

Film&TV Picks

John Lui Film Correspondent and Boon Chan Assistant Life Editor recommend

SINGULAR SCREENS

Since 2018, this film component of the Singapore International Festival of the Arts has showcased bold films from all over the world.

This year, viewers can watch all seven films, curated by the Asian Film Archive, at the Oldham Theatre. Selected films can be streamed on demand via Sistic Live Stream.

One work that is available only at the Oldham Theatre is the drama *This Is Not A Burial, It's A Resurrection* (rating TBA, 120 minutes, screens tomorrow at 4pm and next Friday at 8pm), from Lesotho in South Africa.

Mantoa (Mary Twala Mhlongo, right) is a widow who has just lost her son – her last remaining child – in a mining accident. Losing the will to live, she prepares for her funeral – but when news comes that her village will be buried under a new dam, her spirit is re-awakened as she gets ready to fight the construction.

WHERE: Oldham Theatre, 1 Canning Rise and Sistic Live Stream

WHEN: Till Oct 11

ADMISSION: \$12 for Oldham Theatre screenings, \$8 for on-demand video. Bundles available

INFO: sifa.sg/programmes/film/singular-screens-sifa-v2020



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ARCHIFEST

This annual sampling of films that deal with architecture is presented by independent cinema The Projector, with screenings in the theatre and on its streaming portal Projector Plus until Oct 30.

The programme includes American documentary *The World Before Your Feet* (rating TBA, 95 minutes, tomorrow to Oct 10 at The Projector). It follows former engineer Matt Green (above), who quit his job and gave up his possessions and apartment six years ago to fulfil a dream: To walk

every part of New York City's 12,800km of roads and paths.

The film follows his walks, resulting in a work that critics have hailed as an inspiring look at a city through the eyes – and feet – of an intrepid hiker.

WHERE: The Projector, Level 5, Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road and The Projector Plus portal **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Till Oct 30 **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg/themes/archifest

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TRAIN

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In this crime thriller with a science-fiction twist, South Korean actor Yoon Shi-yoon (far left) is Seo Do-won, a cop whose hard-edged attitude might have come from his painful past: His father, assumed to be the murderer in a robbery case, was found dead soon after by the roadside.

The murder victim's daughter, Han Seo-kyung (Kyung Soo-jin, left), grows up alongside Do-won under the care of Oh Mi-sook (Lee Hang-na). Twelve years later, Seo-kyung is a prosecutor, and Mi-sook a police chief and Do-won's boss.

The trio are faced with a puzzling case: Several sets of skeletons are discovered at a disused train station and they are linked to the old robbery-murder.

The whopper in the tale is then dropped: A train links two parallel worlds and, by taking it, Do-won is able to cross over.

From science fiction to mystery to romance, *Train* packs in quite a lot. But, at 12 episodes, it is more of an express journey than most K-dramas.

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FILMS

I Weirdo (2020, PG)

This Taiwanese movie is Asia's first feature film shot on an iPhone. Po-Ching suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder and has symptoms of mysophobia, a pathological fear of contamination and germs. He isolates himself – until he meets a girl who has the same condition. Love blossoms, but one morning, Po-Ching wakes up and learns he has become "normal". **WHERE:** The Projector, Level 5, Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Till Sun **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg/films-and-events/i-weirdo

Fanny's Journey (2016, PG)

In this French film based on a true story, 13-year old Fanny and her sisters are sent from France to an Italian foster home for Jewish children. When the Nazis arrive in Italy, their caretakers arrange for the children to leave. Suddenly left on their own, the 11 children try to reach the Swiss border to freedom. **PRICE:** \$10 for a 48-hour rental period **INFO:** theprojector.sg/films-and-events/fannys-journey

PETS

E-Pets' Day Out

In this Facebook Live event, get tips from two vets on how to care, feed, train and shop for your senior pets. **WHERE:** AnimalBuzzSG's Facebook Page **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 3pm **INFO:** nparks.gov.sg/pdo

KIDS

The Big Bear Hunt

ToTally Science is back on-site with Singapore's first toddler science programme, which allows children to learn through play. Open to two- and three-year-old children.

Pre-registration required. **WHERE:** KidsStop, Singapore Science Centre **MRT:** Jurong East **WHEN:** Oct 3, 10 - 11.30am **ADMISSION:** \$53.50 (one child, one adult) **INFO:** bit.ly/3kGqJPP

The Jade Rabbit

This week's Gateway Kids Club Storytelling series features the story of a humble rabbit who – thanks to his good character – rises to a mighty position when the Jade Emperor starts looking for a responsible, honest and trustworthy animal to be his new medicine maker. To mark the International Week of the Deaf, the story will have sign-language interpretation. Gateway Theatre promotes made-in-Singapore works and talent of all cultures. **WHERE:** Sistic Live Stream **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 11am **ADMISSION:** Free with registration **INFO:** sistic.com.sg/events/kidsclub0620r

TOURS

Zoom Live: Explore The Pyramids Of Giza

In this real-time virtual tour, explore the mysteries and wonders of the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx with an Egyptologist. Learn the meaning of the Great Sphinx's name, the myths behind its broken nose and many more historical facts. Part of Sistic's #WorldOnScreen festival. **WHERE:** Zoom **WHEN:** 8.30pm daily till Wed **PRICE:** \$38 or \$138 (private group) **INFO:** sistic.com.sg/events/zlgiza2020

Kampung Experience

Visit Singapore's last remaining kampung to relive the good old days and hear the stories behind the relocation from kampung to Housing Board estate. Part of the This Is Home Series to rediscover Singapore by Let's Go Tour Singapore. **WHERE:** Kampong Lorong Buangkok **WHEN:** 9am - 11am, available daily **ADMISSION:** Private tour: \$200 a session (two to three people),

\$250 a session (four to five people) **INFO:** bit.ly/300UJy8

NATURE

Kampung Journey

Join this guided tour by non-profit group Ground-Up Initiative (GUI) to find out the story behind its 2.6ha eco-village campus in Yishun. All proceeds will go towards supporting GUI's work and renewing the space. Part of Singapore ArchiFest. **WHERE:** Ground-Up Initiative, 91 Lorong Chencharu **MRT:** Khatib **WHEN:** Tomorrow - Oct 31, 9 - 10.30am **ADMISSION:** \$25 **INFO:** bit.ly/35XTTWE

Dairy Farm Nature Park Guided Tour

In this guided nature tour with Strix Wildlife Consultancy, discover Dairy Farm Nature Park at dusk with its abundance of freshwater flora and fauna. Suitable for ages six and up. **WHERE:** Dairy Farm Nature Park, 100 Dairy Farm Road **MRT:** Hillview **WHEN:** Oct 3, 4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$45 **INFO:** bit.ly/347ANuP

CONTEST

HeARTs In Unity Photo Contest

Stand to win three prizes of \$80 supermarket cash vouchers. With your family or friends, take a photo with one of the 11 HeARTs in Unity large-format facade art installations, and upload it to both Facebook and Instagram with the hashtags: #PAassionArts #HeARTsinUnity #HarmoniousArtCity #TogetherStrongerSG #PAassionArtsGetCreative. Also, like the PAassionArts Facebook page and set your post to public. Held together with the People's Association's PAassionArts programme, Community Arts and Culture Clubs, and the National Day Parade executive committee. **WHEN:** Till Wed **INFO:** bit.ly/2FKaR08

HOW TO GET YOUR EVENT LISTED

The listings on these Happenings pages are free.

Go to str.sg/happen at least two weeks ahead. Required information includes the name of the event, organiser, venue, date and time, ticket prices and nearest MRT station, as well as your name, address and contact number.

We reserve the right to edit or reject items. Go to www.straitstimes.com (click on Lifestyle) for more listings.

OTHERS

MoonFest Lantern Walk

In this virtual walk, participants will stroll along the Esplanade Waterfront, tour the Esplanade, and enjoy games and performance snippets. There will be a fireworks display at the end. Part of the Esplanade's MoonFest event. **WHEN:** Today, 5pm **INFO:** bit.ly/3iXK12D

SGUnited Jobs And Skills Series

Attend virtual interviews with employers, explore opportunities with local businesses and learn about initiatives to help job-seekers upgrade themselves. Organised by SkillsFuture Singapore, in partnership with Workforce Singapore, e2i and the Infocomm Media Development Authority. **WHERE:** Level 1, Oasis Terraces, Community Plaza, 681 Punggol Drive **MRT:** Oasis LRT **WHEN:** Today & tomorrow, 10am - 7pm **INFO:** fb.me/e/cG9rX0r9p

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How to stay sane in the Covid-19 economic downturn

The Straits Times' senior health correspondent **Joyce Teo** hosts **Ms Angie Chew**, a mindfulness expert and founder of the Brahm Centre, a charity where people can get health education as well as emotional and mental support. She was named The Straits Times Singaporean of The Year 2019 for her advocacy of mental wellness.

The Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted the Singapore economy, and, in the coming months, business closures, retrenchments and unemployment are expected to go up.

Ms Chew offers insights on how you can reframe your thinking to prepare yourself for the changes that may come in this pandemic, and emerge stronger, more resilient and more positive.

Watch the video

The Straits Times Facebook Friday, Sept 25, 7pm



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