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secret agent (Hwang Jung-min) called "Black Venus", this espionage thriller, set in the mid-1990s, follows his high-stakes mission into North Korea to gather intel on their nuclear programme, and to gain the trust of officials there. Directed by Hwang Jung-min. ★★★★★ JMa

**Swimming with Men (IIA)**  
 Suffering from a mid-life crisis, Eric (Rob Brydon) begins to find meaning in his life after joining a synchronised swimming team comprising middle-aged men and a younger female coach. Directed by Oliver Parker. ★★★★★ JMo

**Venom (IIB)**  
 While investigating the Life Foundation for its experiments in symbiotics, journalist Eddie Brock (Tom Hardy) comes in contact with an alien that bonds with his body, creating an uncontrollable and dangerous alter ego with superhuman abilities. Co-written and directed by Ruben Fleischer. Also stars Michelle Williams and Riz Ahmed. ★★★★★ JMo

**When I Get Home, My Wife Always Pretends to Be Dead (IIA)**  
 Shortly after their third anniversary, salaryman Jun (Ken Yasuda) comes home from work to find his wife (Nana Eikura) dead in an intricately staged scenario. Not sure what to make of it, Jun begins to look into her past to uncover clues about her strange behaviour. Directed by Toshio Lee. ★★★★★ JMa

## Art House

**Kino/18**  
 A selection of recent German movies, including the following four. Until Oct 21. Louis Koo Cinema, Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; Science Museum Lecture Hall, 2 Science Museum Rd, TST East; The Grand Cinema, Level 2, Elements, 1 Austin Rd West, TST, HK\$75-HK\$90 Urbtix. Inquiries: 3761 6661

✓ **The Silent Revolution**  
 Set in post-war East Germany, a group of students, while staging a silent protest in solidarity of the Hungarian revolution, are forced to come clean and reveal those responsible for orchestrating the protest, or risk the entire class being barred from graduating. Written and directed by Lars Kraume. In German with English and Chinese subtitles. Oct 11, 7.30pm, Louis Koo Cinema; Oct 12, 7.30pm, The Grand Cinema

**Transit**  
 While fleeing the Nazis, a man assumes the identity of a dead author, but crosses paths with a woman who is searching for the man he now claims to be – her estranged husband. Written and directed by Christian Petzold. In German and French with Chinese and English subtitles. Oct 13, 4pm, Louis Koo Cinema; Oct 20, 4pm, Science Museum Lecture Hall

✓ **Western**  
 A group of German contractors must compete among themselves to vie for the respect and favour of the locals, after being sent to Bulgaria to build a hydroelectric plant facing delays. Written and directed by Valeska Grisebach. In German, Bulgarian and English with Chinese and English subtitles. Oct 13, 7.50pm, The Grand Cinema; Oct 21, 4.15pm, Science Museum Lecture Hall

**303**  
 When biology student Jules finds out she's pregnant, she sets out to Portugal in a beat up Mercedes "303" camper in search of her boyfriend. But along the way she picks up a hitchhiker in Berlin, and soon the pair are doing everything they can to not fall for each other. In German with Chinese and English subtitles. Directed by Hans Weingartner. Oct 14, 2pm, Louis Koo Cinema; Oct 20, 6.15pm, Science Museum Lecture Hall

**Movie Movie: Life is Art**  
 A programme of documentaries revealing the lives and experiences of famous artists and stars. Includes the following film. AMC Pacific Place, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway; Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St, Yau Ma Tei; Palace IFC, IFC Mall, 8 Finance St, Central; Movie Movie Cityplaza, 5/F Cityplaza, 18 Taikoo Shing Rd, Taikoo Shing; Yoho Mall 1, Level 1, 9 Long Yat Rd, Yuen Long. HK\$85-HK\$95 cinema.com.hk. Inquiries: 2388 0002

**Eric Clapton: Life in 12 Bars**  
 An in-depth look at the legendary musician, the only to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on three occasions, featuring interviews with BB King, Jimi Hendrix and George Harrison. In English with Chinese and English subtitles. Oct 13, 3.35pm; Oct 28, 3.25pm, Palace IFC

**BC Sunday**  
 Broadway Circuit presents a Sunday programme of films, including the following two. Broadway Cinematheque, Prosperous Garden, 3 Public Square St, Yau Ma Tei, HK\$70 cinema.com.hk. Inquiries: 2388 0002

**The Girl with All the Gifts**  
 In a world where zombie/human hybrid children are held captive and studied, an especially gifted girl holds the key to ensuring the future of humankind. Directed by Colm McCarthy, and based on the novel of the same name by M.R. Carey. Stars Gemma Arterton, Sennia Nanua and Glenn Close. In English with Chinese subtitles. Oct 14, 9.30pm

**Seoul Station**  
 This animated prequel to the hit *Train to Busan* centres on a man in search of his daughter amid a zombie epidemic in Seoul. In Korean with Chinese and English subtitles. Oct 21, 9.30pm

**HKIFF Cine Fan**  
 Screenings of classic films, including the following one. Hong Kong Arts Centre, 2 Harbour Rd, Wan Chai; The Grand Cinema, 2/F Elements, 1 Austin Rd West; Festival Grand Cinema, 80 Tat Chee Ave, Festival Walk; Science Museum, 2 Science Museum Rd, TST East; The Sky, Olympian City 2, 18 Hoi Ting Rd, West Kowloon; HK Film Archive, 50 Lei King Rd, Sai Wan Ho; Tai Kwun, Centre for Heritage and Arts, 10 Hollywood Rd, Central, HK\$75-HK\$85 Urbtix / cinefan.com.hk. Inquiries: 2970 3300

**To Kill a Mockingbird**  
 Robert Mulligan adapts Harper Lee's novel about a lawyer (Gregory Peck) who takes on the job of representing a black man accused of raping a white girl in a small Alabama town in the 1930s. In English with Chinese subtitles. Oct 17, 5.15pm, Tai Kwun

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