

Catch Yasmin's last film

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The late Malaysian film-maker Yasmin Ahmad's (below) last film gets a sneak preview here next month.

Talentine will be showing at Cathay Cineplex Cineleisure Orchard on Oct 15 as part of Yasmin Ahmad: A Tribute, A Showcase Of The Storyteller's Film Collection.

The movie, which follows the stories of youthful competitors in a talent competition, is due to be released here later this year.

All six of Yasmin's movies will be screened in a tribute to the director, who suffered a stroke and later died of brain haemorrhage on July 25. She was 51 years old.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets, priced at \$15 each, will be donated to Pertapis Children's Home, in memory of her interest in children's charities.

Some of the shows are already 80 to 90 per cent sold out.

The retrospective is jointly presented by Cathay Organisation, Light-house Pictures, Grand Brilliance, Primeworks Studios, MHz Films and Nusanbakti Corporation Sdn Bhd.

Mr Suhaimi Rafdi, chief executive officer of Cathay Organisation, says: "We want everyone - the movie industry, film lovers and film buffs, Yasmin's fans and supporters - to come together and celebrate her many achievements and her devotion to life."

She was best known here for directing and co-writing two much-talked-about commercials for Singapore's Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

The first ad last year focused on a single father struggling to bring up his daughter, and another one early this year to promote marriage had a

widow talking about her late husband's bodily functions at a funeral.

Mr Thomas Chia, director of Light-house Pictures, adds that the director's sudden death was a shock for many, so "I am doing this as a form of closure for her fans and friends in Singapore".

He says: "Many Singaporeans know Yasmin from her MCYS commercials, but they have not seen her feature films before. This is a chance for them to catch the films on the big screen and also something that Yasmin would have liked."

Creative video specialist Azmi Danuri, a fan of the late director, has already bought his ticket to Talentine.

The 23-year-old says: "The way Yasmin tells her stories are so captivating. They reflect on what happens in life and I can relate to them. This tribute is a good effort because I am

sure Yasmin would have been very happy if she knew about it."

Another fan, sales promoter Amalina Jacob, took four days of leave so that she could catch the four feature films that are screening here.

The 24-year-old says: "Her films are usually very interesting and remind me of my family. I've already asked my friends to buy the tickets as well and I can't wait to watch the films."

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YASMIN AHMAD: A TRIBUTE, A SHOWCASE OF THE STORYTELLER'S FILM COLLECTION

Where: Cathay Cineplex Cineleisure Orchard

When: Oct 15 to 18

Admission: \$15 for public and \$12 for students (valid for walk-in purchases only). Go to any Cathay Cineplex in Singapore or to <http://tickets.cathay.com.sg>



Both chic in black, Zhang Ziyi and Vivi Nevo were back in the limelight as a couple at Milan Fashion Week. PHOTO: APPLE DAILY

Ziyi, Vivi wow Milan

Milan - Engagement ring, check. Fiance, check. Matchy-matchy outfits, check.

Chinese actress Zhang Ziyi and Israeli investor Vivi Nevo returned to the limelight as a couple at Milan Fashion Week last Saturday, putting the lid on tabloid talk of their break-up.

The pair were making their first public appearance since May - when they went to Tokyo for the premiere of the movie Star Trek - and they did it in style.

Zhang, who is a spokesman for Armani clothing, was chic in black and so was Nevo. Seated in the front row at the Emporio Armani show, she

whispered things in his ear, oblivious to the clicking cameras, said Oriental Daily News.

She clammed up, however, when reporters asked about her wedding plans. She stayed silent when the queries turned to whether she would act in a new Lee Ang movie.

Nevo, who is usually press-friendly, smiled but also said nothing as she clutched his hand.

The couple's relationship first came to light in 2007, after their public displays of affection at an NBA game in New York.

He said last year that they would walk down the aisle this year, but the big day has since been postponed.

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GARY CHAW'S GIG OFF AFTER BRAWL

Drink-brawling Malaysian singer Gary Chaw's concert in Hong Kong has been cancelled after the whisky brand Johnnie Walker backed out as the sponsor.

The cancellation of the November show came after his street fight with singer Justin Lo last Wednesday.

MCCARTNEY WON ESSAY PRIZE AT 10

A British researcher has found an essay written by Paul McCartney when he was 10. Kevin Roach, who is working on a book about McCartney's family, found it in records at Liverpool's Central Library.

The work, which won first prize in the under-11 category of an essay contest, was penned for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Young McCartney wrote that, in contrast to the bloody coronation day of William the Conqueror, "no rioting nor killing will take place because present day royalty rules with affection rather than force".

REGGAE FESTIVAL POSTPONED

The Singapore Reggae Festival, originally set to be at Siloso Beach, Sentosa, on Oct 17, has been postponed to Nov 28. Patrons who have bought tickets can use it for the new date or get a refund through Sistic.

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