

Film Picks

John Luis Film Correspondent recommends



**SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**  
In the Spanish-language drama *Monos* (M18, 103 minutes, above), screening on Nov 25, 9.15 pm at National Museum of Singapore's Gallery Theatre, a group of guerillas live an idyllic existence in the mountains of Colombia. But an accident soon confronts them with the brutal reality of war. Winner of the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award at the Sundance Film Festival. **WHERE:** Various locations, including Capitol Theatre, Filmgarde Bugis+, Golden Village Grand, Oldham Theatre, National Gallery Singapore. National Museum of Singapore, The Projector **MRT:** Various **WHEN:** Thursday to Dec 1 **ADMISSION:** \$13 (except for the opening film and special presentations); discounts for bulk purchases **INFO:** sgiff.com



**FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL**  
In the biopic of playwright Edmond Rostand who wrote *Cyrano de Bergerac* (NC16, 113 minutes, left), screening on Sunday, 2pm, at Alliance Francaise, the young writer is shown in 1897, down on his luck and creatively empty. This comedy-drama follows what happens when he meets someone who inspires him to write the play that has since become a classic. **WHERE:** Various locations, including Alliance Francaise, Shaw Theatres Lido, The Projector **MRT:** Various **WHEN:** Till Sunday **ADMISSION:** Various, see website for details **INFO:** voilah.sg/french-film-festival-2019



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**SO LONG, MY SON (PG)**  
185 minutes/★★★★☆

Over its luxurious three-hour run-time, this story packs in threads about forced abortions, labour camp stints for listening to decadent Western pop, attempted suicide and extra-marital liaisons. If it all sounds like prime-time soap opera material, that is because it is. But celebrated Chinese film-maker Wang Xiaoshuai, master of social realist dramas like the prize-winning *Beijing Bicycle* (2001), *Shanghai Dreams* (2005) and *11 Flowers* (2011, also starring Wang) never lapses into mawkishness. The son of Yaojun (Wang Jingchun) and Liyun (Yong Mei, both above) is killed in an accident. The pain is felt all the more keenly because he is their only child, the result of China's population control policy. Over the next three decades, the after-effects of that death linger on in the lives of the couple and their friends and relatives. Winner of the Silver Bear for Best Actor and Best Actress, for Wang and Yong respectively, at the 2019 Berlin International Film Festival. **WHERE:** The Projector, level 5, Golden Mile Tower, 6001 Beach Road **MRT:** Bugis **WHEN:** From Sunday, various times **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 **INFO:** theprojector.sg

FILMS

**Ilo Ilo + Director's Q&A (PG13)**  
Set in Singapore during the 1997 Asian financial crisis, Anthony Chen's poignant film chronicles the day-to-day drama of the Lim family – troublesome grade-schooler Jiale and his overstressed parents. They hire Teresa, a Filipino immigrant, as a domestic helper and nanny, who initially struggles to manage Jiale's antics and find her footing in her new community. The two eventually form a unique bond, but just as Teresa becomes an unsuspected part of the family, unforeseen circumstances in an uncertain economy will challenge the new normal yet again. **WHERE:** The Projector, 6001 Beach Road, 05-00 Golden Mile Tower **MRT:** Nicoll Highway **WHEN:** Tue, 8pm **ADMISSION:** \$13.50 (standard); discounts and concessions available **INFO:** theprojector.sg

**Downtown East Free Outdoor Movie Screening: Coco**  
Inspired by the Mexican Day of the Dead holiday, this 3D computer-animated fantasy film tells the story of 12-year-old Miquel (Anthony Gonzalez), who dreams of becoming a singer despite his family's ban on music. He stumbles into the land of the dead where he learns about his great-great-grandfather who was a legendary singer. **WHERE:** Open Plaza 2 (Outside D'Almeida), Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close **MRT:** Pasir Ris **WHEN:** Nov 30, 7.30 - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.downtowneast.com.sg/whats-on/events/details/Outdoor-Movie-Screening

KIDS

**PCF Sparkletots Stemie Fair**  
More than 70 nursery to kindergarten two pupils from PCF Sparkletots will come together to showcase their very own inventions. Stemie (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Invention and Entrepreneurship) aims to help children develop critical thinking skills and learn how to identify problems and creatively explore solutions. Visitors are also invited to participate in fringe activities, which include science games. **WHERE:** Level 1 Atrium, Fusionopolis One, 1 Fusionopolis Place

**MRT:** One-north **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 9am - 1pm **ADMISSION:** Free **TEL:** 6244-4661

**Colour-Like-A-Caveman**  
Design your own prehistoric giant and become a digital caveman. Understand the balance of the eco-system through a new digital colouring experience in at the Singapore Zoo. **WHERE:** Singapore Zoo, 80 Mandai Lake Road **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** Tomorrow - Dec 29, 8.30am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** From \$31.45 for entry into Singapore Zoo, concessions available **INFO:** www.wrs.com.sg

**A Spoonful Of Sherman Musical - A Smash Hit Show**  
This musical revue celebrates three generations of Robert J. Sherman's song-writing family's century-long musical journey. Fresh from the West End, the musical makes its Asian premiere in Singapore. **WHERE:** School of the Arts Drama Theatre, 1 Zubir Said Drive **MRT:** Dhoby Ghaut **WHEN:** Wed - Nov 30, 8pm (Tue - Fri), 4 & 8pm (Sat), 4pm (Sun) **ADMISSION:** \$40 - \$69 **TEL:** 6348-5555 **INFO:** www.sistic.com.sg

**Camp Junior Urban Farmer December Holiday Programme**  
Budding young farmers can immerse themselves in farm life, picking up hard skills like gardening, composting and cooking, as well as soft skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork. Set in a closed loop farm turned outdoor classroom, children will also learn to appreciate nature, and develop interest in sustainability. Suitable for children aged four to 12. **WHERE:** Edible Garden City, 60 Jalan Penjara **MRT:** Queenstown **WHEN:** Dec 2 & 3, 9am-noon, Dec 4, 11am-4.30pm **ADMISSION:** \$90 (single day) & \$250 (three-day bundle) **INFO:** www.citizenfarm.com.sg

**Beyond Words Christmas Workshop By Urban Li'l**  
Spend some quality time with a loved one at the this workshop by local design studio Urban Li'l. Assemble unique gifts with personalised embellishments – choose from Christmas ornaments, baubles, wreaths and macramés. Suitable activity for parent with child aged above two. **WHERE:** 02-19 Cluny Court, 501 Bukit Timah Road **MRT:** Botanic Gardens

**WHEN:** Nov 23, 24, 30 & Dec 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 10.30am, 11.30am, 2 & 3pm; walk-in workshops available on Nov 25 to Dec 21 (Mon - Fri) **ADMISSION:** From \$25 a person/parent-child pair **INFO:** www.urbanliil.com

NATURE

**River Escapade Bingo**  
Join Disney Tsum Tsum on their escapade and discover fun facts about our river friends. Take Insta-worthy photos with the adorable Disney Tsum Tsum friends, have fun in a River Escapade Bingo challenge and bring home exclusive premiums. **WHERE:** River Safari, 80 Mandai Lake Road **MRT:** Kranji **WHEN:** Tue - Dec 29 **ADMISSION:** From \$28.90 for entry into River Safari, concessions available **INFO:** www.wrs.com.sg

PETS

**Voices For Animals Adoption Drive**  
Voices For Animals rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes retired breeding dogs. Take home a rescued animal at this drive. **WHERE:** Sunny Heights open field, 110 Turf Club Road **MRT:** Sixth Avenue **WHEN:** Tomorrow, 1 - 5pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.facebook.com/VFASIN

TOURS

**Ecolife At Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park**  
This family tour introduces Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and its biodiversity through the use of interactive exploration themes and activities. Work together to answer worksheets, conduct surveys and photo hunts, among other activities. **WHERE:** Promenade, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, 1384 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1 **MRT:** Bishan/Ang Mo Kio **WHEN:** Nov 23, 9 - 11am **ADMISSION:** Free, register at nparks.gov.sg

CONTESTS

**The King's Challenge**  
Embark on the King's Challenge for a royal reward! Snap a photo at the "Wingspan Photopoint" at Birds of Prey and play Filipino games at the King's Fiesta Village to claim an exclusive Jurong Bird Park pin. Part of The King's Fiesta.

**WHERE:** Jurong Bird Park, 2 Jurong Hill **MRT:** Boon Lay **WHEN:** Tomorrow - Dec 29 **ADMISSION:** From \$25.50 for entry into Jurong Bird Park, concessions available **INFO:** www.wrs.com.sg

**Black Friday Scavenger Hunt At Marina Square**  
Hunt for four thematic Black Friday photo booths at Marina Square, take a photo at all four photo booths and upload them in a carousel feed on Instagram with the hashtag #BFHuntAtMSQ and #MarinaSquareSG. One hundred winners with the most creative entries stand to win \$100 worth of Black Friday Shopping Vouchers. Contest ends on Nov 24. **INFO:** www.marinasquare.com.sg/content/mall-promotions/black-friday-scavenger-hunt

OTHERS

**The Tech Show**  
Highlights of this electronic fair include value-priced Prism+ 4K smart televisions, Philips Airfryer XXL Premium and deals from Sony, Philips, Creative, iRobot, LightAir and Armaggeddon. **WHERE:** Level 4, Suntec Convention Centre Singapore, 1 Raffles Boulevard **MRT:** Esplanade **WHEN:** Till Sun, noon - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** thetechshow.com.sg

**60th Anniversary Doll Showcase By Barbie And Singapore Tourism Board**  
This showcase features 60 Barbie dolls in customised outfits. It shows the original works of 18 local creatives and design brands, hailing from a range of design disciplines, including illustration, embroidery and fashion design. Among them are fashion designer and stylist Josiah Chua and lifestyle brand Onlewo, as well as Jian Yang, whose collection of some 12,000 Barbie dolls ranks among the world's largest. **WHERE:** Level 2 at \*Scape, 2 Orchard Link **MRT:** Somerset **WHEN:** Till Nov 30, 10.30am - 10.30pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.facebook.com/Barbie

LAST CALL

**Favourite Things**  
Emerging artists Sherli Chong, Patrick Sin and Tan Woon Choo come

together for a debut exhibition showcasing their fascination with colours and raw, tactile materials, with a focus on handmade works. The trio, who forged their friendship in the fashion industry, take their collaboration into the realm of art. **WHERE:** Gallery II, The Arts House, 1 Old Parliament Lane **MRT:** City Hall **WHEN:** Till tomorrow, 11am - 6pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.theartshouse.sg

**Lim Tze Peng - National Icon. Centenarian**  
This solo exhibition is by Lim Tze Peng, one of Singapore's most prominent and oldest living master artists, who is also a Meritorious Service Medal and Cultural Medallion recipient. Comprehensive works by Lim will be on display, with a catalogue of more than 100 of his paintings. **WHERE:** Ion Art Gallery, Level 4, Ion Orchard, 2 Orchard Turn **MRT:** Orchard **WHEN:** Till Sun, 10am - 10pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** Go to www.ionorchard.com/ion-art or e-mail info@capeofgoodhope.com.sg

**Singapore Book Bazaar**  
The Singapore Book Bazaar organised by the Singapore Book Publishers Association will be held at Anchorpoint Shopping Centre. It offers an eclectic mix of books and latest product from familiar names such as Asiatic Books, Epigram Books and World Scientific, as well as the latest titles from established publishers such as Armour Publishing and Pustaka Nasional. **WHERE:** Anchorpoint Shopping Centre, Basement 1 Atrium, 370 Alexandra Road **MRT:** Redhill **WHEN:** Till Mon, 10am - 9pm **ADMISSION:** Free **INFO:** www.singaporebookpublishers.sg

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