS**

**Stage To Screen – Royal Opera House: Fidelio (Rating to be advised)**

In this new production of Beethoven's only opera, Fidelio, acclaimed German Jonas Kaufmann plays political prisoner Florestan, and Lise Davidsen his wife Leonore (disguised as Fidelio), who daringly sets out to rescue him. In German with English subtitles.  
**WHERE:** Green Room, 05-00 The Projector, Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Bugis  
**WHEN:** May 30, 7.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$18 (concessions available) **INFO:** www.theprojector.sg

**NATURE**

**Understanding Nature And Wildlife In Singapore**

Focusing on ecological and biological concepts, this course will introduce participants to the nature places in Singapore, including nature reserves and parks. Participants will understand the interconnectivity between habitats and gain basic knowledge of local flora and fauna, as well as their conservation status. This course is SkillsFuture Credit eligible.  
**WHERE:** RP ACE@Paya Lebar, Lifelong Learning Institute, 11 Eunos Road 8 **MRT:** Paya Lebar **WHEN:** July 18 & 19  
**ADMISSION:** Full course fee: \$555.70; Singapore citizens aged 40 & above: \$54.57 **INFO:** www.rp.edu.sg

**Home Gardener Series: Aquaponics For Growing Nutritious Leafy Vegetables**

This is an introductory course that will provide and equip participants with the basic techniques of growing leafy vegetables using aquaponics in apartments (recommended minimum five hours of sun or existing LED grow lights). You will receive learning resources, including vegetable seeds, net cups and growing medium.  
**WHERE:** The Living Centre, 6A Hindhede Road **MRT:** Beauty World

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10am - 12.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$88  
**INFO:** www.thelivingcentre.sg

**Indoor High Tech Farming (Basic level)**

Pick up skills to grow crops indoors using LED Lights. Payment may be made using SkillsFuture Credit.  
**WHERE:** The Living Centre, 6A Hindhede Road **MRT:** Beauty World  
**WHEN:** April 15, 9.30am - 5pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$300  
**INFO:** www.thelivingcentre.sg

**PETS**

**Basic Nutrition And Managing Obesity In Pets**

This workshop aims to equip new and existing pet owners with in-depth knowledge and practical skills on how to provide nutritional care for their pets. The course is SkillsFuture Credit eligible.  
**WHERE:** Ngee Ann Polytechnic, 535 Clementi Road **MRT:** Clementi  
**WHEN:** June 20, 9am - 5pm  
**ADMISSION:** Full course fee: \$246.10; Singaporeans aged 50 years & above: \$131.10 **INFO:** www.np.edu.sg

**Basic Pet Groomer – One-day Course**

The course aims to equip participants who have no prior knowledge in pet grooming or animal care with the basics in pet grooming. Topics include basic canine first aid and how to provide basic grooming services for pets to maintain or restore their comfort and health.  
**WHERE:** Animal Arts Academy, 9 Kensington Park Road **MRT:** Lorong Chuan **WHEN:** June 9 & 23, 11am - 7pm **ADMISSION:** \$180  
**INFO:** www.a-a-a.com.sg

**KIDS**

**The Musical Canvas**

Through an ensemble of musicians, dramatic storytelling and interactive projections, the audience will learn

more about Chinese instruments while re-experiencing music in a vivid and imaginative manner. Recommended for primary school pupils.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade  
**WHEN:** July 20 - 23, 10am & 2.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$23  
**INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Workshop Performance: See Hear Touch**

In this interactive workshop-performance, students will be introduced to the experiences of the visually disabled through the use of puppetry and different sensory activities. Conducted in Mandarin and recommended for upper-primary school pupils.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Theatre Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade  
**WHEN:** July 2 & 3, 10am & 2.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$23  
**INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Stories From Our Shores**

Students will discover the tales of slave boy Badang and king Raja Suran, and the legends of Singapura, through storytelling, percussive instruments and vibrant illustrations. Recommended for primary school pupils.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Recital Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade  
**WHEN:** July 14 - 16, 10am & 2.30pm  
**ADMISSION:** \$23  
**INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Riley's Rain**

Created and performed by Republic Polytechnic (School of Technology for the Arts & Operation Theatre Interest Group), this show will involve the interactive use of scenery, props and costume with appropriate lights and sounds that aims to provide children on the autism spectrum and sensory sensitivities with a relaxed and inclusive environment.  
**WHERE:** Esplanade Annexe Studio, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade  
**WHEN:** Aug 8 - 10, Sat: 11.30am, 2.30 & 5pm; Sun: 10am & 2.30pm; & Mon: 10am, 12.30, 3.30 & 6pm

**ADMISSION:** \$25 (admission of one child & one accompanying caregiver), \$35 (admission of one child & one accompanying caregiver, plus one additional caregiver or sibling)  
**INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**At Home With PIP**

In this self-guided activity created by artist Izzad Radzali Shah, children can use the cut-outs provided or draw their own design, and fill PIP's room with colour, imagination and fun. Izzad works with painting, drawing, sculpture, sound and animation, and his art references history, culture and his environment.  
**WHERE:** PIP's Playbox, 1 Esplanade Drive **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** May 1 - June 28, 11am - 6pm daily (closed for cleaning 2 - 3pm) **ADMISSION:** Free  
**INFO:** www.esplanade.com

**Free Online Programme – I Am A Young Sustainability Champion**

In this free ongoing programme supported by the Temasek Foundation, students learn about sustainable development and develop solutions for sustainability. Those who submit outstanding work will be given opportunities to attend workshops and boot camps at the end of the year. Open to local and overseas students from Primary 1 to Secondary 4.  
**INFO:** youngscientist.sscglobal.com.sg

**I Am A Young Scientist**

Learn science in a fun manner through these hands-on workshops. Suitable for children aged 10 to 12.  
**WHERE:** Science Centre Singapore, 15 Science Centre Road **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** From June 12  
**ADMISSION:** \$60 (one workshop), \$150 (any three workshops)  
**INFO:** www.science.edu.sg

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