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Enchanting Taiwan Film Festival

EVENT: Presented by the San Francisco Public Library

DESCRIPTION: Featuring the Taiwanese films *Let It Be*, *Taipei's Bohemians: The Life of Theater*, *Jump! Boys* and *The Rhythm in Wulu Village*.

DETAILS: Free, Nov. 2-3, 2 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco.

CONTACT: sfpl.org

'Parting the Curtain: Asian Art Revealed'

EVENT: Presented by Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive

DESCRIPTION: Demonstration of Tibetan Buddhist *thangkas* paintings by artist **Rinzing Gyaltzen Yongewa**.

DETAILS: Free-\$8, Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m., Bancroft Lobby, 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

CONTACT: (510) 642-0808, bampfa@berkeley.edu, bampfa.berkeley.edu

Theatre of Yugen

EVENT: Co-sponsored by The Commonwealth Club's **Asia-Pacific Affairs Forum** and the **Japan Society of Northern California**

DESCRIPTION: Demonstration of 7th century Japanese theatrical forms of the *Noh*, which depicts

sublime suffering as sung behind masks, and *Kyogen*, which combines Western sensibilities and Eastern aesthetics.

DETAILS: Free-\$15, Nov. 5, 5:30 p.m., Commonwealth Club Office, 595 Market St., San Francisco.

CONTACT: (800) 847-7730, commonwealthclub.org

Stories of Oliver Chin

EVENT: Presented by the San Francisco Public Library

DESCRIPTION: Children's author **Oliver Chin** presents some of his stories for the very young.

DETAILS: Free, Nov. 6, 11 a.m., Richmond Police Station Community Room, 416 6th Ave., San Francisco.

CONTACT: sfpl.org

Indo American Film Fest

EVENT: Presented by the **Mahindra Indo American Arts Council**

DESCRIPTION: From social issues to gritty suspense, the spotlight is on new genres of story-telling and cinematic expression. Cutting-edge new films by **Rituparno Ghosh, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, Santosh Sivan, Mira Nair, Feroze Abbas Khan, Pan Nalin** and **Farhan Akhtar**.

DETAILS: \$10-\$15, Nov. 7-11, Loews AMC Empire, 19th St. & Broadway, New York.

CONTACT: iaac.us

How To Get Your Poetry Published

EVENT: Presented by **The Asian American Writers' Workshop** and *Poets & Writer* magazine

DESCRIPTION: Workshop by poets Deborah Garrison and Joseph Legaspi, and Alice Quinn of Poetry Society of America and *The New Yorker* magazine. Moderated by **Quang Bao**.

DETAILS: \$5, Nov. 8, 7 p.m., The Workshop, 16 West 32nd St., 10th floor, New York.

CONTACT: (212) 494-0061, aaww.org

'Beau Sia's Kill Them All'

EVENT: "Destroying Preconceived Notions of the Artist's Message"

DESCRIPTION: Full-length theatrical piece that incorporates scripted work and improvisations focusing on themes of expression, identity and perception.

DETAILS: \$3-\$5, Nov. 8-9, time and location TBA.

CONTACT: (212) 619-4785 ext 106, moca-nyc.org

10th Annual Asian Film Festival

EVENT: "Extraordinary Cinema From Asia: Classic to Contemporary"

DESCRIPTION: Eleven-day film festival featuring older films from the '50s to '80s and recent films, shorts and documentaries representing South Korea, Japan, China, Hong Kong and Thailand.

DETAILS: \$6-\$40, Nov. 8-11, Castro Theater, 429 Castro St., San Francisco; 4-Star Movie Theater, 2200 Clement St., San Francisco; San Francisco State's August Coppola Theatre, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco.

CONTACT: eastraordinary-cinema.com

Filipino Film Screening

EVENT: "Filipinos Present"

DESCRIPTION: Four short films by **Eli Africa** and musical performance by **Florante Aguilar**. Meet and greet to follow program. Artwork available for purchase.

DETAILS: Free, Nov. 9, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin St., San Francisco.

CONTACT: sfpl.org

'Unidentified Vietnam No. 18'

EVENT: Film screening and discussion with filmmakers **H. Lan Thao Lam** and **Lana Lin**

DESCRIPTION: **Lin + Lam** (Lin plus Lam) has produced interdisciplinary projects that examine the ramifications of the past on the current socio-political moment. Work investigates immigration, sites of residual trauma, nationalism and national identity.

DETAILS: Nov. 9, 12:30–2 p.m., USF Lone Mountain Campus, LM 351, 2800 Turk St., San Francisco.

CONTACT: usfmediastudies.blogspot.com

Contemporary Japanese Film Screening

EVENT: Presented by the **Consulate General of Japan**

DESCRIPTION: *Kamikaze Girls* looks into the world of Japanese pop fashion, *shojo* manga and rebellious non-conformists. Directed by **Tetsuya Nakashima**.

DETAILS: Free with RSVP, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., Delancey St. Theater, 600 Embarcadero, San Francisco.

CONTACT: infoav@cgjsf.org

AFI Fest 2007

EVENT: Presented by the American Film Institute

DESCRIPTION: Films by contemporary Asian American talent, including filmmakers **Arthur Dong** and **Wayne Wang**. Featuring AFI Fest Milestone tribute to late Taiwanese filmmaker **Ed Yang**, with a special screening of *Terrorizer*.

DETAILS: \$7-\$75, through Nov. 11, ArcLight Hollywood & AFI FEST Village, 6360 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood; Linwood Dunn Theater, 1313 N. Vine St., Hollywood.

CONTACT: (866) AFI-FEST, afi.com

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