

ENTERTAINMENT

Poster boys and girls

100 local movie posters in landmark exhibit

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SOME people judge books by their covers. Organisers of the poster show *Mise En SIN* are hoping viewers will do the same with homegrown movies.

Opening on Feb 28 as part of the 2nd Singapore Short Film Awards event, the exhibition will feature 100 posters of Singapore short and feature films over at The Substation.

The comprehensive showcase will include poster art of movies by some 60 film-makers done from 2005 to the



From left: Posters for Wee Li Lin's *Forever*, Royston Tan's *881* and Jacen Tan's *Kwa Giu*.

present. It runs the gamut from established names like Royston Tan, Glen Goei, Eric Khoo and Jack Neo to emergent award-winners like Boo Jun Feng, Anthony Chen, K Rajagopal and Sun Koh to under-the-radar independent film-makers, students and nominees of the short film awards.

Mise En SIN, a play on the cinematic term *mise-en-scene*, gives guests the

opportunity to get copies of posters, as well as vote for their favourite posters online to win prizes. Organisers have also commissioned movie billboard artist Neo Chun Teck to create work for the awards and exhibition event.

Incidentally, it's the first time something like this has been done. "Despite the fact that it seems like a

natural idea, it's really strange that there hasn't been a poster exhibition of this sort in Singapore before," said Jeremy Sing, founder and editor of local movie website SINDie, which organised the show.

While there was a recent poster exhibition of 1950s films by Cathay and Shaw Brothers, it did not feature more recent films. "Nothing has been done on recent movies, which we think is a must," said Sing, 34, adding that the motivation for setting up the show came from running the website, "this little movement to get people to watch local movies".

"We thought we needed something that touches a more mainstream frequency. If you ask the crowd to come to watch an indie film, it's quite difficult. A poster would be quite a nice entry point," he said.

Sing cited among his favourite posters those of Royston Tan's 4:30 ("Very retro — evokes the mood and makes you wonder about the movie"), Yeo Siew Hua's *In The House Of Straw* ("Done in the style of a modern art painting"), Liao Jie'ai's *Red Dragonflies*, and Loo Zihan's *Threshold* — the poster for the controversial short film had been taken down at Loo's graduation screening due to its homosexual theme.

"It's the indie ones that are nicer. The bigger commercial movies tend to have less exciting posters, a bit more boring," laughed Sing.

While you're also likely to see posters that are derivative of Hollywood ones, Sing reckoned that around "90 per cent of them have their own style".

The posters are so lovely, they're sometimes worth more of a viewing than the actual movies they're promoting.

"Sometimes, to be honest, the movies disappoint — especially after the poster has raised your expectations so high!" he laughed.

Mise En SIN is from Feb 28 to March 6 at The Substation, 45 Armenian Street. For more information, visit www.substation.org/2SSFA or www.sindieonly.blogspot.com

Guest list: Beckhams, yes; Obamas, no

Among the 1,900 guests invited are Elton John, the royal couple's exes and the King of Bahrain

NEWS that Britain's royal wedding invites are in the post has touched off lively press speculation, with former England soccer captain David Beckham and the King of Bahrain tipped to be attending but not Barack Obama or Sarah Ferguson.

Royal watchers say Beckham, who worked with William on England's failed bid to host the World Cup in 2018, and his ex-Spice Girl wife Victoria will be among the 1,900 guests at London's Westminster Abbey on April 29.

Other lucky recipients of the wedding invites include William's ex-girlfriends Jecca Craig and Olivia Hunt and Middleton's ex-boyfriend Rupert Finch, newspapers said. Pop star Elton John, who was close to the prince's late mother Princess Diana and sang at her funeral, is also expected to be going, papers said.

Among the members of 40 foreign invited royals is the King of Bahrain, a decision that's been criticised by British media as the island kingdom witnesses protests and bloodshed during its worst unrest for years.

However, US President Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy miss out as the wedding is not classed as a full state occasion.

Ferguson, ex-wife of William's uncle Prince Andrew who was herself married at Westminster Abbey in 1986, has also been left off the guest list, media said.

William's office refused to confirm who had been invited but newspapers reported that Queen Elizabeth and William's father Prince Charles had approved the guest list. REUTERS



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GOOD TO GO

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