

A Night at the Movies

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SMA RECOGNISES that it is our volunteers and members who put in the time and energy to keep the Association going. To show our appreciation for their support, we decided to invite them to thank you events with a difference – movie premiere screenings! We selected the long-awaited *Hobbit* trilogy, due to its popularity and a certain eponymous SMA News columnist.

Our premiere of the first movie, *An Unexpected Journey*, was held in December 2012; and the second, *The Desolation of Smaug*, in December last year. Each occasion was attended by over 500 guests. Tickets were complimentary for volunteers, and sold at a subsidised rate to members. Audience response was largely positive, with many overheard commenting after the screenings that they had enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

This year, SMA will be screening the final movie in the series, *Battle of the Five Armies*, on 18 December. The SMA Hobbit will also be sponsoring a popcorn and drink set for each pair of tickets sold. It looks set to be an evening of fantasy, fun and adventure in Middle Earth!

We are pleased to say that SMA now represents more than 7,200 doctors and medical students in Singapore. Together, we look forward to advocating a better healthcare system for both our physicians and patients. If you have exciting new ideas for our membership, do share them with us at membership@sma.org.sg. ■