

# Buzz!



## MOZART IN VIENNA

For the past few months, London's National Theatre has been thrilling audiences worldwide with filmed versions of its live plays streaming on YouTube, such as *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Frankenstein*.

As lockdowns get lifted across the world, this week marks the last of National Theatre's special YouTube programme. Its final presentation is the majestic 2016 production of *Amadeus* starring *Games Of Thrones*' actor Lucian Msamati. It tells the story of musical legend Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart as he tries to make it in Vienna in the 1780s. *The Guardian* awarded the show four stars out of five, praising its live orchestral soundtrack and splendid production values. ~ **Helmi Yusof**

*Amadeus* will be screened on National Theatre Live's YouTube channel from 17 to 23 July.



## A TASTE OF EXOTICA

Travel to Africa and Latin America is still off-limits for now, but you can still get a taste of it with a collection of recipes from these countries. Luxury travel company A2A Safaris has introduced an e-book, titled *A2A Flavours Of Africa, Latin America & Antarctica*, featuring recipes from its partners and resort and safari owners. The recipes range from sundowner bites, starters to mains, desserts and cocktails, so anyone can have a multi-course meal from around the world. Many of the ingredients can easily be found at the neighborhood supermarkets. One tasty recipe is the Mombo African Salad, made with butternut, feta cheese and pumpkin seeds - a popular choice at Botswana's Mombo Camp.

~ **Tay Suan Chiang**

To access the e-cookbook, head to [bit.ly/2NQF5Ph](http://bit.ly/2NQF5Ph).

## FATHER FIGURE

At 77, Werner Herzog continues to push the boundaries of film-making and his latest effort, *Family Romance, LLC*, is also his first ever to be shot in Japanese. It shouldn't come as a surprise because the German director refuses to pigeonhole himself and over the span of an almost-six-decade-strong career, he has dabbled in everything from documentaries (*Grizzly Man*, 2005) to dramas (*Invincible*, 2001). *Family Romance, LLC* is as Herzog as it gets and is bound to polarise even his fans. Part documentary, part fiction, it's a surreal drama about Japan's rent-a-family industry and centres around a man (Yuichi Ishii) who is hired to impersonate the missing father of a 12-year-old girl (Mahiro Tanimoto). The actors are non-professionals and Ishii himself incidentally is the owner of rent-a-family company in Tokyo. ~ **Dylan Tan**

*Family Romance, LLC* is screening exclusively at *The Projector*



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## JAZZ CATS

July is usually when the Esplanade celebrates jazz but thanks to Covid-19, the 13th edition of *Jazz in July* will not be taking place as usual. The good news is that it will be 'live' streamed so you can still catch Singapore's coolest jazz cats in the comfort of your own home. Expect a more intimate and cosy vibe as this year's performances will focus on duets. Highlights include Siti Nur Iman and Lee Ann Gie (pictured) coming together to celebrate *The Great American Songbook* (July 20, 8pm); and Rani Singam and Chok Kerong breezing their way through a repertoire of originals and standards (July 27, 8pm). Also don't miss Shmil Berniker and Rick Smith performing a selection of Hoagy Carmichael classics like *The Nearness of You*, *Skylark*, and *Georgia On My Mind*. (July 24, 8pm). ~ **Dylan Tan**

*Jazz In July* runs until July 31. Each show will 'live' stream on Esplanade Offstage and Esplanade's Facebook page at 8pm daily and will be available for 24 hours after that. Check [esplanade.com](http://esplanade.com) for the full schedule.



## FROM DANCE TO DINE

Clubbing has given way to dining at Zouk, as the famed nightclub seeks out new post-pandemic opportunities in F&B. Zouk Group's ultra-cool lounge space has since morphed into a pop up restaurant Capital Kitchen that offers both a dine-in menu and a delivery aspect in partnership with other food partners like Five Guys Burgers. Capital Kitchen focuses on an eclectic range of Asian and Western favourites from battered

haddock and chips to the comforting signature Royal Broth Congee. Check out its feasting platter for five which includes mala chicken skin and Squid Pong. The food will be prepared in the kitchen of its sister outlet RedTail, along with a curated selection of booze. For its first menu, it's also tied up with popular home bakery Paparch to serve its hard-to-get molten burnt Basque cheesecakes. ~ **Jaime Ee**

Capital Kitchen is at 3C River Valley Road, The Cannery #02-05. Tel: 9006 8793

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## SUMMER LOVIN'

Cocktail bar Antidote brings to you a taste of British cooking in a culinary pop-up with Jaan by Kirk Westaway, helmed by the English chef who introduced his 'Reinventing British' cuisine two years ago. But in this two-month collaboration launched on Jul 13, Chef Westaway delivers a menu of casual favourites, top of which are the classic English fish and chips and Scotch Eggs, amidst a slate of summery creations making the most of seasonal produce. Think refreshing heirloom tomato salads with basil sorbet and mixed beans with truffle dressing, while bigger appetites can dig into Berkshire pork chops or dry aged Irish beef. And what's more appropriate for dessert than the quintessential sticky date pudding and homestyle apple pie inspired by Chef Westaway's grandmother's recipe. ~ **Jaime Ee**

For reservations, call 6431 6156



## SKIN MATTERS

A new homegrown beauty brand has launched a moisturising formula that promises to keep your skin supple in all temperature conditions. Two Halves Skincare is a vegan-friendly brand co-founded by Ashley Yong and her mother Jo, who is a beauty industry veteran while the younger Ms Yong has interned at several beauty companies. Their first product is the Better Balance Soothing Hydration Essence, to use under moisturiser or as a pick-me-up during the day. Formulated and made in Japan, the lightweight gel is made with a blend of botanical extracts with anti-inflammatory, anti-photoaging and antioxidant properties. Even though many people are working at home away from air conditioned offices, skin can still feel dry during the day - this essence helps keep skin well-hydrated, and resilient against pollution and ageing ~ **Tay Suan Chiang**

Better Balance Soothing Hydration Essence, S\$85, is available at [twohalves-skincare.com](http://twohalves-skincare.com).

