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GERMAN FILM FESTIVAL

The 24th edition of the festival will present eight films, which will be screened either at The Projector or online at Projector Plus.

Writer-director Leonie Krappendorff's *Cocoon* (2020, R21, 100 minutes, cinema screening only, tomorrow and Oct 30, various times) is a coming-of-age story about Nora (Lena Urzendowsky, above, right with Jella Haase), a teen who over one blistering Berlin summer has to deal with the onset of menstruation and falling in love with a girl.

The film won the Crystal Bear for Best Film in the Generation 14plus section at this year's Berlin International Film Festival.

WHERE: Cinema screenings at The Projector, Level 5 Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road; online screenings at Projector Plus **WHEN:** Till Nov 1 **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 for cinema screenings, \$8 for online screenings **INFO:** theprojector.sg/germanfilmfest



PAINTING WITH LIGHT

National Gallery Singapore's festival of international films about art returns for its third edition. This time, however, it is all online and free.

From Malaysia comes the short film *High Way* (2017, PG, 18 minutes, left), directed by Chia Chee Sum. It tells the story of Danial, a young man who shuttles between two units in a public housing block in Kuala Lumpur because their occupants – his separated parents – no longer speak directly to each other.

The work snagged the Jury Prize at the Busan International Short Film Festival International Competition.

WHERE: National Gallery Singapore's Painting With Light website

WHEN: Till Sunday **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** nationalgallery.sg/paintingwithlight



PERSPECTIVES FILM FESTIVAL

Singapore's first and longest student-run festival returns with an all-online programme of eight films. The films are chosen because they reflect this year's theme of truth and falsehoods.

Among them is the Kazakh crime thriller *A Dark, Dark Man* (2019, NC16, 130 minutes, left), winner of the Best Director award for Adilkhan Yerzhanov at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards.

When a child's corpse is found in a village, everyone expects the crime to be hushed up as usual so life can go on. When a city journalist turns up, local detectives can no longer shirk their duties. Their investigations, however, risk exposing secrets that powerful locals would rather stay hidden.

WHERE: www.perspectivesfilmfestival.com **WHEN:** Today to Nov 1

ADMISSION: \$8 for a 48-hour viewing window. Discounted bundles are available

FILMS

On The Rocks (2020, PG13)

A young mother in New York faced with sudden doubts about her marriage teams up with her playboy father to tail her husband. What follows is a comic adventure across the city – drawing father and daughter closer despite the countless detours.

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

MRT: Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Till Wed **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** str.sg/J6BN

Restored: Kaki Bakar (1995)

Based on the short story *Barn Burning* by William Faulkner, Malaysian film-maker U-Wei Haji Saari's film is a tragic drama of generational, class and cultural conflict in rural Malaysia. Also known as *The Arsonist*, it shows the struggles of an immigrant family and the son Kesuma's coming-of-age. The film competed in the Un Certain Regard category at the 1995 Cannes

Film Festival. Restored is a regular series by the Asian Film Archive showcasing newly restored films with a focus on Asian works.

WHERE: Oldham Theatre, National Archives of Singapore, 1 Canning Rise

MRT: City Hall/Clarke Quay/Bras Basah **WHEN:** Oct 31, 4pm

ADMISSION: \$25 for three tickets, \$35 for five tickets (usual price is \$10 a ticket) **INFO:** str.sg/J6Bq

NATURE

Pocket Gardens Display

Mini garden displays are introduced throughout the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay every fortnight. Check out the Edible Garden (ongoing), admire trailing flowering and foliage plants at the Hanging Garden (till Sunday), take respite amid the greenery of An Urban Oasis (till Nov 1) or learn about versatile epiphytic plants at the Plant Library (till Nov 8).

WHERE: Flower Dome, 18 Marina Gardens Drive **MRT:** Bayfront

WHEN: 9am - 9pm daily **ADMISSION:** From \$6 (child/ senior citizen), from \$9 (adult). Visitors must pre-book their timed-entry tickets online from the Gardens by the Bay website or app **INFO:** str.sg/J6Bp

PETS

Singapore Live Stream Adoption Drive

Virtually meet and interact with rescued cats and kittens in this live-streamed adoption drive. Organised by Adopt Rescued Kittens & Cats Singapore.

WHERE: ARKC.sg Facebook page

WHEN: Nov 1, 2pm

INFO: fb.me/e/gwqPECJfg

TOURS

Become A Ramen Expert

Take a virtual tour at one of Tokyo's best ramen shops. Learn how to best enjoy the noodles – like a true local – and get VIP access to its kitchen to

see how the ramen is prepared. Find out how to make an easy soya sauce seasoning at home and ways to upgrade your instant ramen. Part of Sistic's #WorldOnScreen festival. **WHEN:** Every Fri & Sat till Nov 28, 7.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$15 **INFO:** str.sg/J6Bx

KIDS

Storytelling Series: The First Music

The animals in the jungle gather and discover how each has a unique talent. And when these talents are put together, they can make great music. Organised by Gateway Theatre, which promotes made-in-Singapore works and talent.

WHERE: Sistic Live Stream

WHEN: Tomorrow, 11am

ADMISSION: Free with registration

INFO: str.sg/J6Bx

Sports Hub Kids Ultimate Multi-Sports

Children aged three to seven get to try out a variety of sports such as

basketball, karate, dodgeball, tennis, soccer, rugby, baseball and capoeira. This multi-sports programme, which will enable them to develop an array of skills, is designed and led by a team of professional coaches.

WHERE: Singapore Sports Hub, OCBC Arena, 5 Stadium Drive

MRT: Stadium **WHEN:** Saturdays, tomorrow - Dec 12, 9 - 11am and 2 - 4pm

ADMISSION: Trial class (tomorrow only). \$53.50; four sessions: \$214 **INFO:** str.sg/J6Bc

OTHERS

SGUnited Jobs And Skills Information Kiosk

Organised by Workforce Singapore, this road show offers information on the jobs, traineeships and skills upgrading opportunities under the SGUnited Jobs and Skills Package.

WHERE: Level 1 Atrium, Sembawang Shopping Centre, 604 Sembawang Road

MRT: Canberra/Sembawang

WHEN: Today - Sun, 10.30am - 8.30pm

ADMISSION: Free **INFO:** str.sg/J6BG

EVENTS LISTINGS ONLINE

This is the last of the Happenings listings in print. From next week, the listings will appear only online at **www.straitstimes.com** (click on Life).

From now, only listings submitted online will be accepted. 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.

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