

during president Ferdinand Marcos' reign, who must decide whether to join rebel forces or remain a corrupt mayor's favourite barber. In Tagalog with English subtitles. **Mar 25, 7.20pm, Mar 28, 9.30pm**, UA iSquare

✓ **At Berkeley**

Frederick Wiseman's documentary exploring the state of higher education in America, through an in-depth look at the University of California, Berkeley. In English. **Mar 25, 7.40pm**, UA Langham Place; **Apr 5, 7pm**, HK Science Museum

**Ida**

On the verge of taking her vows to be a nun, young Anna (Agata Trzebuchowska) discovers a dark secret about her family during the Nazi occupation of Poland. Directed by Pawel Pawlikowski. In Polish with English subtitles. **Mar 25, 7.45pm, Mar 27, 5.30pm**, The Grand Cinema

✓ **In the Heat of the Sun**

Set in Beijing during the Cultural Revolution, this drama focuses on Monkey (Xia Yu) and his dalliances one summer with friends and the angst he feels from having a crush. Directed by Jiang Wen. In Putonghua with Chinese and English subtitles. **Mar 25, 8.30pm**, HK Cultural Centre

**Yves Saint Laurent**

Biopic following the career of the French-Algerian designer. In French with Chinese and English subtitles. **Mar 25, 9pm**, HK Convention and Exhibition Centre; **Mar 27, 9.30pm**, HK Cultural Centre

✓ **Dial M for Murder (3D)**

Alfred Hitchcock's thriller about a husband who devises a plan to murder his wife, after discovering her affair with a crime fiction writer. Stars Grace Kelly, Ray Milland and Robert Cummings. In English. **Mar 25, 9.30pm**, The Metroplex; **Mar 28, 7.15pm**, The Grand Cinema; **Apr 3, 7.30pm**, The Metroplex

**Naked Ambition (3D)**

A promising literature student graduates with high hopes, only to find himself writing and starring in erotic films. Directed by Lee Kung-lok, stars Chapman To Man-chat, Josie Ho and Anri Okita. In Cantonese with English subtitles. **Mar 25, 9.30pm**, The Grand Cinema; **Mar 30, 12.15am**, UA iSquare

✓ **The Unknown Known**

Errol Morris' documentary centring on former US secretary of defence Donald Rumsfeld as he opens up about his career, from the 1960s



**Anthony Dawson plays a hitman hired by a husband to kill his adulterous wife (Grace Kelly), in Hitchcock's Dial M for Murder.**

to the invasion of Iraq. In English. **Mar 25, 9.50pm**, UA Cityplaza; **Mar 30, 5pm**, UA iSquare

**Manila in the Claws of Light**

Urban drama following an innocent country boy as he ventures to Manila to pursue his love interest. Directed by Lino Brocka. In Tagalog with English subtitles. **Mar 26, 9.30pm, Mar 29, 2.50pm**, UA iSquare

**Paint the Town Purple**

A double-decker bus will cruise around the city, picking up riders, in support of epilepsy awareness, beginning and ending in Hung Hom. Part of a campaign by Enlighten - Action for Epilepsy to spread awareness and eliminate misconceptions associated with the condition. **Mar 26, 10.30am-4.30pm**, free. **Inquiries:** 2820 0111

**Shoppinghongkong Spring Bazaar**

Featuring jewelry, accessories, wine, clothing, toys, kids wear and more. **Mar 26, noon-8pm**, Fringe Club, 2 Lower Albert Rd, Central; **Apr 2, 10am-6pm**, The American Club, 28 Tai Tam Rd, Tai Tam, free. **Inquiries:** shoppinghongkong@gmail.com

**Hong Kong Sevens**

Sixteen teams from around the globe compete for the local title. **Mar 28-30**, various times, Hong Kong Stadium, Causeway Bay. Tickets through online balloting. **Inquiries:** 2504 8311

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## Around Town

**Saving the Wildlife of the Western Ghat Mountains**

The Royal Geographic Society welcomes Dr Paul Robbins to speak about the importance of preserving wildlife in South Asia's newest World Heritage Site. In English. **Mar 24, 7.30pm**, KPMG bldg, 8/F Prince's Bldg, 10 Chater Rd, Central, HK\$150 (RGS members), HK\$200 (guests). **Inquiries:** 2583 9700

**German Chamber of Commerce Lunch Seminar**

Tax consultants Claus Schuermann and Lucia Seltmann lead a workshop on social security, tax, payroll and employer's return obligations. In English. **Mar 25, 12.30pm-2pm**, GIC/GCC, 3601 Tower One, Lippo Centre, Admiralty, HK\$200 (GCC members), HK\$250 (non-member) china.ahk.de. **Inquiries:** 2526 5481

## Film

Reviews by **Richard James Havis, Edmund Lee, James Mottram, Andrew Sun and Yvonne Teh**

## New Releases

**Beijing Love Story (IIB) (Putonghua)**

An adaptation of the popular TV series, this ensemble romantic drama follows the trials and tribulations of five couples. Directed by and starring Chen Sicheng. ★★★★★☆ YT

**Black Comedy (IIB) (Cantonese)**

Comedy about a detective who makes a deal with the devil to get onto a task force to protect the chief executive. Directed by Wilson Chin Kwok-wai, stars Wong Cho-lam and Chapman To Man-chat. Not reviewed.

**Divergent (IIA)**

In a dystopian future, people are divided into factions based on personality. Tris (Shailene Woodley) is branded a Divergent - one who fits in no group - and discovers a conspiracy to wipe them out. Directed by Neil Burger. Also stars Maggie Q. Not reviewed.

**The Grand Budapest Hotel (IIB)**

Wes Anderson's comedy-drama about a concierge (Ralph Fiennes) and a lobby boy (Tony Revolori) at an upscale European hotel, between the world wars. Also stars Edward Norton and Tilda Swinton. ★★★★★☆ JM

**The Great Beauty (IIB) (Italian)**

Drama about a journalist who turns 65 and starts to contemplate his life. Directed by Paolo Sorrentino, stars Toni Servillo, Carlo Verdone and Sabrina Ferilli. ★★★★★☆ EL

**The Railway Man (IIB)**

Drama based on a true story of a former British prisoner of war (Colin Firth) trying to come to terms with the Japanese captors who tortured him many years ago. Directed by Jonathan Teplitzky. Also stars Nicole Kidman and Hiroyuki Sanada. ★★★★★☆ YT

**Starlet (III)**

Drama about a 21-year-old aspiring actress and an elderly widow becoming unlikely friends. Directed by Sean Baker, stars Dree Hemingway and Besedka Johnson. ★★★★★☆ YT

## General Releases

**12 Years a Slave (IIB)**

Steve McQueen's historical drama revolving around a free-born black man, Solomon Northup (Chiwetel Ejiofor), and his 12-year ordeal as a slave after being kidnapped and sold to Southern owners. Based on Northup's 1853 memoir of the same title. Also stars Lupita Nyong'o and Michael Fassbender. ★★★★★☆ YT

**Dallas Buyers Club (III)**

Biographical drama about a Dallas construction worker (Matthew McConaughey) who sells non-FDA-approved meds and supplements to fellow Aids patients. Directed by Jean-Marc Valle. Also stars Jennifer Garner and Jared Leto. ★★★★★☆ YT

**Her (IIB)**

Spike Jonze's futuristic drama about a recently divorced man who falls in love with an advanced computer operating system with a female voice. Stars Joaquin Phoenix, Scarlett Johansson and Amy Adams. ★★★★★☆ YT

**Mr Peabody and Sherman (I) (Cantonese and English versions)**

Animated comedy about a genius dog and his adopted human son travelling back in time to experience world-changing events, only to find themselves having to fix a time rift they accidentally created. ★★★★★☆ AS

**Non-Stop (IIA)**

Suspense thriller about a US air marshal (Liam Neeson) who receives threatening text messages while on a transatlantic flight from New York City to London. The threats turn out to be real, and passengers start dying. ★★★★★☆ R/H

**Young and Beautiful (III) (French)**

A teenage girl named Isabelle explores her sexuality by working as a prostitute in France. When a client dies of a heart attack, Isabelle calls it quits, but police track her down and reveal her secret life to her mother. ★★★★★☆ JM

Compiled by Barry C. Chung

## Cinemas

**THE METROPLEX KOWLOON BAY** www.metroplex.com.hk Hotline: 2620 2200

**300: Rise Of An Empire** 2D 12:30 21:30  
**Mr. Peabody and Sherman** 2D (Cant) 17:05  
**2D Need for Speed** 10:05 17:10 21:15  
**Divergent** 10:10 12:45 14:30 17:20 18:55  
**Beijing Love Story** 10:15 14:25 16:40 19:00  
**Non-Stop** 12:30 15:20 19:55 21:55  
**12 Years a Slave** 12:20 21:50  
**Her** 10:00 14:50 19:35

**House 7 (VIP House)**  
**3D Gravity (Atmos version)** 13:00  
**3D Need for Speed** 19:00  
**Beijing Love Story** 21:30  
**Non-Stop** 14:45 16:50  
**12 Years a Slave** 10:30

**House 8 (VIP House)**  
**3D 300: Rise Of An Empire** 19:15  
**3D Need for Speed** 16:40  
**Divergent** 14:00 21:20  
**The Wolf of Wall Street** 10:40

G/F, E-Max, KITEC, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong

**THE GRAND** Level 2, Elements, Kowloon Station Tel: 2196-8170

**12 Years A Slave** 10:15  
**2D Frozen (Sing-A-long Eng)** 9:50 11:55 / **3D (Eng)** 14:45  
**3D 300 Rise Of An Empire** 9:40 11:40 13:40 18:15 20:15 22:15  
**3D Mr. Peabody and Sherman (Eng)** 14:20 16:10 18:00 19:50  
**3D Need For Speed** 11:55 14:00 16:30 19:00 21:30  
**The Lego Movie 3D (Eng)** 10:00 15:45  
**American Hustle** 21:35  
**August Osage County** 9:40 15:50  
**Beijing Love Story** 12:45 15:00 17:15 19:30 21:45  
**Black Comedy** 12:00 13:55 18:05 20:00 21:55  
**Divergent** 9:30  
**12.05** 14:40 15:40 17:15 19:50

**Her** 10:00 12:20 16:50 19:15 21:40  
**Lone Survivor** 21:45 / **Starlet** 17:45  
**Non-Stop** 21:40 22:30  
**The Grand Budapest Hotel** 9:40 11:55 13:50 17:40 19:35 21:30  
**The Monuments Men** 13:00  
**The Railway Man** 9:40 11:35 15:35  
**The Wolf of Wall Street** 9:40 15:15 18:30  
**Young & Beautiful** 13:45 19:45

**Manhattan Galaxy**  
**Non-Stop** 9:30  
**11:30** 13:30 15:30 17:30 19:35  
**Divergent** 21:35

**Standard Chartered Starsuite**  
**2D Need for Speed** 10:10 14:45 19:15  
**Non-Stop** 12:40 17:10 21:45

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