

Reviews by Richard James Davis, Edmund Lee, James Marsh, James Mottram and Ben Sin

## New Releases

**Code Blue: The Movie (Japanese)**  
Based on the television series of the same name, a team of helicopter rescue doctors confront emergencies at Narita International Airport in Japan. Directed by Masaki Nishitani. Not reviewed.

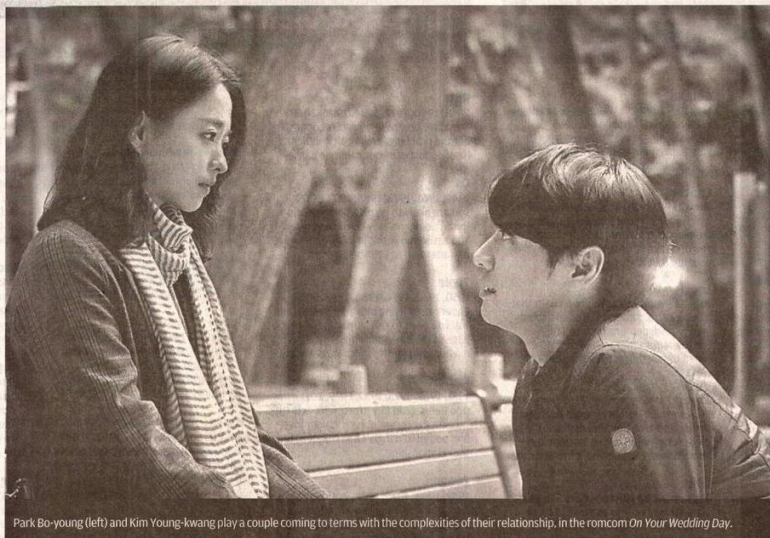
**Hichki (Hindi)**  
An aspiring teacher (Rani Mukerji) with Tourette's syndrome, is given the opportunity to teach a class of underprivileged kids at an elite school where she attempts to inspire and bring hope to their lives. Directed by Siddharth Malhotra. ★★☆☆☆ RH

**Napping Kid (HIA) (Cantonese)**  
An IT engineer at an investment bank attempts to clear his name after discovering that a blackmail message, demanding ransom money, was sent from his mobile phone. Directed by Amos Why. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**On Your Wedding Day (HIA) (Korean)**  
Over the course of a decade, a pair of high school lovers discover the hardships of maintaining a relationship, as both teens and mature adults. Written and directed by Lee Seok-geun. Stars Park Bo-Young and Kim Young-kwang. Not reviewed.

**Overlord (IIB & IIT versions) (English, French & German)**  
During the second world war, a failed American mission leaves a group of soldiers battling for their lives after they crash-land in an area populated by a monsters from a Nazi experiment. Directed by Julius Avery. Stars Jovan Adepo, Wyatt Russell and John Magaro. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Patrick (I)**  
After dropping out of law school, a down-on-her-luck woman (Beattie Edmondson)



Park Bo-Young (left) and Kim Young-kwang play a couple coming to terms with the complexities of their relationship, in the romcom *On Your Wedding Day*.

unexpectedly inherits a spoiled and extremely pampered pug from her dead grandmother. Directed by Mandie Fletcher. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

## General Releases

**12 Days (HIA) (French)**  
Raymond Depardon chronicles the legal procedure involving patients forcerfully admitted to a psychiatric hospital in Lyon, France. The title of the documentary

refers to the number of days patients have to see a judge, to determine if they will be released. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Beautiful Boy (IIB)**  
Based on journalist David Sheff's memoir, *Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction*, this biographical drama follows the struggles that his family went through during his son's meth addiction. Stars Steve Carell and Timothee Chalamet. ★★☆☆☆ RH

**Bohemian Rhapsody (HIA)**  
Biographical drama following the rise of British rock band Queen, led by

flamboyant frontman Freddie Mercury (Rami Malek), and culminating in the band's legendary performance at the 1985 fundraising concert Live Aid at Wembley Stadium, London. Directed by Bryan Singer. Also stars Lucy Boynton and Gwilym Lee. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Crazy Rich Asians (HIA)**  
This drama follows a Chinese-American professor (Constance Wu) who agrees to accompany her boyfriend (Henry Golding) to his best friend's wedding in his native Singapore. Soon, she is confronted by his ultra-privileged family, relatives and disapproving mother (Michelle Yeoh). Also stars Gemma Chan and Awkwafina. ★★☆☆☆ BS

**Distinction (I) (Cantonese)**  
When a music teacher (Jo Koo) from a

special-needs school is offered a position at an elite institution, she must decide whether to decline the job or risk abandoning her struggling pupils. Directed by Jevons Au. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**First Man (HIA) (American)**  
Damien Chazelle takes an inside look at the Apollo 11 mission in this biographical drama depicting the life of astronaut Neil Armstrong (Ryan Gosling) during the years (1961-1969) leading up to him being the first man to walk on the moon. Also stars Claire Foy, Jason Clarke and Kyle Chandler. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween (HIA)**  
On Halloween night, a group of friends chance upon a magical book and unleash Slappy, the doll of an evil ventriloquist, along with monsters and other ghoulish beings, upon their peaceful town. Directed by Ari Sandel. ★★☆☆☆ RH

**Halloween (IIB)**  
After escaping prison, masked killer Michael Myers returns to the US town of Haddonfield, Illinois, to continue his killing spree that began decades earlier. But this time, lone survivor Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis) is older, smarter and prepared for their final showdown. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Hotel Soul Good (HIA) (Cantonese)**  
Following a near-death experience, a successful executive (Christie Chau) contemplates her existence and opens a horror hotel to "scare" people into living more fulfilling lives. Directed by Anthony Yau Pak-wing. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**Hunter Killer (IIB)**  
An American submarine commander (Gerard Butler) assembles a crew to rescue the kidnapped Russian president, following a coup that was masterminded by the latter's defense minister. ★★☆☆☆ JMO

**Johnny English Strikes Again (HIA)**  
Johnny English (Rowan Atkinson) comes out of retirement in search of a cyber criminal responsible for releasing the identity of undercover British agents. Directed by David Kerr. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**Keyboard Warriors (IIB) (Cantonese)**  
A team of computer experts are recruited by the police to help identify individuals who stole cash from an armoured vehicle after an accident resulted in large bundles of money being spilled onto a busy street. Directed by Sit Ho-ching. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**Kusama - Infinity (IIB) (Japanese & English)**  
Documentary tracing the life and works of influential Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, from obscure performing artist to international star, and her struggles with mental illness. Directed by Heather Lenz. ★★☆☆☆ RHJ

**Laplace's Witch (HIA) (Japanese)**  
When a string of hydrogen sulphide poisoning deaths begin to occur, geochemistry professor Aoe (Sho Sakurai) is dispatched to the case. Soon he encounters a strange girl (Suzu Hirose), going by the name Laplace's Witch, who offers up clues to the case while challenging his belief in the occult. Directed by Takashi Miike. Not reviewed.

**The Miseducation of Cameron Post (IIB)**  
After being caught making out with the prom queen, a teenage girl (Chloe Grace Moretz) is sent for gay conversion therapy where she bonds with a couple of like-minded individuals while playing along with the treatment. Also stars Quinn Shephard, Sasha Lane and John Gallagher Jr. ★★☆☆☆ JMO

**One Cut of the Dead (IIB) (Japanese)**  
Comprising a 37-minute single take, Shinichiro Ueda's experimental comedy-slasher follows the arrival of a zombie apocalypse as a film crew is shooting a zombie horror movie at an abandoned water plant. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Project Gutenberg (IIB) (Cantonese, English, Mandarin & Thai)**  
A criminal mastermind (Chow Yun-fat) blackmails a skilled artist (Aaron Kwok Fu-shing) into joining an international ring specialising in creating counterfeit banknotes. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**The Quake (IIB) (Norwegian)**  
A geologist (Kristoffer Joner) and his family relocate to the Norwegian capital of Oslo, just in time to get caught in a massive earthquake, leaving them to fend against the elements in hopes of survival. Directed by John Andreas Andersen. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Rampant (IIB) (Korean)**  
Following a long imprisonment abroad, Prince Ganglim (Hyun Bin) returns home during the Joseon dynasty and must ward off an attack by man-eating monsters that possess the ability to return from the dead. Directed by Kim Sung-hoon. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

**Searching (HIA)**  
Told entirely through screens from smartphones, computers and surveillance footage, this thriller follows a widower (John Cho) and his desperate attempts to find his missing 16-year-old daughter by tracking her online activity. Directed by Aneesh Chaganty. ★★☆☆☆ RHJ

**Sicario: Day of the Soldado (IIB) (English & Spanish)**  
When a hitman (Benicio Del Toro) kidnaps a drug kingpin's daughter, he finds himself targeted by both the cartels and the American government as everyone looks to get an upper hand in the war on drugs. Directed by Stefano Sollima. Also stars Josh Brolin. ★★☆☆☆ RHJ

**A Star Is Born (IIB)**  
A hard-drinking rock 'n' roll veteran on

the decline, Jackson (Bradley Cooper, who also directs) discovers and falls in love with up-and-comer Ally (Lady Gaga), before she begins her quest to stardom. ★★☆☆☆ RHJ

**Thirty Years of Adonis (HII) (Danish)**  
Adonis (Adonis He Fei) dreams of being a movie star, but he is ultimately forced into the world of nude modelling and gay prostitution to support his sick mother. Written and directed by Scud. ★★☆☆☆ EL

**Venom (IIB)**  
While investigating the Life Foundation for its experiments in symbiotics, journalist Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) comes in contact with an alien that bonds with his body, creating an uncontrollable and dangerous alter ego with superhuman abilities. ★★☆☆☆ JMO

**When I Get Home, My Wife Always Pretends to Be Dead (HIA)**  
Shortly after their third anniversary, salaryman Jun (Ken Yasuda) comes home from work to find his wife (Nana Eikura) dead in an intricately staged scenario. Not sure what to make of it, Jun looks into her past to uncover clues about her strange behaviour. ★★☆☆☆ JMA

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## Art House

**Hong Kong Asian Film Festival**  
A programme of Asian films, including the following five. Until Nov 25. AMC Pacific Place, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway Rd, Admiralty, HK\$95 mcinema.com.hk. Inquiries: 2265 8933. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St, Yau Ma Tei, HK\$85; Broadway The One, 6/F/11/F The One, 100 Nathan Rd, TST, HK\$95; Movie Movie Cityplaza, 5/F Cityplaza, 18 Taikoo Shing Rd, Taikoo Shing, HK\$95 cinema.com.hk; Palace JFC, JFC Mall, 8 Finance St, Central, HK\$95 cinema.com.hk. Inquiries: 2388 0002

✓ **Cities of Last Things**  
Told in reverse chronological order, this neo-noir drama gradually uncovers the truth behind a man who kills three people and himself. Directed by Ho Wai-ting. Stars Jack Kao. In Mandarin with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 9, 7.35pm, 9.35pm, Movie Movie Cityplaza; Nov 10, 2pm, 4.20pm, The One

✓ **The Man from the Sea**  
A mysterious Japanese man washes ashore in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, and comes into contact with an amateur film crew shooting a documentary about survivors of an earthquake and tsunami. Directed by Koji Fukuda. In Japanese and Indonesian with English subtitles. Nov 16, 7.50pm, Nov 21, 7.45pm, Broadway Cinematheque; Nov 20, 9.50pm, Broadway The One

✓ **Chronicle of My Mother**  
Harada Masato's domestic drama follows a writer who, following the death of his father, returns to his hometown to care for his dementia-afflicted mother. In the process, the couple unearth a lifetime of strained and troubled memories. Based on Yasushi Inoue's novel of the same name. In Japanese with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 16, 9.50pm, Nov 29, 7.35pm, Broadway Cinematheque; Nov 26, 7.40pm, Movie Movie Cityplaza

✓ **Still Human**  
Oliver Chan Siu-kuen makes his feature film directorial debut in this drama about the unlikely bond between a paralysed man (Johnny Wong Chau-sang), with no family, and the domestic helper (Cristel Consunji) caring for him. In Cantonese with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 21, 7.30pm, Movie Movie Cityplaza

✓ **Three Husbands**  
A prostitute (Chloe Maayan) attempts to satisfy her constant sexual urges while living on a boat with her three husbands. Directed by Fruit Chan, this film is the final of his Prostitute Trilogy. In Cantonese with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 25, 5.15pm, 7.40pm, Movie Movie Cityplaza

**Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival**  
A selection of Jewish films, including the following one. Until Nov 11. Asia Society Hong Kong Centre, 9 Justice Rd, Admiralty, HK\$90-HK\$380 goa.gl/kznfz. Inquiries: 6017 6805

✓ **Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas**  
An in-depth look at the relationship that American Jews have with Christmas, in spite of the fact that seasonal classics such as *White Christmas*, *Let It Snow* and others were penned by Jews. Directed by Larry Weinstein. In English. Nov 11, 2pm

**BC Sunday**  
Broadway Circuit presents a Sunday programme of films, including the following two. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St, Yau Ma Tei, HK\$70 cinema.com.hk. Inquiries: 2388 0002

✓ **All the Money in the World**  
Inspired by the real-life kidnapping of John Paul Getty III, this drama follows the efforts of his mother (Michelle Williams) and a fixer (Mark Wahlberg) to free him, after his billionaire grandfather, oil tycoon John Paul Getty (Christopher Plummer), refuses to pay the ransom. Directed by Ridley Scott. In English with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 11, 9.30pm

✓ **Pale Moon**  
Based on Mitsuyo Kakuta's novel about a personal banker (Rie Miyazawa) who slides into fraudulent behaviour after being overcome by the temptations of sex and easy money. Directed by Daisichi Yoshida. In Japanese with Chinese and English subtitles. Nov 18, 9.30pm