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**WANT HELP WITH WHAT TO WATCH THIS MONTH? FILMMAKER AND DIRECTOR KAM RASLAN MAKES THE CASE FOR THESE MOVIES.**



**↑ POKEMON: DETECTIVE PIKACHU**

Do you play Pokemon GO? If you do, then you are definitely not alone. The augmented reality game hit our smartphones in July 2016 when it instantly hooked 27 million users in America alone, and the numbers are estimated to rise to 67 million by 2020. The game is even more popular in Asia Pacific, with 84 million players, set to rise to 311 million by 2020. Although the Pokemon GO app is free-to-play, an impressive revenue of USD2.27 billion has been generated by in-app purchases for upgrades and other tools. I recently purchased 20 Lucky Eggs and I have absolutely no idea how I am going to explain it to my wife.

With such a large pre-existing audience, a Pokemon GO movie was inevitable, but the surprising thing is that it's a very good movie, set in a world where humans and Pokemons live side-by-side (do I need to explain what a Pokemon is? The game was invented in Japan, so they're cute; that's all you need to know), where a young man reluctantly endeavours to discover who killed his police detective father. The young man meets a Pikachu who can actually talk (brilliantly voiced by actor Ryan Reynolds) and the adventure begins.

What is surprising about a movie based on a game is that it is not about young kids or about rediscovering our inner child. Instead, it is about growing up, discovering adulthood and about a father reconnecting with his son. Do you need to play Pokemon GO to enjoy *Pokemon: Detective Pikachu*? Although I enjoyed seeing a Treecko stuck to a window, I don't think so. It's a rare example of a successful and highly enjoyable movie based on a game.



**↑ X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX**

The word is that the X-Men series is about to get a complete reboot, so *X-Men: Dark Phoenix* is the last chance to see the X-Men in this form. After 12 movies and USD6 billion (RM24.7 billion) at the worldwide box office, Professor Xavier, Magneto and the other mutants will soon be reunited with the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) gang of Captain Marvel, Hulk and more. Despite both groups being Marvel Comics characters, the two camps have been kept apart because creator Stan Lee sold the rights separately to 20th Century Fox and Disney. Soon, they will be reunited under Disney and it will be fascinating to see how the merger is achieved.

The X-Men series began (with *X-Men*) in 2000, while MCU began in 2008 with Iron Man. So the X-Men set the tone that MCU and DC Comics had to follow, and a key feature was the casting of excellent, top-of-the-line Shakespearean actors. Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellen helped lend weight to characters that are, let's face it, from comics. *Dark Phoenix* is set in an earlier time, so their roles are played by the younger James McAvoy and the awesome Michael Fassbender, who help to continue the ambition.

In *Dark Phoenix*, we discover how Jean Grey/Phoenix (played by Sophie Turner from *Game of Thrones*) became the most powerful and potentially deadly mutant of them all and how an alien breed seeks to harness her power. Can the X-Men save us all, or will they kill each other first?

*Dark Phoenix* has its flaws. I must admit that I did become confused when a major

character was killed because I was certain that the character goes on to play a role in other X-Men movies, but I think that the movies have gone back and forth in time and therefore, created alternative timelines, which is perhaps even more confusing. *Logan* remains the best X-Men movie (the best-ever comic book movie?) but *Dark Phoenix* retains the reach and ambition. And it has to be watched because it marks the end of an era.



**↑ GUANG**

We're witnessing a renaissance in Malaysian movies. Filmmaking technique has improved beyond recognition, as well as storytelling, acting, budgets and even box office returns. *Guang* is a significant and excellent achievement from this new breed of Malaysian filmmakers. Directed by Quek Shio Chuan, it tells the story of a young autistic man's quest to find a job and the perfect glasses. That might not sound like much, but greatness often lies in simplicity. It is visually awash with the cityscapes and intimate details that will be instantly recognisable to all Malaysians, whether or not you can speak Mandarin. We are taken inside often grungy backdrops, and despite truly difficult relationships, we find beauty, thanks to our hero's hidden talent.

You might have missed the award-winning *Guang* when it came out in Malaysian cinemas. Now is your chance to catch up.

**Read our interview with *Guang* director Quek Shio Chuan on page 88.**



**Pokemon: Detective Pikachu, X-Men: Dark Phoenix and Guang are playing onboard. Check your in-flight entertainment system for channel information.**

HOLLYWOOD



**POKÉMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU**

RYAN REYNOLDS, JUSTICE SMITH, KATHRYN NEWTON, KEN WATANABE, BILL NIGHY  
PG / 104 mins / Comedy, Adventure, Action / E, J, K, E+

When ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, his 21-year-old son Tim tries to investigate while aided by Harry's former Pokémon partner, Detective Pikachu. Finding that they are uniquely equipped to work together, as Tim is the only human who can communicate with Pikachu, they join forces on a thrilling adventure to unravel the tangled mystery and stop an unseen threat to their world.



**X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX**

JAMES MCAVOY, MICHAEL FASSBENDER, JENNIFER LAWRENCE, SOPHIE TURNER  
PG-13 / 114 mins / Sci-Fi, Action / E, E+

During a life-threatening rescue mission in space, Jean Grey is hit by a cosmic force that transforms her into one of the most powerful mutants ever seen. Struggling with this increasingly unstable power and her own personal demons, Jean spirals out of control, tearing the X-Men family apart and threatening to destroy the very fabric of our planet.



**ALADDIN**

WILL SMITH, MENA MASSOUD, NAOMI SCOTT, MARWAN KENZARI  
PG / 128 mins / Family / E, E+

Aladdin is a lovable street urchin who is enamoured upon meeting Princess Jasmine, the beautiful daughter of the Sultan of Agrabah. After getting captured by the grand vizier Jafar and being forced to enter the Cave of Wonders, Aladdin stumbles upon a magic lamp that unleashes a powerful, wisecracking, larger-than-life genie. With the genie's help, Aladdin must stop the scheming Jafar from taking over the kingdom.

CHINESE



**光 / GUANG**

KYO CHEN, ERNEST CHONG, EMILY CHAN  
PG-13 / 88 mins / Drama, Family / M, E+

Wen Guang is a 27-year-old man with autism who struggles to socialise with other people and lives alone with his younger brother, who works and looks after him. This touching tale follows Wen Guang and his struggle to find a job, his strained relationship with his younger brother, and the challenges he faces while pursuing his passion for collecting glasses.

🗨️ Our interview with the director of *Guang* is on page 88.

BEST OF MALAYSIA

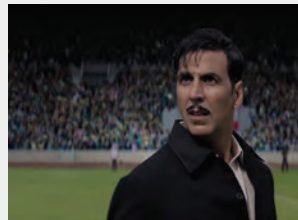


**SERGEANT HASSAN**

P. RAMLEE, SAADIAH, JINS SHAMSUDDIN  
PG-13 / 112 mins / Action, Drama, Romance / ML, E+

With the Second World War approaching, Hassan is forbidden by his adoptive father from joining the Royal Malay Regiment as a soldier, together with his adoptive brother Ajiz, and is ordered to look after his orchard. Upset over being called a coward by the other villagers, Hassan runs away from home to join the Regiment and prove his worth as a soldier.

HINDI



**गोल्ड / GOLD**

AKSHAY KUMAR, MOUNI ROY, KUNAL KAPOOR  
PG-13 / 143 mins / Drama, History, Sport / E+

The Indian men's national hockey team beats Germany on its own home ground to win the gold medal at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. But as the team receives its medals, the British national anthem is played during the raising of the flag of British India. This film follows one man's resolve to build up the national hockey team and unite a newly independent India under the dream to win an Olympic gold medal.

MALAYALAM



**വരുതാൻ / VARATHAN**

FAHADH FAASIL, AISHWARYA LEKSHMI, SHARAFUDHEEN  
PG-13 / 130 mins / Action, Drama, Thriller / E+

After losing his job in Dubai, Aby and his wife Priya move back to Priya's childhood home in the countryside of Kerala. However, their new life is far from peaceful as Priya starts feeling unsettled over villagers and neighbours constantly ogling her and spying on her at home. As things continue to escalate, Aby and Priya find themselves forced to fight for their own survival in this thrilling drama.

**RATINGS:**

**G / U** General audience. Suitable for all ages.

**PG** Parental guidance recommended. Some content may not be suitable for children.

**PG-13** Parental guidance strongly recommended. Some content may be inappropriate for children under 13 years of age.

**15** Suitable for audiences aged 15 years and above.

**R** Restricted. Not suitable for audiences under 17 years of age.

**NR** Not rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

🚫 Contains scenes or language that may be disturbing or offensive. Viewer discretion is advised.

🇲🇾 Programmes with Malaysian content.

★ Award-winning movies/programmes.

**LANGUAGES:**

**A** Arabic / **C** Cantonese / **D** Danish / **E** English / **ES** Spanish / **F** French / **G** German / **H** Hindi / **I** Italian / **IN** Indonesian / **J** Japanese / **K** Korean / **M** Mandarin / **ML** Malay / **T** Tamil / **TA** Tagalog

**SUBTITLES:**

**A+** Arabic / **C+** Chinese / **E+** English / **J+** Japanese / **M+** Malay

LATEST



**New POKEMON: DETECTIVE PIKACHU**  
RYAN REYNOLDS, JUSTICE SMITH, KATHRYN NEWTON  
PG / 104 mins / Comedy, Adventure / E, J, K, E+



**SHAZAM!**  
ZACHARY LEVI, MARK STRONG, ASHER ANGEL, JACK DYLAN GRAZER, DJIMON HOUNSOU  
PG-13 / 132 mins / Action, Adventure / E, J, K, E+



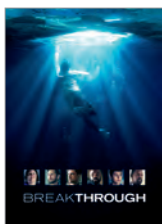
**DUMBO**  
COLIN FARRELL, MICHAEL KEATON, DANNY DEVITO, NICO PARKER, FINLEY HOBBS, EVA GREEN, ALAN ARKIN, ROSHAN SETH  
PG / 112 mins / Fantasy, Adventure / E, E+



**THE KID WHO WOULD BE KING**  
LOUIS ASHBOURNE SERKIS, DENISE GOUGH, DEAN CHAUMOO  
PG / 120 mins / Action, Adventure, Family / E, E+



**New THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR**  
YARA SHAHIDI, CHARLES MELTON, JOHN LEGUIZAMO  
PG-13 / 100 mins / Romantic, Drama / E



**BREAKTHROUGH**  
TOPHER GRACE, JOSH LUCAS, CHIRISSY METZ  
PG / 116 mins / Drama, Biography / E, E+



**ISN'T IT ROMANTIC**  
REBEL WILSON, LIAM HEMSWORTH, ADAM DEVINE, PRIYANKA CHOPRA  
PG-13 / 88 mins / Romantic, Comedy / E, J, K, E+



**CREED II**  
MICHAEL B. JORDAN, SYLVESTER STALLONE, TESSA THOMPSON  
PG-13 / 130 mins / Drama, Sports / E, J, K, E+



**New X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX**  
JAMES MCAVOY, MICHAEL FASSBENDER, JENNIFER LAWRENCE  
PG-13 / 114 mins / Sci-Fi, Action / E, E+



**TOLKIEN**  
NICHOLAS HOULT, LILY COLLINS, COLM MEANEY  
PG-13 / 111 mins / Drama / E, E+



**NANCY DREW AND THE HIDDEN STAIRCASE**  
SOPHIA LILLIS, SAM TRAMMELL, LINDA LAVIN  
PG / 89 mins / Drama, Mystery / E



**DUNKIRK**  
FIONN WHITEHEAD, BARRY KEOGHAN, MARK RYLANCE  
PG-13 / 106 mins / Action, Drama, History / E, J, K, E+



**New ALADDIN**  
WILL SMITH, MENA MASSOUD, NAOMI SCOTT, MARWAN KENZARI  
PG / 128 mins / Family / E, E+



**THE CURSE OF LA LLORONA**  
LINDA CARDELLINI, RAYMOND CRUZ, ROMAN CHRISTOU, PATRICIA VELASQUEZ, MARISOL RAMIREZ, JAYNEE-LYNN KINCHEN  
R / 93 mins / Horror / E, J, K, E+



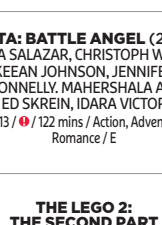
**THE AFTERMATH**  
KEIRA KNIGHTLEY, ALEXANDER SKARSGÅRD, JASON CLARKE  
R / 108 mins / Drama, Romance / E



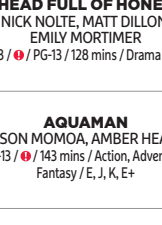
**THE REVENANT**  
LEONARDO DICAPRIO, TOM HARDY  
R / 156 mins / Thriller, Adventure, Drama / E, J, K, C+



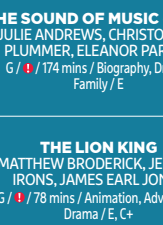
**AVENGERS: ENDGAME**  
ROBERT DOWNEY JR., CHRIS EVANS, MARK RUFFALO, CHRIS HEMSWORTH  
PG / 143 mins / Fantasy, Sci-Fi / E, E+



**ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL (2019)**  
ROSA SALAZAR, CHRISTOPH WALTZ, KEANU JOHNSON, JENNIFER CONNELLY, MAHERSHALA ALI, ED SKREIN, IDARA VICTOR  
PG-13 / 122 mins / Action, Adventure, Romance / E



**HEAD FULL OF HONEY**  
NICK NOLTE, MATT DILLON, EMILY MORTIMER  
PG-13 / 128 mins / Drama / E, E+



**THE SOUND OF MUSIC (1965)**  
JULIE ANDREWS, CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, ELEANOR PARKER  
G / 174 mins / Biography, Drama, Family / E

FAVOURITES

**READY PLAYER ONE**  
PG-13 / 140 mins / Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi / E, J, K, E+

**RAMPAGE**  
PG-13 / 101 mins / Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi / E, J, K, C+

**TOMB RAIDER**  
PG-13 / 98 mins / Action, Adventure, Drama / E, J, E+

**RED SPARROW**  
R / 140 mins / Mystery, Thriller / E, J, E+

**ISLE OF DOGS**  
PG-13 / 101 mins / Animation, Adventure, Comedy / E, J, K, E+

**THE 15:17 TO PARIS**  
PG-13 / 93 mins / Drama, History, Thriller / E, J, K, E+

**GAME NIGHT**  
R / 93 mins / Comedy, Crime, Mystery / E, K, E+

For the complete list of Favourites, please refer to your in-flight entertainment system.

★AWARD-WINNING MOVIES



**DUNKIRK**  
FIONN WHITEHEAD, BARRY KEOGHAN, MARK RYLANCE  
PG-13 / 106 mins / Action, Drama, History / E, J, K, E+



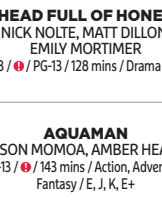
**FROZEN**  
KRISTEN BELL, IDINA MENZEL, JONATHAN GROFF  
PG / 102 mins / Animation, Adventure, Comedy / E, C+



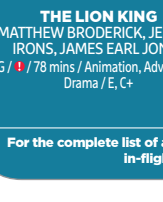
**THE REVENANT**  
LEONARDO DICAPRIO, TOM HARDY  
R / 156 mins / Thriller, Adventure, Drama / E, J, K, C+



**BLADE RUNNER 2049**  
NOAH SCHNAPP, BILL MELENDEZ, HADLEY BELLE MILLER  
R / 124 mins / Drama, Mystery, Sci-Fi / E, J, K



**AQUAMAN**  
JASON MOOMA, AMBER HEARD  
PG-13 / 143 mins / Action, Adventure, Fantasy / E, J, K, E+



**THE LION KING**  
MATTHEW BRODERICK, JEREMY IRONS, JAMES EARL JONES  
G / 78 mins / Animation, Adventure, Drama / E, C+

**SPEED**  
KEANU REEVES, SANDRA BULLOCK  
R / 116 mins / Action, Adventure, Crime / E, E+

**HE NAMED ME MALALA**  
MALALA YOUSAFZAI, ZIAUDDIN YOUSAFZAI, TOOR PEKAI YOUSAFZAI  
PG-13 / 87 mins / Documentary / E, E+

For the complete list of award-winning movies, please refer to your in-flight entertainment system.

**MALAYSIAN**



**SERGEANT HASSAN**  
P. RAMLEE, SAADIAH,  
JINS SHAMSUDDIN  
PG-13 / 112 mins / Action, Drama,  
Romance / E+



**GOSTAN**  
HADI PUTERA, ZALIF SIDEK  
PG-13 / 120 mins / Comedy / E+



**BUKIT KEPONG**  
SUHAINA YAHYA, HUSSEIN  
ABU HASSAN  
PG-13 / 110 mins / Drama,  
History / E+



**KL SPECIAL FORCE**  
FATTAH AMIN, ROSYAM NOR  
PG-13 / 106 mins / Action / E+



**ONE TWO JAGA**  
ZAHIRIL ADZIM, ARIO BAYU  
PG-13 / 85 mins / Crime,  
Drama / E+

**KOREAN**



**컬립스 / MISS & MRS COPS**  
RA MI-RAN,  
LEE SUNG-KYOUNG  
PG-13 / 107 mins / Comedy,  
Crime / E+



**항거: 유관순 이야기 / A RESISTANCE**  
KO ASUNG, KIM SAE-BYUK  
PG-13 / 105 mins / Drama / E+



**도어락 / DOOR LOCK**  
HYO-JIN KONG, YE-WON KIM  
PG-13 / 102 mins / Horror,  
Thriller / E+



**중인 / INNOCENT WITNESS**  
JINYOUNG JUNG, KWANG-GYU  
KIM, JOON-HYUK LEE  
PG-13 / 129 mins / Drama,  
Thriller, Crime / E+

**CHINESE**



**光 / GUANG**  
EMILY CHAN, KYO CHEN,  
ERNEST CHONG  
PG-13 / 88 mins / Drama,  
Family / E+



**大象席地而坐 / AN ELEPHANT SITTING STILL**  
ZHANG YU, PENG YU CHANG,  
WANG YUWEN, LI CONGXI,  
DONG XIANGRONG  
PG-13 / 230 mins / Drama / M, E+



**朝花夕拾·芳华絕代 / DEAREST ANITA**  
MYOLIE WU, SONIJA KWOK,  
YUKI FONG, ELVINA KONG,  
RICHARD NG, ALICE LAU,  
PARIS WONG  
PG-13 / 86 mins / Biography,  
Drama / C, E+



**玉建煌崇大件事 / MAKE IT BIG**  
MARK LEE, DENNIS CHEW,  
MARCUS CHIN, CHEN BIYU,  
KAYLY LOH, ZEMILY LEAW  
PG-13 / 133 mins / Drama / C, E+



**影 / SHADOW**  
CHAO DENG, LI SUN, RYAN  
ZHENG, KAI ZHENG,  
QIANYUAN, WANG  
PG-13 / 116 mins / Drama,  
Martial Art / M, E+



**淪落人 / STILL HUMAN**  
ANTHONY WONG, CRISEL  
CONSUNJI, SAM LEE,  
CECILIA YIP  
PG-13 / 111 mins / Drama / C, E+

**INDONESIAN**



**TERLALU TAMPAN**  
ARI IRRHAM, NIKITA WILLY,  
RACHEL AMANDA, CALVIN  
JEREMY, DHIMAS DANANG  
PG-13 / 106 mins / Comedy / E+

**JAPANESE**



**九月の恋と出会うまで / UNTIL I MEET SEPTEMBER'S LOVE**  
MICKEY CURTIS, YUTARO  
FURUTACHI, KENTA HAMANO  
PG-13 / 105 mins / Drama,  
Romance / E+



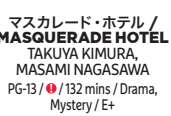
**雪の華 / SNOW FLOWER**  
HIROO MI TOSAKA, AYAMI  
NAKAJU, KENTA HAMANO,  
SAKI TAKAOKA  
PG-13 / 112 mins / Drama,  
Romance / E+



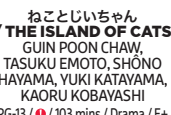
**翔んで埼玉 / FLY ME TO THE SAITAMA**  
KUMIKO ASO, GACKT,  
YUSUKE ISEYA  
PG-13 / 107 mins / Drama,  
Comedy / E+



**半世界 / ANOTHER WORLD**  
MAYU HARADA, HIROKI  
HASEGAWA, KEISUKE HORIBE,  
GORO INAGAKI  
PG-13 / 120 mins / Drama / E+



**マスカレード・ホテル / MASQUERADE HOTEL**  
TAKUYA KIMURA,  
MASAMI NAGASAWA  
PG-13 / 132 mins / Drama,  
Mystery / E+



**ねこといっちゃん / THE ISLAND OF CATS**  
GUIN POON CHAW,  
TASUKU EMOTO, SHONO  
HAYAMA, YUKI KATAYAMA,  
KAORU KOBAYASHI  
PG-13 / 103 mins / Drama / E+

**TAGALOG**



**THE GIRL WHO IS ALLERGIC TO WIFI**  
SUE RAMIREZ, JAMESON  
BLAKE, MARKUS PATERSON  
PG-13 / 110 mins / Comedy,  
Romance / E+

**HINDI**



**गोल्ड / GOLD**  
AKSHAY KUMAR, MOUNI ROY,  
KUNAL KAPOOR  
PG-13 / 143 mins / Drama,  
History, Sport / E+



**बाज़ार / BAAZAAR**  
RADHIKA APTE, SAIF ALI  
KHAN, CHITRANGDA SINGH  
PG-13 / 137 mins / Crime, Drama,  
Thriller / E+



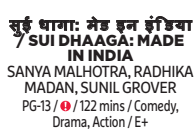
**व्हाई चीट इंडिया / WHY CHEAT INDIA**  
EMRAAN HASHMI, SHREYA  
DHANWANTHARY  
PG-13 / 121 mins / Crime,  
Drama / E+



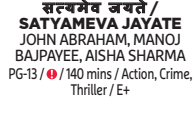
**अंधाधुन / ANDHADHUN**  
AYUSHMANN KHURRANA,  
TABU, RADHIKA APTE  
PG-13 / 139 mins / Comedy,  
Thriller / E+



**लैला मजनू / LAILA MAJNU**  
AVINASH TIWARY, TRIPTI  
DIMRI, SUMIT KAUL  
PG-13 / 140 mins / Drama,  
Romance / E+



**सुई धागा: मेड इन इंडिया / SUI DHAAGA: MADE IN INDIA**  
SANYA MALHOTRA, RADHIKA  
MADAN, SUNIL GROVER  
PG-13 / 122 mins / Comedy,  
Drama, Action / E+



**सत्यमेव जयते / SATYAMEVA JAYATE**  
JOHN ABRAHAM, MANOJ  
BAJPAYEE, AISHA SHARMA  
PG-13 / 140 mins / Action, Crime,  
Thriller / E+



**वीरे दी वीडिंग / VEERE DI WEDDING**  
KAREENA KAPOOR, SONAM  
KAPOOR, SUMEET VYAS  
PG-13 / 135 mins / Comedy / E+

**TAMIL**



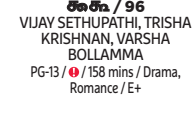
**செக்க சிவந்த வாணம் / CHEKKA CHIVANTHA VAANAM**  
ARVIND SWAMY, T.R.  
SILAMBARASAN, ARUN VUJAY  
PG-13 / 137 mins / Action, Crime,  
Drama / E+



**500 / 100**  
ATHARVA MURALI, RADHA  
RAVI, YOGI BABU  
PG-13 / 120 mins / Action, Crime,  
Drama / E+



**கோலமாவு கோகிலா / KOLAMAVU KOKILA**  
NAVANTHARA, SARANYA  
PONVANNAN, SARAVANAN,  
YOGI BABU  
PG-13 / 140 mins / Comedy,  
Crime, Drama / E+



**வேலை 96**  
VIJAY SETHUPATHI, TRISHA  
KRISHNAN, VARSHA  
BOLLAMMA  
PG-13 / 158 mins / Drama,  
Romance / E+

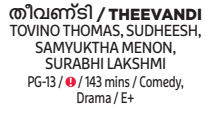


**பரியேறும் பெருமாள / PARIYERUM PERUMAL**  
KATHIR, ANANDHI, LUEESH,  
YOGI BABU, VANNARPETAI  
THANGARAJI, G. MARIAMUTHU  
PG-13 / 154 mins / Drama,  
Romance / E+

**MALAYALAM**

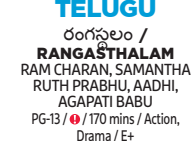


**വരാതൻ / VĀRATHAN**  
FAHADH FAASIL, AISHWARYA  
LEKSHMI, SHARAFUDHEEN,  
DILEESH POTHAN,  
ARJUN ASHOKAN  
PG-13 / 130 mins / Action,  
Drama, Thriller / E+



**തീവണ്ടി / THEEVANDI**  
TOVINO THOMAS, SUDHEESH,  
SAMYUKTHA MENON,  
SURABHI LAKSHMI  
PG-13 / 143 mins / Comedy,  
Drama / E+

**TELUGU**



**రంగస్థలం / RANGASTHALAM**  
RAM CHARAN, SAMANTHA  
RUTH PRABHU, AADHI,  
AGAPATI BABU  
PG-13 / 170 mins / Action,  
Drama / E+

**KIDS**



**THE LEGO NINJAGO MOVIE**  
JACKIE CHAN, DAVE FRANCO,  
FRED ARMISEN  
PG / 101 mins / Animation, Action,  
Adventure / E, J, K, C+



**GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN**  
DOMHNALL GLEESON,  
MARGOT ROBBIE  
PG / 106 mins / Biography, Family,  
History / E, J, K, E+



**MOANA**  
AULI'I CRAVALHO, DWAYNE  
JOHNSON, RACHEL HOUSE  
PG / 107 mins / Animation,  
Adventure, Comedy / E, E+



**BIG HERO 6**  
RYAN POTTER, SCOTT  
ADSDT, JAMIE CHUNG  
PG / 102 mins / Animation,  
Adventure, Comedy / E, E+



**TOY STORY (1, 2 & 3 BOXSET)**  
TOM HANKS, TIM ALLEN  
G / 81, 92 & 103 mins / Animation,  
Adventure, Comedy / E, E+



**THE LEGEND OF TARZAN**  
ALEXANDER SKARSGÅRD,  
RORY J. SAPER  
PG-13 / 110 mins / Action,  
Adventure, Drama / E, J, K, E+

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COMEDY



**FULLER HOUSE S3**

CANDACE CAMERON BURE, JODIE SWEETIN, ANDREA BARBER, MICHAEL CAMPION, ELIAS HARGER  
18 Episodes / 30 mins each / E

The Tanner family's adventures continue as DJ Tanner shares a home with her sister Stephanie and friend Kimmy who help raise her three boys. Season 3 kicks off with Steve and CJ announcing plans for a destination wedding, while DJ sends Jackson to summer school.



**FRESH OFF THE BOAT S5**  
RANDALL PARK, CONSTANCE WU, HUDSON YANG  
7 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**YOUNG SHELDON S2**  
IAIN ARMITAGE, ZOE PERRY, LANCE BARBER  
6 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**SPLITTING UP TOGETHER S2**

JENNA FISCHER, OLIVER HUDSON, OLIVIA KEVILLE  
11 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**LIFE IN PIECES S3/S4**  
COLIN HANKS, BETSY BRANDT, THOMAS SADOSKI  
2 Episodes / 10 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA S13**  
CHARLIE DAY, GLENN HOWERTON, ROBERT MCELHENNEY  
7 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**MOM S6**

ANNA FARIS, ALLISON JANNEY, MIMI KENNEDY  
10 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**THE BIG BANG THEORY S12**

JOHNNY GALECKI, JIM PARSONS, KALEY CUOCO  
6 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**MURPHY BROWN S11**

CANDICE BERGEN, GRANT SHAUD, ROBERT PASTORELLI  
6 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



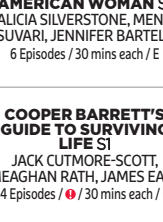
**BETTER THINGS S2/S3**

PAMELA ADLON, MIKEY MADISON, HANNAH ALLIGOOD  
6 Episodes / 8 Episodes / 30 mins each / E

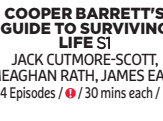


**SPEECHLESS S3**

MINNIE DRIVER, JOHN ROSS BOWIE, CEDRIC YARBROUGH, MASON COOK  
7 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**AMERICAN WOMAN S1**  
ALICIA SILVERSTONE, MENA SUVARI, JENNIFER BARTELS  
6 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**COOPER BARRETT'S GUIDE TO SURVIVING LIFE S1**

JACK CUTMORE-SCOTT, MEAGHAN RATH, JAMES EARL  
4 Episodes / 30 mins each / E



**LAST MAN STANDING S7**  
TIM ALLEN, NANCY TRAVIS, HECTOR ELIZONDO  
3 Episodes / 30 mins each / E

DRAMA



**THE BRAVE S1**

ANNE HECHÉ, MIKE VOGEL, TATE ELLINGTON  
4 Episodes / 60 mins each / E

This series looks at the complex world of military men and women who make personal sacrifices executing the most challenging and dangerous missions behind enemy lines. In the season opener, Captain Adam Dalton and his Special Ops crew take action to rescue an American doctor who has been kidnapped by a terrorist group.



**THE LAST SHIP S5**  
ERIC DANE, ADAM BALDWIN, CHARLES PARNELL  
5 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**CASTLE ROCK S1**  
ANDRÉ HOLLAND, MELANIE LYNSEY, BILL SKARSGÅRD, JANE LEVY, SISSY SPACEK  
7 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**ARROW S6/S7**

STEPHEN AMELL, KATIE CASSIDY, DAVID RAMSEY  
6 Episodes / 8 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**THE RESIDENT S1**

MATT CZUCHRY, EMILY VANCAMP, MANISH DAYAL  
8 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**GOTHAM S5**

BEN MCKENZIE, DONALD LOGUE, DAVID MAZOUZ, MORENA BACCARIN  
8 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**SUPERGIRL S4**

MELISSA BENOIST, MEHCAID BROOKS, CHYLER LEIGH  
7 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**BLINDSPOT S3**

SULLIVAN STAPLETON, JAIMIE ALEXANDER, ROB BROWN, AUDREY ESPARZA  
4 Episodes / 60 mins each / E

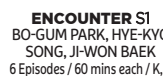


**DC'S LEGENDS OF TOMORROW S4**

BRANDON ROUTH, CAITY LOTZ, MAISIE RICHARDSON-SELLERS, TALA ASHE  
6 Episodes / 60 mins each / E

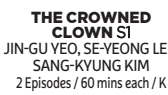


**THE A WORD (UK) S2**  
MAX VENTO, LEE INGLEBY, MORVEN CHRISTIE  
4 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**ENCOUNTER S1**

BO-GUM PARK, HYE-KYO SONG, JI-WON BAEK  
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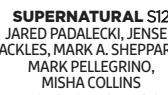


**THE CROWNED CLOWN S1**

JIN-GU YEO, SE-YEONG LEE, SANG-KYUNG KIM  
2 Episodes / 60 mins each / K



**VAMPIRE DIARIES S8**  
PAUL WESLEY, KAT GRAHAM, CANDICE KING, ZACH ROERIG, IAN SOMERHALDER, MATT DAVIS, MICHAEL MALARKEY  
7 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**SUPERNATURAL S12**  
JARED PADALECKI, JENSEN ACKLES, MARK A. SHEPPARD, MARK PELLEGRINO, MISHA COLLINS  
5 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**LETHAL WEAPON S3**  
DAMON WAYANS, SEANN WILLIAM SCOTT, KEESHA SHARP  
6 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**QUEEN SUGAR S3**  
RUTINA WESLEY, DAWN-LYEN GARDNER, KOFI SIRIBOE, TINA LIFFORD, OMAR DORSEY  
6 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**BLACK LIGHTNING S2**  
CRESS WILLIAMS, CHINA ANNE MCCLAIN, NAFESSA WILLIAMS  
5 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**LEGACIES S1**  
DANIELLE ROSE RUSSELL, ARIA SHAHGHAEMI, KAYLEE BRYANT  
6 Episodes / 60 mins each / E



**ALL AMERICAN S1**  
DANIEL EZRA, BRE-Z, GRETA ONIEGOU, SAMANTHA LOGAN  
5 Episodes / 60 mins each / E

**KIDS**



**WACKY RACES S2**  
3 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**MARVEL'S SPIDER-MAN**  
2 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**DC SUPER HERO GIRLS YR 1**  
3 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**BIG HERO 6**  
2 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**MARVEL'S GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY**  
4 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**BIG CITY GREENS**  
2 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**MUPPET BABIES**  
2 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**FANCY NANCY**  
2 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E



**TEEN TITANS GO!**  
4 Episodes / PG / 30 mins each / E

**SHOWBIZ**



**LASTING LEGACY: FABER CASTELL**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**CNBC TRANSCRIPT: REN ZHENGFEI, FOUNDER & CEO, HUAWEI**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**SOUNDSTAGE**

**ELTON JOHN: MUSIC MAN**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**ARABIC**

**THE DAYS OF HAJJ**  
PG / 60 mins

**TRAVEL**



**GLOBE TREKKER: JAPAN - TOKYO TO TAIWAN**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**MY TIME FOR HONG KONG**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**SCIENCE & TECH**

**REVOLUTIONS: THE IDEAS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD: THE TELESCOPE**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**EINSTEIN & HAWKING: MASTERS OF OUR UNIVERSE**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**BEST OF MALAYSIA**



**RASA PROJEK GERENTI JADI**  
PG / 30 mins



**MISS LAWAK**  
PG / 30 mins



**THE HOUSE S5**  
PG / 30 mins



**MALAYSIA: MALAYSIA DAY**  
PG / 60 mins



**CHAT TIME WITH... TUN DR. MAHATHIR**  
G / 60 mins



**JALAN JALAN MAKAN ANGIN**  
PG / 30 mins



**TUNKU'S HOMETLAND**  
PG / 60 mins



**IT'S ALIF!**  
PG / 60 mins

**SPORT**



**THE STORY OF RUGBY**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**THE FA CLASSIC COLLECTION**  
PG / 30 mins / E

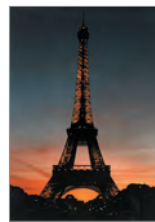
**BUSINESS**



**THE BRAVE ONES: JACK MA**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**CNBC CONVERSATION: SIR MARTIN SORRELL, CAPITAL S4**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**HISTORY**



**GREAT HISTORIC SITES: THE MODERN WORLD**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**ARCHEOLOGEEKS IN BAGAN**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**RELIGIOUS**



**HALAQAH**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**DOOR TO DOOR: EBIT LIEW S2**  
PG / 30 mins / E, M

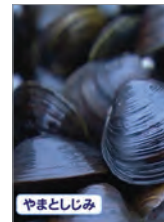
**CHINESE**



**JASON'S MARKET TRAILS**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**JASON CAN'T COOK**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**JAPANESE**



**FISHERMAN'S PRIDE IN HOKKAIDO**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**A DOOR TO HOKKAIDO STILL UNSEEN**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**KOREAN**



**INKIGAYO: BLACKPINK**  
PG / 70 mins / E+

**LAW OF THE JUNGLE**  
G / 80 mins / E+

**NATURAL WORLD**



**DEADLY DINOSAURS: DEADLY DEFENDERS**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**HINDI**



**BOLLYWOOD TIMES WITH DEVANSH PATEL**  
PG / 60 mins / E+

**THE KAPIL SHARMA SHOW S2**  
PG / 60 mins / E+

**BHARTI KA SHOW: SUDESH LEHRI**  
PG / 60 mins / E+

**TAMIL**



**KALAKKA POVADHU YAARU: STANDING OVATION FOR AZHAR-TSK**  
PG / 60 mins / E+

**NAMMA OORU CONNEXION: NAMMA OORU COIMBATORE**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**ENEKKE VAA 2018 S2: PRANK SHOW**  
PG / 30 mins / E+

**LIFESTYLE**



**CRAFT BEER IN JAPAN**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**LIVING SMALL**  
PG / 60 mins / E

**GREATEST CELEBRITY WIND-UPS EVER**  
PG / 30 mins / E

**THE HITS**



including... Calboy (above), Miley Cyrus, Future, Zhavia Ward, The Chainsmokers, Bruce Springsteen, Goldlink, Mark Ronson, Izzy Bizu, Dennis Lloyd, Vampire Weekend, PRETTYMUCH

**JAZZ**



including... The Shanghai Sisters (above), Dato Mokhzani, Branford Marsalis Quartet, Julian Lage, Cyrille Aimee, Cecile McLorin Salvant, Thomas Quasthoff, Van Morrison & Joey DeFrancesco

**CLASSICAL**

including... Sir Richard Branson, The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra & Benhamin Northey, Khatia Buniatishvili, Christian Thielemann & Wiener Philharmoniker, Leonard Bernstein, Stuart Skelton

**WORLD**

including... BEN&BEN, Swarasia, Il Volo, Ricky Martin, Santana, Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra

**KIDS**

including... Fairy Tales for Kids, Kids & Fairy Tales, Captain Allen Swift, The Wiggles, ABC Kids, Little Feet Music, My Little Pony, Bananas In Pyjamas

**NASYID**

including... Mesut Kurtis, Raef, Mohamed Tarek, Hafiz Hamidun, Opick, Maher Zain, Ustaz Abdullah Fahmi, Inteam, Haddad Alwi, Lah Ahmad, Nowseeheart

**MANDARIN**



including... CoCo Lee (above), Hacken Lee, A-Lin, Vanness Wu, Jolin Tsai, Eric Chou, Maggie Chiang, A-Do, Valen Hsu, Karen Mok, Rainie Yang, Jeff Chang, Xue Zhi Qian

**KOREAN**



including... Ateez (above), BOYCOLD, A.C.E, EXID, SEONGRI, Jung Dongha & Oh Jun Sung

**JAPANESE**

including... Aimer, Luna Haruna, BLUE ENCOUNT, Sawano Hiroyuki [nZk], SEKAI NO OWARI, OH MY GIRL, GOT7, Misia, Mika Nakashima, Nogizaka46

**CANTONESE**

including... Leo Ku, Pakho Chau, Jason Chan, Phil Lam, Candy Lo, Hacken Lee, Sandy Lam, Leon Lai, Cass Phang

**INDONESIAN**

including... The Overtunes, Ardhito Pramono, Ari Lasso, Bunga Citra Lestari, Judika, Sheila On 7

**HINDI**

including... Bharat, De De Pyaar De, Luka Chuppi, Simmba, Zero, Namaste England, Mitron, Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety, Yours Truly Arijit, T-Series Mixtape

**TAMIL**

including... Kuttram Seiyel, Playlist and Chill, The Ultimate Feel Good Mixtape, All About Love: Yuvanshankar Raja

**RELAX**



including... Hauschka (above), Sleepy John, Jean-Michel Jarre, Emerson Phillips, Jens Buchert, Michelle Qureshi, Fiona Joy, Sherry Finzer, Yiruma, Yanni

**MEMORIES**



including... The Clash (above), Toni Braxton, Westlife, DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Earth, Wind & Fire, Oasis, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion, Scott McKenzie

**MALAY**

including... Faizal Tahir, Alif, SonaOne, Dayang Nurfaizah, Ziana Zain, Misha Omar, Exists, Yuna dan Orkestra Simfoni Kebangsaan, Datuk Ahmad Jais

**PLAYLIST**

(Only available in A350)  
including... For The Throne (Music Inspired by HBO's Game of Thrones), 2010s Hits, Rock Classico, Throwback Thursday R&B Jams, No.1 The Champions, 1990s XL, 10 Years of Mom+Pop

**ROCK**

(Only available in A350)  
including... Bruce Springsteen, The Clash, Vampire Weekend, Yeasayer, Cage The Elephant, Nick Waterhouse, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Sundara Karma, White Lies, Evanescence

**TALK RADIO**

(Only available in A350)  
including... Bocey, Flight of the Conchords, Jerry Stiller & Anne Meara, Joan Rivers

**RHYTHM & BLUES**

(Not available in A350)



including... Jordan Rakei (above), Joanne Shaw Taylor, Macy Gray, Leon Bridges, Charlie Wilson, Alicia Keys, Stan Walker

**CLUB**

(Not available in A350)



including... Alle Farben (above), Gareth Emery & Ashley Wallbridge, Flume, Crooked Colours, Gesaffelstein, Big Wild, Martin Garrix, Paces, Danny Byrd, Friction

**COUNTRY**

(Not available in A350)

including... Willie Nelson, Maren Morris, Kane Brown, Loretta Lynn, Connie Smith, Jason Aldean, Scotty McCreery, Kelsea Ballerini

**COMEDY**

(Not available in A350)

including... Flight of the Conchords, Jerry Stiller & Anne Meara, Joan Rivers, "Weird Al" Yankovic, Bocey

**LIGHT & EASY**

(Not available in A350)

including... Susan Boyle, Cate Le Bon, Yann Tiersen, Dami Im, Barbra Streisand, The Piano Guys, EB Duet, Human Nature, Michael Bolton

**SOUNDTRACK**

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including... Tolkien (OMPS), The World of Hans Zimmer - A Symphonic Celebration (Live), Creed II (OMPS), James Horner - The Classics, The Rick & Morty Soundtrack, Moonlight Cinema, Blade Runner 2049 (OMPS)

**Radio Channels**

**CHART TOPPERS**

including... Foster The People, Chris Brown feat. Justin Bieber & Ink, Grace Vander Waal, Hayden James, Julia Duclos, Lost Kings feat. Anna Clendening, Flume x London Grammar, Pentatonix, Mark Ronson feat. Camila Cabello

**MALAY FAVOURITES**

including... Alif, SonaOne, As'ad Motawh, Pusakata, Insomniacks, Fariz Jabba, Jaz, Afgan, Isyana Sarasvati, Rendy Pandugo, Aiman Tino, Hani and Zue, Aubrey Suwito & Friends with the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra, Amy Mastura

**POP ASIA**

including... the peggies, G.E.M., Kim Juna, Aimer, Angela Hui, ATEEZ, A-Lin, Kana-Boon, CIKI, Tsang Lok Tung, Survive Said The Prophet, Man With A Mission, Penguin Research, Lil' Ashes

**HINDI RHYTHMS**

including... Shaan/Shraddha Sharma, Qaran Feat. Jonita Gandhi, Abhay Jodhpurkar, Jatin Pandit/Vibhor Parashar, Brijesh Shandilya/Shilpa Surroch, Tony Kakkar, Neha Kakkar, Young Desi

**GOLDEN ERA**

including... Whitney Houston, The Pointer Sisters, Michael Bolton, Toto, Mariah Carey, Scorpions, Bonnie Tyler, Wild Cherry, KC & The Sunshine Band, The Hues Corporation, Air Supply

**ROCK ARENA**

including... Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, David Bowie, Horror My Friend, Silversun Pickups, Incubus, Kyle Craft, Dylan LeBlanc, Pearl Jam, Julia Shapiro, Bruce Springsteen, Blue Oyster Cult, The Raconteurs

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Faizal Tahir's album *ROJAK* is playing onboard. Check the audio section in your in-flight entertainment system for channel information.

**What made you participate in *One In A Million*? Were you always aiming for a career in music?**

I really didn't have much of a choice because a good friend of mine literally dragged me to the auditions. To be honest, it was one of the hardest but also one of the best decisions I've ever made. I was timid by nature, so it wasn't something I was comfortable with, but my passion for music was strong, and I saw this as an opportunity to share good music with other people.

**As a singer-songwriter, what are some things that you look to for inspiration in your music?** If you ask me what inspires me, it's enjoying life. It's the people you meet, the places you go to, the hardships you encounter, the sweet taste of success, the frustration and pain of relationships, the joy of giving back. There's always something to learn from on a daily basis. Travelling is actually one thing that inspires me. The more you absorb, the more you're inspired.

**You helped to cultivate a number of young, talented artists under your own record label, Faithful Music. Could you tell us how that started?**

I had the opportunity to do this with what God has provided me with. So why waste it? When you have something good, you share it. I think that's an important part of life, and it's a two-way process. I learn more from them than they think they learn from me. It's also how I get to understand the younger generation. That being said, I owe a great amount of credit to the amazing people around me, who have been through thick and thin with me, just to make sure I can achieve all that I've achieved now.

**What do you look for in a potential young artist and what advice do you give them?**

Purpose and value. Whatever they're offering has to add value to what is already out there. It can't just be singing, it has to be more, and it needs to make sense. You want to create an impact. These days, it's more about signing people who have more influence, like an influencer. In my opinion, you have to be convinced with yourself before you can convince other people.

**What were some of the most memorable moments in your music career?**

There are many, to be honest. Winning awards is always nice, but I think the ones where my music managed to leave a certain impact are by far the most memorable ones. I've met parents of special needs children who tell me that their child responds to my music as therapy. One event I will never forget is when I was on a humanitarian mission to a Syrian refugees' school in Jordan. I sang the song *Assalamu'alaikum*, which is almost completely in the Malay language. There was one Syrian kid who cried listening to the song even though he only understood the word *Assalamu'alaikum* in the song. That really was a life-changing experience. That is only one of many wonderful and memorable moments I have experienced through music. Music has taken me to so many amazing places.

**You started a charity movement, #IAMFAITHMEN, to transform lives through education, inspiration and providing opportunities. What was the reasoning behind it?**

Life is not about ourselves. I believe that what I have in this life is not even mine to keep, which is a philosophy I always hold on to. It's a feeling you can never truly experience unless you give back to others.

**What is your secret to balancing time between work, leisure and family?**

It's pretty simple. I don't give excuses. If you decide to take something on, you have to fully commit to it. If you start doing something and it takes away your time with your family and doesn't add any value to your work and life, then it's not worth taking on. It becomes excess baggage, and you don't want that. You want the people who enrich you and push you in the right direction to stay close to you. Nothing else is worth more than that.

**What hobbies do you enjoy in your spare time?**

I love football. I just wish I had more time and the energy of a 25-year-old to play it. I do spend a decent amount of time on the PlayStation 4 playing *FIFA*, though. And I do it with my boys,

so that's cool. To be honest, I really appreciate and value the spare time I get, so I'm always looking forward to going on trips with the family. I love travelling, as I think it's always enriching and inspiring. These are two things, among others, that I look for in life.

**We will be celebrating Malaysia Day on 16 September. What does this day mean to you?**

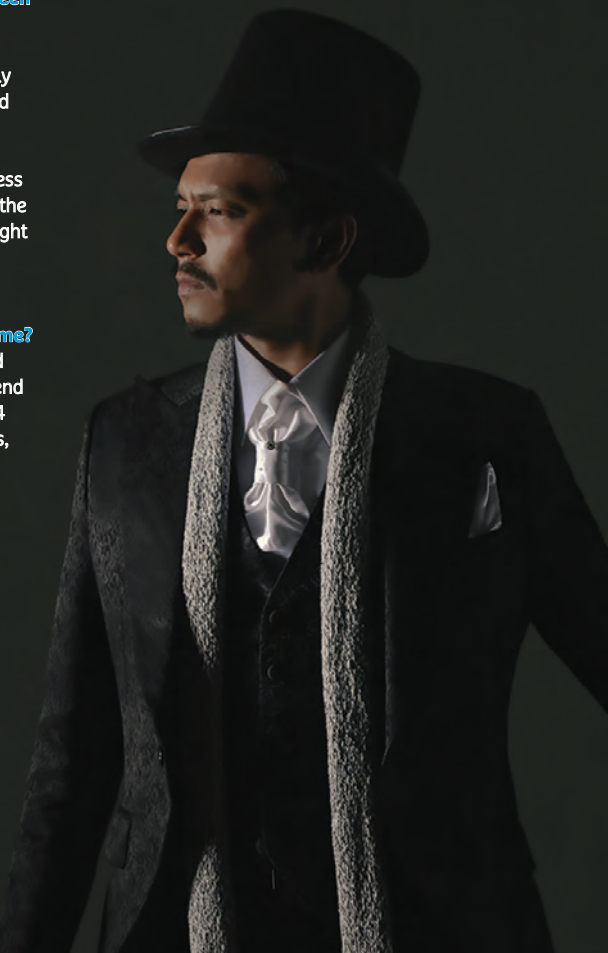
It means more than you can ever imagine. Diverse yet united: that is Malaysia. There is no other place like Malaysia, and this is exactly what inspired me to come up with the title *ROJAK* for my latest album. We are all *rojak*, a rich mixture of cultures and tastes. We are unique in our own way.

I personally think there should be more emphasis given to celebrating this day. There is so much we can do as a multicultural and diverse nation to celebrate togetherness as a whole. We can be an exceptional example to all.

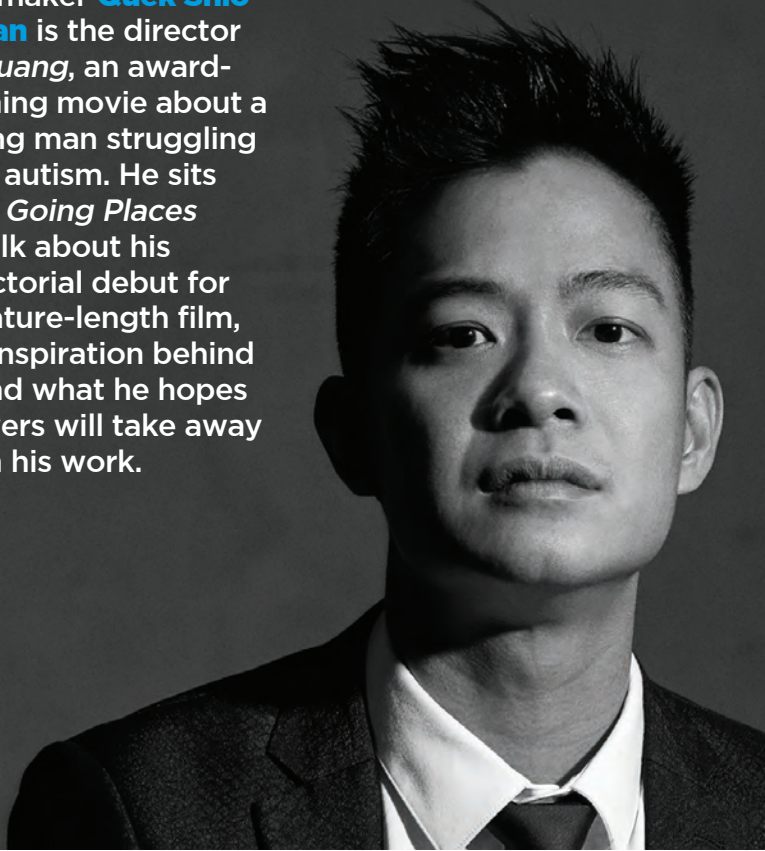
**What is your earliest memory of flying with Malaysia Airlines?**

I can't really remember much, because I was very young when I first flew with Malaysia Airlines. It was still called MAS at the time. I do recall that it was a flight to Heathrow, London back in the early 1980s, as my father was doing his PhD in the U.K. ■

Malaysian singer-songwriter **Faizal Tahir** rose to stardom after coming in second in the reality television singing competition *One In A Million* in 2006. Having won several awards over the years, his career has shown no signs of slowing, with constant new music to the delight of his enormous fanbase. *Going Places* catches up with him for insights into his life and career.



Filmmaker **Quek Shio Chuan** is the director of *Guang*, an award-winning movie about a young man struggling with autism. He sits with *Going Places* to talk about his directorial debut for a feature-length film, the inspiration behind it, and what he hopes viewers will take away from his work.



due to insufficient funding and time, but we have always been open to casting a professional actor to play the role. After several casting attempts, Ernest (Chong) came across as the most suitable actor who has not only impressed me on his first casting but also how his personality matches the character. Coupled with the fact that the two of them have worked together numerous times in television, the decision was made to prioritise performance above all else, including star power.

**Autism isn't a subject that is regularly talked about, especially in Malaysia. What is a key message you hope for audiences to take away from the film?**

An autistic person may be deemed as a person with impairments in social interactions, which in turn, requires more patience and care. Therefore, I hope viewers would be left with the reminder to not shun a person on first contact, just because someone acts a little differently from what is considered to be the norm.

***Guang* has received critical acclaim, winning four awards at the 30th Malaysian Film Festival, as well as various nominations and awards in foreign film festivals. How do you feel about this?**

I believe such accolades are only possible as a result of the teamwork put in by the entire cast and crew of Reservoir Production. I am forever thankful to them as well as my family members for always believing in *Guang*.

**What is the biggest lesson or value that you've taken away from your journey in filmmaking?**

You can never make a film alone. Making a film is a complex and time-consuming task that can only be achieved with a group of like-minded people who are as determined and driven to realise a common idea. In many ways, a production team is like a family that teaches me much more than filmmaking but about life itself.

**What's next for you?**

Netflix - *The Ghost Bride* - a young adult fantasy romance series set in 1900s Melaka, where the adventurous main character Li Lan faces the dilemma of marrying a deceased person in exchange for wealth and the wellbeing of her family members. Projected to be released next year, the series takes the audiences on a journey through time, different realms and on a quest to solve a murder mystery.

**Malaysia Day falls on 16 September. What does this day mean to you?**

To me, Malaysia Day serves as a reminder of the importance of unity, as that is the main catalyst of how we, as Malaysians, can move forward together. Celebrating the birthday of our beloved nation also allows us to look back at how far we have come and look forward to even greater possibilities.

**Do you recall your first-ever flight with Malaysia Airlines?**

Yes! This dates all the way back to when I was 10 years old, when my family and I travelled to Taiwan, where my parents undertook their tertiary education, for a 10-day trip around the island. I remember how amazed I was during my first-ever lift-off, staring out the window to the vast landscape in awe.

**Tell us more about yourself. How did you get into filmmaking?**

I wanted to be a disc jockey at first when I decided to take on a broadcasting course. But as soon as I got into my first video assignment and picked up the camera for the first time, I was immediately drawn into the magic of filmmaking and have not stopped since.

**Could you share with us the inspiration behind *Guang*?**

*Guang* is inspired by my elder brother who is autistic but at the same time, has the "perfect pitch" ability. I walked into his room one day and saw him playing on a set of keyboards that did not produce any musical sound at all but which he claimed he could hear the notes clearly. Watching him play joyfully while not being able to enjoy his music was the spark of inspiration to the idea.

***Guang* is your debut feature-length film. What were some of the most challenging aspects of putting it together, compared to the shorts and commercials you have worked on previously?**

The most apparent challenge would be to engage the audience with a compelling story for the whole length as I am used to shorter content. As it was my first film, I spent a much longer time than projected to complete the edit as I was still familiarising myself with the editing aspect of a feature film. In fact, most of the four

years it took to complete the film were spent in the editing suite.

**How much of it was based on real-life events?**

I would say most of the events in the film are based on real-life incidents when we were children. Until today, he still has the hobby of collecting items to complete DIY projects to satisfy his curiosity and fulfil certain needs. He is currently insulating his room and modifying his air conditioner to 10 degrees, which he deems to be his desired temperature. I do not fully understand why.

**Music plays an important role in the film. What is your relationship with music?**

My siblings and I were sent for piano lessons at a young age, and thus, all of us are musically educated. In fact, the theme song for the film was composed and sung by my younger sister, as were several of the soundtracks featured in the film. My brother played the chaconne in the film, most apparently in the glass breaking sequence.

**Tell us more about the casting process. You picked two relatively unknown actors as the leads rather than big-name artists. Why did you do that?**

Kyo (Chen) was the actor who played *Guang* in the short film we produced back in 2011 and it was only natural for us to stick to him as the main cast of the film, as he embodies the soul of the character. I played the younger brother back then