

The latest of these is *Good Time*, a film where he inhabits the character of an unsavoury New Yorker so convincingly that Cullen has been reduced to a speck in his rear-view mirror.

Directed by brothers Ben and Josh Safdie and written by Josh Safdie and Ronald Bronstein, the film is a gritty, crime drama about a lowlife trying desperately to free his mentally-challenged brother from incarceration. It asks a lot of Pattinson, but he proves equal to the task.

Before the title sequence, we're introduced to Nick Nikas (Ben Safdie) at a psychotherapy session. He's handicapped and slow to grasp his situation, distressed by the word-association exercise that the therapist

(Peter Verby) is conducting. But then big brother Connie (Pattinson) barges in and hustles him away.

A touching display of fraternal protectiveness, you might think – except the next scene sees him walking Nick through a bank robbery. It's their ticket to a better life, he explains.

Naturally, things don't go according to plan.

Nick is nabbed by the cops and the situation quickly spirals out of con-

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trol with Connie, hampered by one miscalculation after another, becoming increasingly desperate as he tries to spring his brother – first from a New York jail and then a local hospital – while staying just a half-step ahead of total disaster.

During the course of a long and frenetic night, Connie goes through a series of random encounters.

First, he persuades his flaky girlfriend Corey (Jennifer Jason Leigh) to

dimly-lit scenes, coupled with an edgy electro-rock score, imbue the film with a constant sense of dread and unease.

"Every day I think about untwisting and untangling these strings I'm in, and to lead a pure life..." goes a song as the end credits roll.

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Rating: B-

Good Time is screening exclusively at The Arts House until Jan 1, 2018. For booking details, go to www.anticipatepictures.com/good-time

Funnyman returns with new tour, TV series

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SUPERSTAR comedian Russell Peters is set to hit the road again in the new year with his *Deported World Tour*.

The two-year global jaunt will kick off in February with a show in Perth before winding through the rest of Australia, and a one-night stop at Singapore Indoor Stadium has also been pencilled before the month ends.

Peters' last world tour *Almost Famous* travelled to over 26 countries where he played more than 200 shows before 300,000 fans.

In Singapore, the Canadian funnyman sold out three nights at the Suntec Convention & Exhibition Centre in April 2015, and was so in demand he returned for an encore performance less than a year later in February 2016.

The 47-year-old's homecoming

gig in Toronto was also captured on camera and is available as a Netflix special named after the tour.

Deported marks his return to live stand-up after taking time off stage to produce and star in his own television series *The Indian Detective*.

The dra-medy also stars Anupam Kher (*The Big Sick*, *Silver Linings Playbook*), William Shatner (*Star Trek*), Christina Cole (*Suits*, *Casino Royale*) and Mishqah Parthiaphal (*Keeping Up with the Kandasamys*).

The Indian Detective premiered globally on Netflix earlier this week on Tuesday.

Peters has also appeared in the still-unreleased films *The Clapper* with Ed Helms, Amanda Seyfried and Tracy Morgan; as well as *Supercon* with Ryan Kwanten and John Malkovich; and *Public Schooled* with Judy Greer.

The upcoming *Deported* tour is set to feature all-new material. "I've been building the new act in clubs across

the States over the past year and I'm very happy with it," said Peters.

It will naturally feature the comedian's signature interactions with the audience: "I love getting to know my audience – the show is a collaboration between us."

Supporting Peters on the road is one of David Letterman's favourite comics, the legendary raconteur of odd tales, comedian Jake Johannsen.

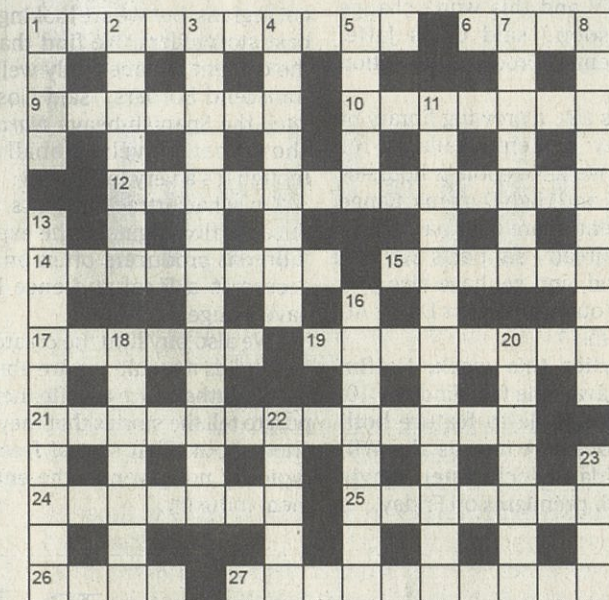
Russell Peters' *Deported World Tour* takes place at the Singapore Indoor Stadium on Feb 24, 2018. Tickets at S\$108 to S\$228 are on sale at www.sportshubtix.sg



Russell Peters and Mishqah Parthiaphal in *The Indian Detective*.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Carriers taking issue with egg on one sent into cleaners (10)
- 6 Not so many will dismiss female in this vessel (4)
- 9 Stay true (7)
- 10 Confirm drink left on board (7)
- 12 Cleaner must be keener after reprimands (6-7)
- 14 At home, authorise first-class returns, getting badges (8)
- 15 Runs in a false retreat (6)
- 17 Thrill old lover with quote (6)
- 19 Heart broken by 'X', bully (8)
- 21 In grammar he, for example, needs to make firm declaration (13)
- 24 Electronic circuits and leads regularly being passed (7)
- 25 Abandon hope as a spider runs out (7)
- 26 Achieved a target, retaining information (4)
- 27 Lock up suppliers of drugs and boring writers (3-7)

Down

- 1 Authorise advance (4)
- 2 Views covering African organisation's meetings (7)
- 3 Folds, once ratings go badly (13)
- 4 Juggling act – lithe, fit and active (8)

- 5 Plans right employment laws at last (5)
- 7 Women anticipating skipper's lie (7)
- 8 Almost deserved to be set up in lease giving privacy (10)
- 11 Urge free seconds as handouts for journalists (5,8)
- 13 Extra butter, say, in general (10)
- 16 Fleece cleaner? (5-3)
- 18 Co-worker clamps over line that's added to engine (7)
- 20 Determine concentration needs time and, after it, speed (7)
- 22 Jog naked around back of building (5)
- 23 Forward should avoid hot garments (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

Across: 1 Frightened, 6 Slow, 9 Later, 10 Forgotten, 12 Remorse, 13 Tanks, 15 Phrases, 17 Trouser, 19 Cutting, 21 Arrange, 22 Cello, 24 Austria, 27 Admission, 28 Noise, 29 Toot, 30 Telephones
Down: 1 Fell, 2 Interpret, 3 Harem, 4 Efforts, 5 Earnest, 7 Latin, 8 Windscreen, 11 Outdoor, 14 Spacecraft, 16 Sailors, 18 Sensation, 20 Granite, 21 Absence, 23 Limbo, 25 Ranch, 26 Mess

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