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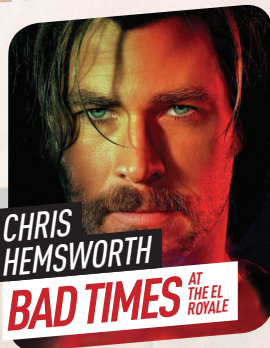
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The fire that burns inside

Movie fans are spoiled for choice this season as cinema screens light up with some of Hollywood's biggest stars. In **BATTLE OF THE LEADING MEN**, read about Matthew McConaughey's search for *Serenity*, Keanu Reeves' journey of passion into *Siberia*, Tom Hardy's inner demon *Venom*, Chris Hemsworth's *Bad Times at the El Royale* and Ryan Gosling's mission to be *First Man*. We also talk to Ewan McGregor about *Zoe* and offer a Halloween edition of **HORROR FANATIC**, featuring *Boarding School*. For **FRENCH CHARM**, dig into *Le grand bain* and *Les dents, pipi et au lit*, and **FAMILY PIT STOP** brings you the heart-warming adventure the whole clan will love: *Mia and the White Lion*. Don't miss our look at Michael Moore's documentary on the Trump era, *Fahrenheit 11/9*, in **CINEMA GUIDE**.

As it's never too early to speculate, check out Oscar contenders in **AWARDS BUZZ**: *The Mercy*, *I Think We're Alone Now*, *A Star is Born*, *What They Had* and *Beautiful Boy*. Plus we look ahead at what has us stoked in **BLOCKBUSTER PREVIEW** and **TOP 20 OF 2020**.

In Grand Cinemas news, the party was in full swing these past weeks as we celebrated the first anniversary of Lebanon's favourite new entertainment hub at GC ABC Verdun. Our gorgeous venue packed in the stars and the spectacles, with loads of giveaways to go around. In **GC DIARY**, you can check out our photo journal of hopping events, join our summer competition for awesome prizes, and learn about the Loyalty Program that offers you massive rewards.

See you at the movies!

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DRAGGED ACROSS CONCRETE GIBSON, VAUGHN GET BRUTAL

What bad things will good men do for their families? World premiering at the Venice Film Festival, director S. Craig Zahler's follow-up to the bone-cracking *Bone Tomahawk* and *Brawl in Cell Block 99* stars Mel Gibson and Vince Vaughn as two overzealous cops who descend into the criminal underworld to gain their just due. Our first look comes courtesy of effects artist Tate Steinsiek, who calls Zahler "a madman of the finest stock," and we can't wait to see the latest from one of the industry's



GLASS

brightest new filmmakers. The crime thriller also stars Jennifer Carpenter and Don Johnson.

"To me it's much more interesting writing people who are all over the spectrum — good people who are doing bad things and bad people trying to do okay things to better themselves."

S. CRAIG ZAHLER

GLASS SHYAMALAN UNITES MAD CREATIONS

First came *Unbreakable* (2000), starring Bruce Willis as a man discovering an extraordinary power and Samuel L. Jackson as the orchestrator of his encounters, Mr. Glass. Then came *Split* (2016) starring James McAvoy as a disturbed man with 24 personalities. Now, director M. Night Shyamalan brings these three potent forces together in *Glass*, and our first look finds them all in a psychiatric facility. Let the madness begin!

IN CINEMAS JANUARY 2019

ONE NATION, ONE KING EPIC OF THE PEOPLE

One of France's biggest releases in 2018, *One Nation, One King* (*Un peuple et son roi*) stars two of the country's most-awarded young actors, Gaspard Ulliel and Adèle Haenel, in an epic scheduled for showcase at the upcoming Venice Film Festival. Director Pierre Schoeller set out to tell a story that conveys the magnitude of the events of the French Revolution, when for the first time citizens developed a national consciousness, and the first images do a brilliant job of bringing it all home.



ONE NATION, ONE KING

TERMINATOR REBOOT FEMME FORCE MULTIPLIES

Mackenzie Davis (*Halt and Catch Fire*, *Blade Runner 2049*) is ready for a fight in our early preview of the Terminator reboot, which sees the badass Linda Hamilton returning to her role as Sarah Connor alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger, with Gabriel Luna (*Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*) stepping in as the Terminator. Are we ready for another round? We're always ready.

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TERMINATOR REBOOT



LIAM NEESON'S HARD POWDER GETS A RELEASE DATE

Middle East film distributor Selim Ramia & Co (Grand Cinemas parent company) has set a February 7th release date for the new Liam Neeson action thriller, *Hard Powder*. Also starring Emmy Rossum and Laura Dern, the film sees Neeson breaking bad as a snowplow driver who seeks



revenge against the drug dealers he thinks killed his son. We have no doubt that this snowplow driver has a certain set of skills fit for the task at hand.



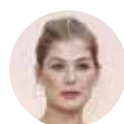
SURVIVING A PRIVATE WAR

Rosamund Pike walks in the shoes of heroic journalist Marie Colvin in the inspiring true story co-starring Jamie Dornan

She went to the uncomfortable places of the earth when other people were going in the opposite direction, and spoke the truth about them," says Rosamund Pike to Entertainment Weekly. In *A Private War*, the Oscar nominated actress takes on the role of noted journalist Marie Colvin, who wore a distinctive eyepatch ever since a grenade attack in Sri Lanka, and who was killed in 2012 while covering the war in Syria.

Directed by acclaimed documentarian Matthew Heineman in his first narrative feature, the war drama tells the story of one of the

most celebrated war correspondents of our time. Colvin sacrifices loving relationships and over time, her personal life starts to unravel as the trauma she's witnessed takes its toll. Yet, her mission to show the true cost of war leads her along with renowned war photographer Paul Conroy (Jamie Dornan) to embark on the most dangerous assignment of their lives.



"There's a word that people often use with courageous people, that they're 'fearless', and I think it's interesting because she had fear and did what she did anyway."

In our next issue, we'll be taking a closer look at this extraordinary woman, and the incredibly difficult preparation Pike underwent to bring her story to light.

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→ War correspondent Marie Colvin was killed while covering the war in Syria.

↑ War photographer Paul Conroy



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BEL CANTO

Julianne Moore and Ken Watanabe star in a suspenseful drama based on Ann Patchett's best-selling novel. Directed by Academy Award nominee Paul Weitz (*About a Boy*), the film tells the story of a famous soprano who travels to

South America to give a private concert only to be taken hostage by guerrillas demanding the release of their imprisoned comrades. A standoff ensues in which hostages and captors must overcome their differences and find their shared humanity in the face of disaster.



"The imagery in the novel is beautiful. It felt like there was ... the influence of opera, which deals so directly with big, eternal questions."

DIRECTOR PAUL WEITZ

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LE FLIC DE BELLEVILLE

Omar Sy and Luis Guzmán make a hilariously unlikely pair in *Le Flic de Belleville*, a film that calls up the best of *Beverly Hills Cop* with a serious helping of French humour. In the action comedy, when Belleville cop Sebastian 'Baaba' Bouchard (Sy) learns of the death of a friend in Miami, he travels to the sunny city to investigate.



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WE LOOK AHEAD AT THE MOST ANTICIPATED MOVIES (SO FAR) ...



Avatar 2
DECEMBER 17

The first entry, released in 2009, still stands as the highest grossing movie of all time. It was a potent mix of stunning CGI and a powerful message about our place in this world. Director James Cameron has two follow-ups in the works, and with graphics technology finally able to fulfil his vision, we can only imagine the spectacle he has in store.

Bad Boys for Life
JANUARY 16

Remember these bad boys? A third helping of the action has been under development for years and now it has a release date, with Will Smith and Martin Lawrence returning as Miami detectives 17 years after the sequel.



Sherlock Holmes 3
DECEMBER 24

It's been seven years since the second entry of the detective series, but Robert Downey Jr has been keeping busy enough filling the Iron Man suit, so we can excuse him the delay. Will it be fun? Elementary, my dear Watson.

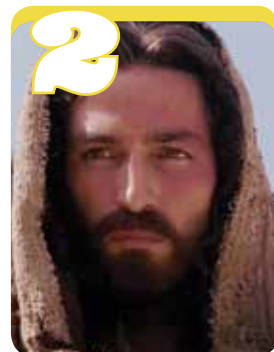
Guardians of the Galaxy 3
RELEASE DATE TBA

In our list's third sequel, recently in the news for having lost its director, the awesome Chris Pratt and his cohorts will no doubt find a new corner of the universe to upend.



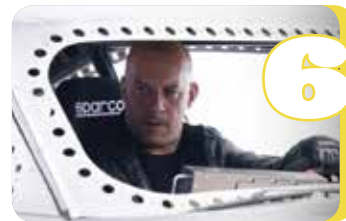
It's never too early to get excited about Hollywood's plans to entertain us at the movie theatre. While most indies will not yet have announced release windows, we can take a sneak peek at a few of the tentpoles and star-led attractions that will be holding up the year 2020

THE SECOND COMING?



The Passion of the Christ: Resurrection
RELEASE DATE TBA

Mel Gibson's 2004 religious epic is easily the most successful independent movie ever to be released in theatres, a statistic made all the more stunning by the fact that it was R-rated and entirely in languages other than English. The director has begun development on a second chapter—said to be dealing with the Resurrection of Christ—and star Jim Caviezel is quite certain it's "going to be the biggest film in history. It's that good." We can only pray.



Fast & Furious 9
APRIL 9

Yes, a ninth entry is happening. Details are scarce, other than the fact that Vin Diesel is returning along with director Justin Lin, but we can be fairly certain there will be plenty of fantastical stunts in amazing machinery.

Godzilla vs Kong
MAY 21

Enormous mythical creatures battling it out for supremacy? But of course we want to see it! Horror filmmaker Adam Wingard will direct the monstrous faceoff.



The Six Billion Dollar Man
JUNE 4

Mark Wahlberg leads the reboot of the '70s series as Steve Austin, a former astronaut synthetically enhanced as a secret agent.



Red Notice
JUNE 11

An Interpol agent tracks the world's most wanted art thief in the actioner that reteams Dwayne Johnson with his Skyscraper director Rawson Marshall Thurber.

Barbie
MAY 7

It's not all pool parties for one doll living in 'Barbieland' who sets off for the real world after she is expelled for not being perfect enough. Anne Hathaway stars.



G.I. Joe 3
MARCH 26

While no cast or director have been confirmed, Hasbro exec Simon Waters says, "The world has changed, and I think you're going to see G.I. Joe changing with it."

FOR THE FAMILY ...

13 Maleficent 2
MAY 28

Michelle Pfeiffer, Juno Temple and Ed Skrein join Angelina Jolie and Elle Fanning in the anticipated second instalment.



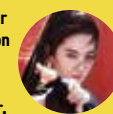
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NOVEMBER 20

David Yates returns yet again to direct the third chapter of JK Rowling's Harry Potter spinoff.



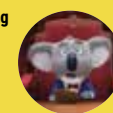
15 Mulan
MARCH 26

Yifei Liu and Jet Li will star in the live-action adaptation of the Disney tale about a Chinese maiden who disguises herself as a warrior.



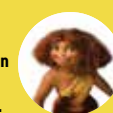
16 Sing 2
DECEMBER 24

There's just no going wrong with the animal-singing-contest premise, and we can't wait to see (and hear) the follow-up.



17 The Croods 2
SEPTEMBER 23

Nicolas Cage, Emma Stone and the rest of the prehistoric family along with Ryan Reynolds are back to discover a strange new world.



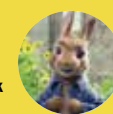
18 Minions 2
JULY 2

The sequel is set for a 2020 release, five years after the little yellow guys spun into the stratosphere with their standalone movie.



19 Peter Rabbit 2
FEBRUARY 6

Little is known about the sequel, but based on the first entry, we're sure returning director Will Gluck will have things hopping.



20 Trolls World Tour
MARCH 26

Anna Kendrick and Justin Timberlake are ready to raise our hair once again with some boppin' tunes.



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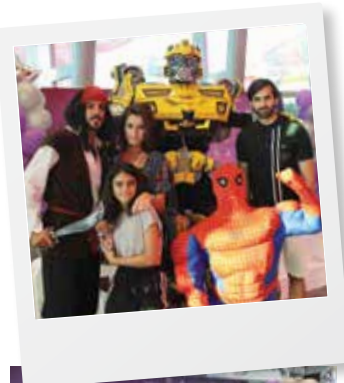


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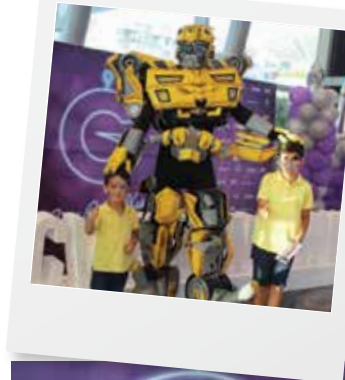


Grand Cinemas Verdun celebrates FIRST ANNIVERSARY in style

You can always count on Grand Cinemas to throw a fun-packed party, and what better occasion than the first anniversary of our fabulous newest location in Verdun? Moviegoers were treated to a host of live activities, including spectacular selfies with their pick of costumed superheroes and iconic movie characters, free popcorn, a live roadshow courtesy of Virgin Radio, plus loads of prize giveaways from ABC, Phoenicia, Roadster, The Toy Store, M2 and Fitness Zone. Thanks for making our birthday special!



← A family trip to the movies turned into an activity-packed event for many GC Verdun patrons.



← You're never too old or too young to have a blast at the cinema. Bumblebee makes new friends at our first anniversary weekend.



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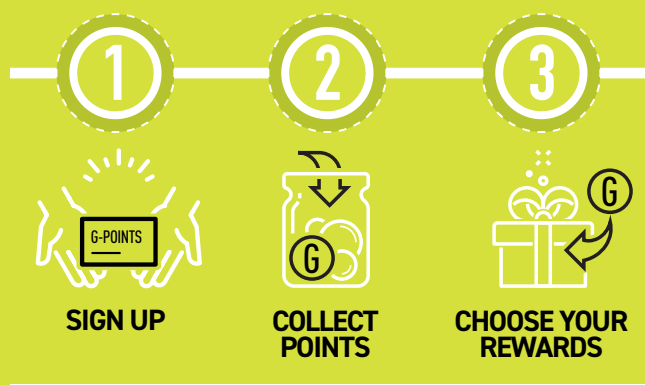
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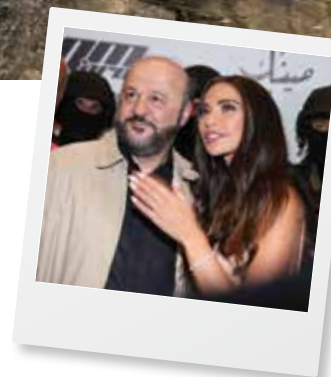
→ Special Forces helped make the premiere memorable for guests and cast members in attendance, including Dalida Khalil, Joseph Sassine, Joe Trad, Nahla Daoud, Khaled el Keesh, Jihad el Andary, Brigitte Yaghi, Saad el Kadiri, Assaad Reshdan and Ali el Zein.



Meenak Enta gets a mighty show of force

AT STAR-STUDDERED GRAND CINEMAS PREMIERE

Under the patronage of His Excellency Mr. Saad Hariri, *Meenak Enta* premiered at a star-studded event held at Grand Cinemas ABC Verdun on August 13th. Directed by Nadim Mehanna, and distributed by SR&Co, the film drew a jaw-dropping number of celebrities to the red carpet launch, which featured the entire cast. Adding an electrifying spectacle to the evening, the Special Forces of "She3bet el Ma3loumat" (who play a major role in the movie) arrived in formation to thunderous applause, surprising guests and media alike. A thrilling blend of action, romance, suspense and adventure, *Meenak Enta* released across all Lebanese cinemas on August 15th.



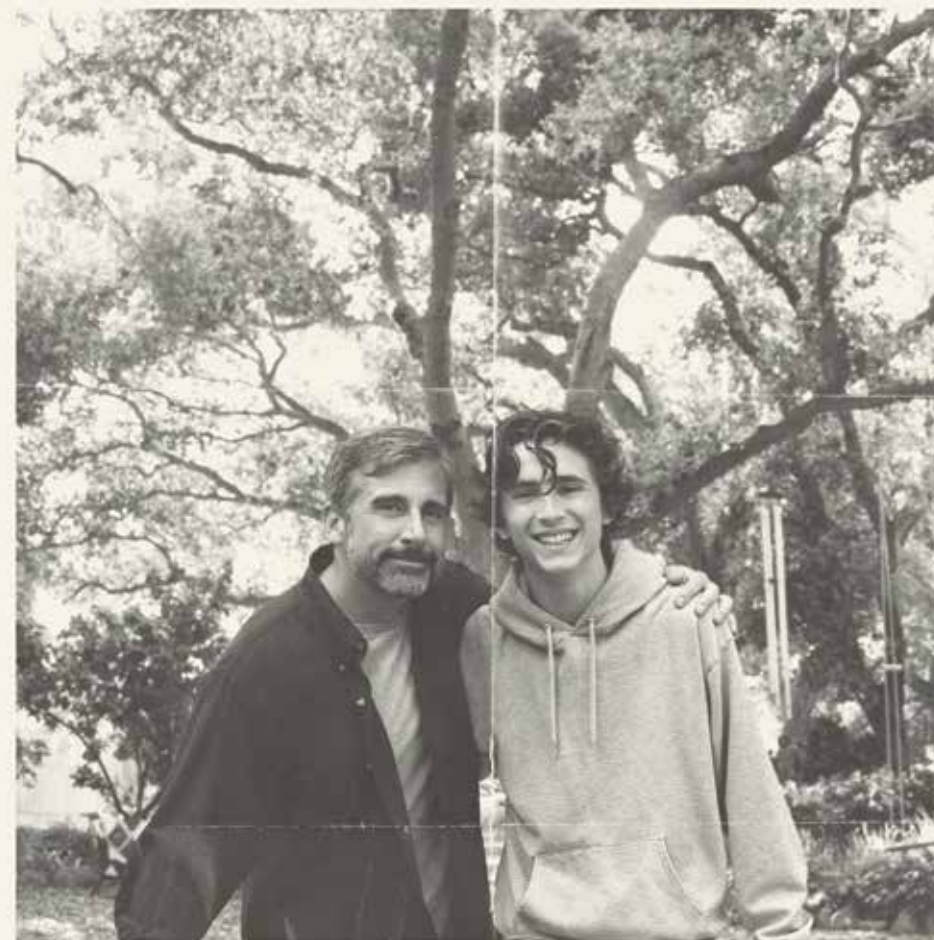
↑ Director and producer Nadim Mehanna takes questions from the press.



↑ *Meenak Enta* cast members surprise GC moviegoers across Lebanon with special Meet & Greet events.

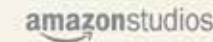
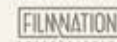


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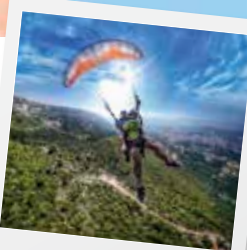
IN CINEMAS SOON

You're always a star AT GRAND CINEMAS

With the hottest season in full swing, we knew it was time to kick off the summer edition of our annual BE A STAR competition. Grand Cinemas patrons were asked to share their best pictures of fun in the Lebanese sun for their chance to win great prizes and have their snaps featured on the big screen. Want to join in? Simply choose your favourite photo, post it on Instagram, and tag the sponsors you would like to win a great gift from: @maisonduski, @intexlb, @watergateaquapark, @orchidlifestyle, @nectarmiddleeast, @anbmotorcycles and @thefield-lebanon, and include @gclebanon and #GCFamous. Go on, be a star!

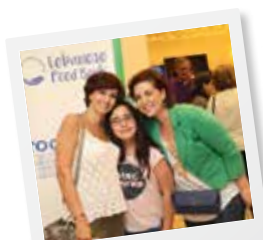


→ Just a few of the gorgeous winners to date, from @adhamfadi96, @peter_ayache, @m_kay6, @wixfitness22, @khalednemer, @grace.m.atallah and @leaelmedawar.

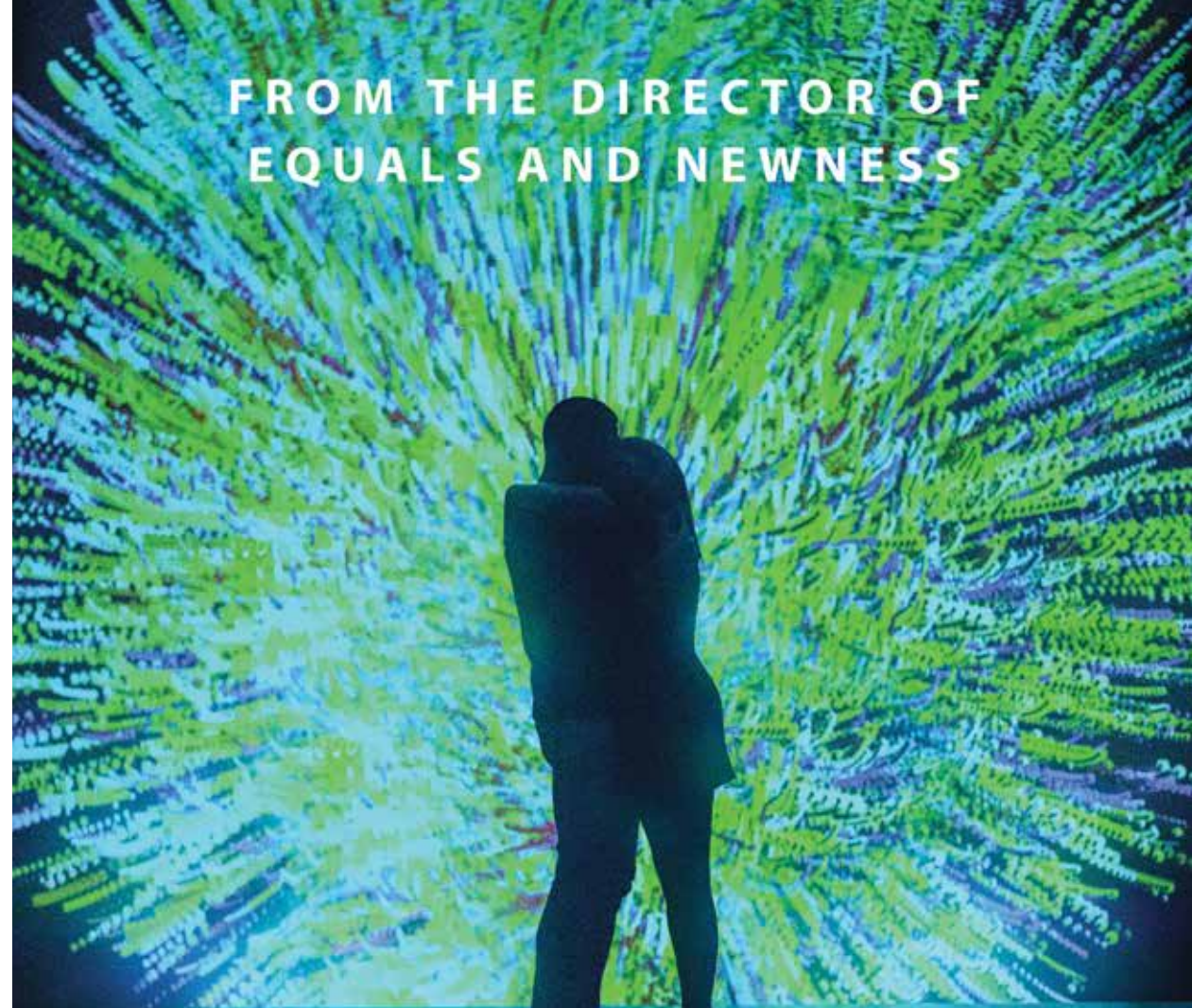


Lebanese Food Bank makes a DIFFERENCE

Over 400 charitably minded guests gathered to support the Lebanese Food Bank on July 17th at Grand Cinemas ABC Achrafieh. Bringing attention to the needs of vulnerable families, the private event highlighted the plan of action necessary to bring relief to thousands, and concluded with a screening of the heart-warming *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*.



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Ewan McGregor Léa Seydoux

Zoe
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Most wanted GC COLLECTIBLES

We round up the newest and most in-demand collectibles, available at all GC locations across ABC Dbayeh, Achrafieh and Verdun, Saidia The Spot and Las Salinas. Watch this space for more goodies to come.

↓ Your favourite Game of Thrones characters have been given the FUNKO MYSTERY MINI treatment! These 10cm-tall blind box figures are perfect for fans and collectors alike.



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JACOB IS HAVING A BAD DAY AT SCHOOL.

BOARDING
SCHOOL
IN CINEMAS SOON

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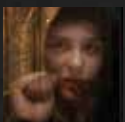
BEST OF SCHOOL HORROR

Education gets deadly in our
top five academy-set chillers



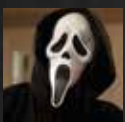
Carrie

You really want
to make fun of
me? Stephen
King rules.



Let Me In

Bullied school
boy makes a
toothy friend
and ally.



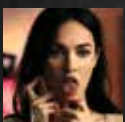
Scream

Who's that
freshman in
the freaky
mask?



The Awakening

A terrorised
soul will never,
ever rest.



Jennifer's Body

Vampire eats
cheerleaders.
You go girl!

BOARDING SCHOOL

DIRECTOR BOAZ YAKIN **CAST** SAMANTHA MATHIS, WILL PATTON, STERLING JERINS, ROBERT JOHN BURKE **GENRE** HORROR THRILLER **92 MINS** **OUT SEP 20**

When troubled 12-year-old Jacob Felsen is sent away to boarding school, he enters every kid's worst nightmare: A creepy old mansion, deserted except for six other teenage misfits and two menacing and mysterious teachers: Dr. Sherman (Will Patton) and his dominating wife (Samantha Mathis).

The nightmare takes one step closer to reality when one of the students is found dead, and Jacob

**A STYLISH
THRILLER
BRINGS A
YOUNG
BOY'S
WORST
NIGHTMARES
TO LIFE**



begins to suspect something much more sinister is going on. As events become increasingly horrific, Jacob must conquer his fears to find the strength to survive.



HELL FEST

DIRECTOR GREGORY PLOTKIN **CAST** AMY FORSYTH, REIGN EDWARDS, BEX TAYLOR-KLAUS, CHRISTIAN JAMES **GENRE** HORROR THRILLER **OUT OCT 25**

A freaky fair and a masked killer on the loose... what better way to spend the scariest day of the year? In *Hell Fest*, set on Halloween night, three young women and their respective boyfriends head to Hell Fest—a ghoulish travelling carnival that features a labyrinth of rides, games and mazes. What follows is what you'd expect to follow—in the very best ways. They soon face a bloody night of terror when a masked serial killer turns the horror theme park into his own personal playground.



**IT'S FUN GOING IN,
HELL GOING OUT, IN
THE NEW THRILLER
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF
PARANORMAL ACTIVITY:
THE GHOST DIMENSION**



JUST HOW AWESOME IS *SUSPIRIA*?

Attendees of the recent CinemaCon were treated to teaser footage from director Luca Guadagnino's remake of horror classic *Suspria*, starring Dakota Johnson, Tilda Swinton, Chloe Grace Moretz. The clip featured "a dancer being thrown around like a rag doll telekinetically," according to Slash Film. Here are a few of the crowd's reactions.

“People at my table turned away from the screen. All I can say is it's beyond extreme and gross and I need to see more.”

STEVEN WEINTRAUB, COLLIDER

“Oh sweet Jesus and sweet baby Jesus the scene they just showed us from *Suspria* was *incredible*”

SCOTT WAMPLER, BIRTH.MOVIES.DEATH.

“Luca Guadagnino's #Suspria is ***** terrifying, but I couldn't look away. Dakota Johnson = WHOA. You've never seen a movie like this.”

AVERY THOMPSON

“Luca Guadagnino presented a scene from his #Suspria remake; there's a 70s sepi tone ... and seriously some of the most disturbing body horror. They went for it and the #CinemaCon audience is gasping.”

FANDANGO



HALLOWEEN

DIRECTOR DAVID GORDON GREEN **CAST** JAMIE LEE CURTIS, JUDY GREER, ANDI MATICHAK, WILL PATTON, VIRGINIA GARDNER, NICK CASTLE, OMAR J. DORSEY **GENRE** HORROR THRILLER **OUT OCT 18**

Master of horror John Carpenter executive produces and serves as creative consultant on the highly anticipated return of the franchise, joining forces with cinema's current leading producer of horror, Jason Blum (*Get Out*, *Split*, *The Purge*, *Paranormal Activity*). Inspired by Carpenter's classic, the story carves a new path from the events in the landmark 1978 film.

ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE HORROR CLASSICS OF ALL TIME BRINGS THE ICONIC MICHAEL MYERS FULL CIRCLE

In this entry, Jamie Lee Curtis returns to her iconic role as Laurie Strode, who comes to her final confrontation with Michael Myers, the masked figure who has haunted her since she narrowly escaped his killing spree on Halloween night four decades ago.



GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

DIRECTOR ARI SANDEL **CAST** KEN JEONG, JEREMY RAY TAYLOR, MADISON ISEMAN **GENRE** HORROR THRILLER **OUT OCT 11**

Slappy is back to wreak more havoc this Halloween in a brand-new comedy adventure based on R.L. Stine's 400-million-selling series of books. In the new instalment, Jack Black's shoes are filled by the hilarious Ken Jeong (*The Hangover*).

SPOOKTACULAR CELEBRITY HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

Even stars like to dress up for Halloween. Are you stumped for ideas this hallowed season? Get some pointers from the pros.



Bruce Willis and assistant as the Grady twins from *The Shining*



Evan Rachel Wood as Magenta from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*



Emma Roberts as Vivian Ward from *Pretty Woman* (wink to her aunt Julia)



Zooeey Deschanel as Tinkerbell



Rihanna as a zombie gangster



Adam Levine and Anne V. relive Guns N' Roses music video *November Rain*



Chloe Moretz as a bewitching creature



Cindy Crawford and Rande Gerber in '70s costumes



Josh Duhammel and Fergie as Karl Lagerfeld and Choupette



Bette Midler as Marie Antoinette



Orlando Bloom and Katy Perry as Bill and Hillary Clinton



Nicole Scherzinger as Cleopatra



Gigi Hadid as Sandy from *Grease*



Roberto Cavalli as Karl Lagerfeld



Heidi Klum as Jessica Rabbit



Kim Kardashian and Jonathan Cheban as Sonny & Cher

AWARDS

BUZZ

WE LOOK AT A FEW OF THE SEASON'S MOST BUZZED-ABOUT DRAMAS AND REVEAL THE CHALLENGES THEY FACED

THE MERCY

SEP 6

THE BUZZ The Oscar-winning triad that is director James Marsh (*The Theory of Everything*), Colin Firth and Rachel Weisz make for a dynamite mix of talent and gravitas. Based on the moving true story, *The Mercy* follows Donald Crowhurst's attempt to win the first non-stop single-handed round-the-world yacht race in 1968—a dangerous solo voyage that tested a man's sanity and which has become one of the most enduring mysteries of recent times.

THE CHALLENGE Among the many challenges in recreating Crowhurst's struggles at sea were learning the sailing skills necessary to correctly portray the character, fluctuating weather and sea conditions, and maintaining visual consistency in a moving vessel. But for Firth, empathising with his character wasn't a stretch. "You are in a tiny, tiny little space—a forty-foot boat, with a cabin, which is shockingly small," he says. "So the cabin is utterly claustrophobic... When we shot the storm scenes, I never battened down there for long because of the waves, the claustrophobia and nausea, you want out of there so quickly. It was horrendous."



HOLDING ONTO SANITY

"The cabin is utterly claustrophobic and you're right between that and infinity. Solitude, the physical environment, the elements, celestial bodies, whatever books, whatever bits and pieces you get through the radio, that becomes your entire universe." — FIRTH

A STAR IS BORN

OCT 11

THE BUZZ In his directorial debut, Bradley Cooper casts Lady Gaga (née Stefani Germanotta) in her first leading role to recreate Hollywood's tragic love story of the seasoned musician—fallen from grace—who coaxes a rising star into the spotlight. Boasting stellar performances and original music, the film is certainly causing a stir.

THE CHALLENGE For Cooper, delivering a raw performance was made possible thanks to his multi-talented co-star. "All the music is original, and it's all sung and recorded live," he says. "There's no singing in playback, which was terrifying, but it's key to the movie. It makes all the difference. Stefani was adamant about that."

"She said right from the beginning: 'I'm going to make sure that you turn into a musician, because we're going to sing everything live.' And I thought, wait, what?" — COOPER



"Being alone is very different from being lonely. And I think that's the journey this guy goes through. We choose to be alone when we want to be... but this is that you have no choice." — DINKLAGE

I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW

NOV 29

THE BUZZ Sundance winner of the Special Jury Prize for Excellence in Filmmaking, director Reed Morano's gem stars *Game of Thrones* talent Peter Dinklage in the unique story of a loner who's quite content to be the last man on Earth—until a another survivor arrives (Elle Fanning).

THE CHALLENGE "In most apocalyptic stories, you're looking for other survivors, and it's devastating," says Morano, but not for this man. So how does one turn the expected on its head? It's an art, says Dinklage: "Reed is just purely an artist. Film is a visual medium and a lot of people forget that... She takes these ideas—she flips them seemingly. It's a beautiful film."

WHAT THEY HAD

OCT
11

THE BUZZ Director Elizabeth Chomko brings a very personal story to the screen, having dealt with the devastating effects of Alzheimer's Disease in her family, and she brings together a powerful cast to tell it. Two-time Oscar winner Hilary Swank (*Million Dollar Baby*), Michael Shannon, Blythe Danner and Robert Forster bring their considerable talent to the telling, and critics have taken notice.

THE CHALLENGE For many dramas, the challenge is to balance a serious subject with humour, and early reviewers have praised Chomko for her light touch. She accomplishes this feat by being true to the messiness of real life, and the comedy and complexity that comes with all family relationships. This comes into play for Hilary Swank's character, Bridget, who isn't quite as happy with her life as she lets on. "She's holding herself together," Swank told *Deadline*. "I think it's really the plight of many women, because by nature we're nurturers, and we give and we give and we give and sometimes it's to the point where it's not to our best interests."

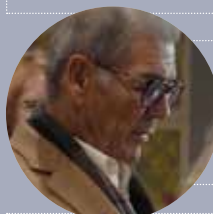
"It finds ways to bring considerable humor to a grim subject, without trivializing it. This satisfying drama provides excellent roles for a fine cast." — VARIETY

THE ART OF STORYTELLING 101

Ruth (Blythe Danner) goes for a walk in the middle of the night in the freezing cold. Panic ensues. A search party locates her as family members assemble to decide on the next steps.



Burt (Robert Forster) insists his wife is just fine, is in denial of the facts even when she doesn't recognise him, and refuses to consider any ideas about placing Ruth in a care facility.



Nick (Michael Shannon) has stayed close to his parents to care for them, but when his mother's condition deteriorates, he calls on his sister Bridget to help make their father see reason.

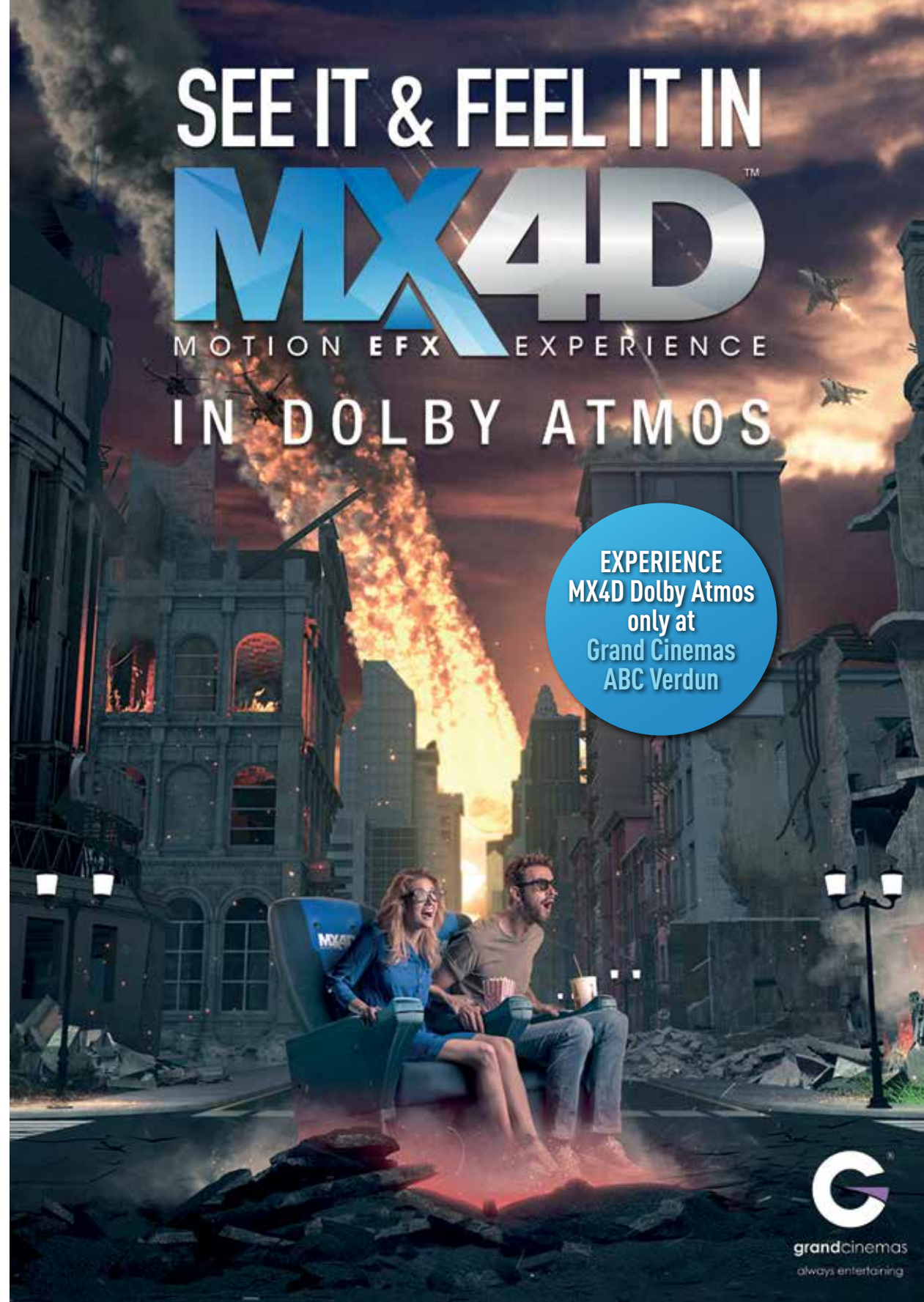


Bridget (Hilary Swank) flies in from California, ready to help in any way she can. But she has always caved to her father's wishes, and is also distracted by an unhappy marriage and continuous flare-ups with her daughter (Taissa Farmiga). Over a chaotic Christmas break, the family must battle through domestic conflicts to make the hard decisions necessary.



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BEAUTIFUL BOY

NOV 22

THE BUZZ Both pegged for renewed Oscar glory based on preview footage alone (press described the scenes as “devastating”), previous nominees Steve Carell and Timothy Chalamet star as father and son in the heartbreaking story of a family coping with addiction over many years.



THE CHALLENGE To accurately portray the harrowing effects of addiction on families, co-stars Carell and Chalamet had a wealth of knowledge at their disposal, the film having been based on the powerful memoirs of father and son David Sheff and Nic Sheff. Says Carell: “They were both stunning in the sense that — and the movie tries to depict this — there are no easy answers. It’s not presented like the cinematic version of this problem, or this relationship. It felt very true to me, and very real.”



SUFFER
FOR YOUR
ART

“Surreal. Your mind knows you’re acting, but when you drop 20 pounds and you’re under a rain machine for eight takes in a t-shirt, your body doesn’t know you’re acting. There was a lot of doctor visits on that movie, and a lot of close calls.” — CHALAMET



JAN 17

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS

Mary Stuart’s attempt to overthrow her cousin Elizabeth I is told by a fantastic pairing of the Oscar nominated Margot Robbie (*I, Tonya*) and Saoirse Ronan (*Lady Bird*,



Brooklyn, *Atonement*).

Here’s to seeing those bright talents taking home gold soon. Guy Pearce and David Tennant co-star.



NOV 22

WIDOWS

In director Steve McQueen’s first feature since his Oscar-winning *12 Years a Slave*, the brilliant Viola Davis leads the talent in the story of four widows left with the debt of their husbands’ criminal activities who take their destiny into their own hands. The powerful cast features Liam Neeson, Jacki Weaver, Colin Farrell and Robert Duvall.



JAN 10

WELCOME TO MARWEN

Another awards contender starring Steve Carell, this time from the mighty Robert Zemeckis (six-time Oscar winner *Forrest Gump*), follows a victim of a brutal attack who finds a unique therapeutic outlet to help him through his recovery process.



JAN 24

ON THE BASIS OF SEX

Oscar nominee Felicity Jones (*The Theory of Everything*) helps bring to the screen the inspiring true story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, her struggles for equal rights and what she overcame in order to become a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Armie Hammer co-stars.

Keanu Reeves BRINGS THE HEAT TO SIBERIA

American diamond merchant Lucas (Reeves) sets out to sell rare blue diamonds of questionable origin. But as the deal begins to collapse, he travels to Siberia in search of his missing partner and there he quickly falls into an obsessive relationship with Katya (Ularu), the owner of a small Siberian café. As Lucas and Katya's passion builds, so does the treacherous world of the diamond trade from which he is unable to extricate himself. Lucas desperately searches for an escape route in a world with no exit.

"We wanted to make a contemporary, adult movie that wasn't candy-coated, which you really don't see anymore," says Stephen Hamel, a producer on the film as well as Reeves's business partner. "The movie covers sex, love, death, and in particular authenticity – real love versus fake love, real diamonds versus fake diamonds."

Icon of the action genre, Reeves brings his intensity to a thriller set alight by the urges of obsessive passion

Star Cheatsheet

Age: 53
Height: 186cm
Nationality: American/
Canadian/British
(Born in Beirut)
Career span to date: 34 years
Best known for:
The Matrix, John Wick, Speed, Point Break
Awards: MTV Movie Award - The Matrix

→ When there's no other option, bring out the gasoline. Keanu Reeves must set fire to his disastrous business dealings if he is to survive.



"All the characters have a very strong personality and it's great to be working with thespians who can bring that to life."



IN CINEMAS SEPTEMBER 13 DIRECTOR MATTHEW ROSS CAST KEANU REEVES, ANA ULARU, MOLLY RINGWALD, PASHA D. LYCHNIKOFF GENRE CRIME ROMANCE THRILLER 104 MINS



3 THINGS
you may not
have known
about Keanu
(other than he was
born in Beirut)



1 He shares the spoils

Following the huge success of *The Matrix*, Keanu decided to grant a large portion of his earnings to the special effects team and costume designers on the project, who he believed deserved credit for their standout contribution. He also gifted the stunt team Harley Davidsons.



2

It's not about the money

Known as exceptionally charitable, Keanu also strives towards quality in his movies. Joining *The Devil's Advocate*, he agreed to a multi-million dollar paycut to allow for Al Pacino to be added to the cast. He later did the same in the case of Gene Hackman on *The Replacements*.



3

He rocks, too!

A talented actor, hockey player and noted philanthropist, Keanu is also a musician. The actor played bass in the bands Dogstar, active until the early 2000s, and Becky. In 1995, Dogstar opened for Bon Jovi in Australia, and played at the famed Glastonbury music festival in 1999.

Matthew McConaughey GOES IN SEARCH OF SERENITY

Baker Dill (McConaughey) is a fishing boat captain leading tours off a tranquil, tropical enclave when his ex-wife Karen (Hathaway) tracks him down with a desperate plea. She begs Dill to save her from her new, violent husband (Clarke) by taking him out to sea on a "fishing excursion". Dill is thrust back into a life he'd tried to forget, and as he struggles between right and wrong, his world is plunged into a new reality that may not be all that it seems.

"I'm always interested, on various levels, in good people doing bad things for a good reason, which is what happens in this film," says writer and director Steven Knight, whose credits include the acclaimed *Locke*, *Eastern Promises* and *Peaky Blinders*. Of his star, he says: "I think Matthew is the best there is. Dill needs to be... a sort of character that doesn't give off himself too readily, someone who's closed in, and I thought that was Matthew."

The charismatic Oscar winner walks a tight rope of suspense in a daringly original, sexy thriller from maestro Steven Knight

Star Cheatsheet

Age: 48
Height: 183cm
Nationality: American
Career span to date: 26 years
Best known for: *Interstellar*, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, *Magic Mike*, *Mud*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*
Awards: Oscar win - *Dallas Buyers Club*



IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 18 **DIRECTOR** STEVEN KNIGHT **CAST** MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY, ANNE HATHAWAY, JASON CLARKE, DJIMON HOUNSOU, DIANE LANE **GENRE** NOIR THRILLER

→ Baker's quiet life is shattered when his ex-wife asks him to help rid her of the curse of her new husband in the noir thriller.



"I have to navigate my own free will. I'm my own detective of my own life and I have to figure out what is real."

AUTHOR LOVE

What the cast had to say about Knight's enigmatic story



MCCONAUGHEY

"I remember writing to Steven 'Please don't change it. Please don't change a word.'"



HATHAWAY

"I could not believe what I was reading. The quality, not just the dialogue and plot ... was so high."



CLARKE

"He's one of the great writers... Steven Knight. You always know it's an interesting project."



LANE

"It was so fun to be part of the larger poem... You know, a fable has a moral to the end of the tale."

Tom Hardy IS THE LETHAL PROTECTOR VENOM

I don't want to upset anyone but I think he's the coolest Marvel superhero that there is," says Tom Hardy of the character he will soon inhabit. "I fell in love with the character, and it's a double act. And I'm a bit of a geek about acting. I did a film called *Legend* where I played two brothers, and I thought I could do a similar technique, but this time I get to play with a huge visual effects monster."

Venom sees Hardy paired with Michelle Williams against baddie Riz Ahmed, and helmer Ruben Fleischer is a huge fan of the actor. "There's no one more exciting to watch. There's a danger and a complexity. As a director, it was just so exhilarating to watch him have these conversations with himself all at once. Because two different beings are occupying him. The way he was able to interact with Riz in a scene but also reacting to Venom who's talking to him in his head... it was so fun to see the way he was able to create this world."



He's too cool for school. Hardy splits into two to bring one of Marvel's most complex and badass characters to the screen



Star Cheatsheet

Age: 40
Height: 175cm
Nationality: British
Career span to date: 17 years
Best known for: Mad Max: Fury Road, The Dark Knight Rises, Inception, Locke
Awards: Oscar nomination - The Revenant



IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 4 **DIRECTOR** RUBEN FLEISCHER **CAST** TOM HARDY, MICHELLE WILLIAMS, RIZ AHMED, SCOTT HAZE, REID SCOTT **GENRE** ACTION ADVENTURE SCI-FI

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Ryan Gosling IS OUT OF THIS WORLD IN FIRST MAN

On the heels of their six-time Academy Award-winning smash, *La La Land*, director Damien Chazelle and star Ryan Gosling reteam for the riveting story of NASA's mission to land a man on the moon, focusing on Neil Armstrong and the years 1961-1969. A visceral, first-person account, the movie will explore the sacrifices and the cost—on Armstrong and on the American nation—of one of the most dangerous missions in history.

Fans are looking forward to seeing Gosling step into Armstrong's shoes, and screenwriter Josh Singer reassures us it's all go, go, go. "This is 100 percent a mission movie," he says. "It's about going to the moon as seen through the eyes of the guy who got there. We have at least five major set pieces that are action, and if your heart rate doesn't go through the roof, if you're not gripping the edge of your seat the entire times, I'll be shocked."



Following up *La La Land*, Gosling and Chazelle reteam for the suspenseful story of Neil Armstrong's journey to the moon



Star Cheatsheet

Age: 37
Height: 184cm
Nationality: Canadian
Career span to date: 23 years
Best known for: *La La Land*, *Blade Runner 2049*, *The Notebook*
Awards: 2 Oscar nominations - *La La Land*, *Half Nelson*



IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 11 **DIRECTOR** DAMIEN CHAZELLE **CAST** RYAN GOSLING, CLAIRE FOY, JASON CLARKE, KYLE CHANDLER, PATRICK FUGIT, JON BERNTHAL **GENRE** SUSPENSE DRAMA



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WELCOMES MAYHEM IN BAD TIMES AT THE EL ROYALE



Known best for his Oscar-nominated script for *The Martian*, Drew Goddard previously wrote and directed well-received horror feature *The Cabin in the Woods* (also starring Chris Hemsworth) but that's not to say that the filmmaker is calling on monsters again in his new project. "There's no monsters. There's no supernatural element to this film," he says. "I wanted to do a very grounded story about humans doing terrible things to each other."

Goddard brings together a brilliant ensemble cast featuring Jeff Bridges, Jon Hamm and Dakota Johnson—and he shows us a side of Chris Hemsworth we haven't seen before. A darker side. The result is a genre-bending crime mystery where absolutely nothing is as it seems. "I've never read a script like this one," says Bridges. "And these are the kinds of movies I want to see—ones I haven't seen before."

The Thor-man shows us his darker side, joining a terrific ensemble cast for a crime mystery that defies all expectations



Star Cheatsheet

Age: 35
Height: 190cm
Nationality: Australian
Career span to date: 16 years
Best known for: Thor, The Avengers, Rush, Snow White and the Huntsman
Awards: BAFTA Rising Star nominee, People's Choice Award



IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 18 **DIRECTOR** DREW GODDARD **CAST** CHRIS HEMSWORTH, JEFF BRIDGES, CYNTHIA ERIVO, DAKOTA JOHNSON, JON HAMM **GENRE** MYSTERY THRILLER

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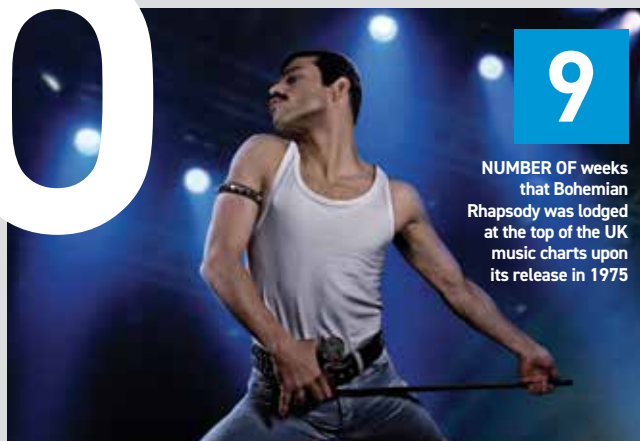
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Take a peek inside our next issue at the big hitters coming soon to a Grand Cinemas near you



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NUMBER OF weeks that *Bohemian Rhapsody* was lodged at the top of the UK music charts upon its release in 1975

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY NOV 1

WHY IT'S HOT A quick watch of the trailer tells us that Rami Malek (*Mr Robot* himself) simply sizzles as the legendary Queen frontman, Freddie Mercury. And who can resist singing along to We Will Rock You?



FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD NOV 15

WHY IT'S HOT Jude Law as Dumbledore? Zoë Kravitz as Newt's long lost love, Leta Lestrange? Johnny Depp's Grindelwald emerging as evil mastermind? The second entry can't come soon enough.

MOVIE QUOTE

"If you'd ever had the pleasure to teach him, you'd know Newt is not a great follower of orders."

DID YOU KNOW?

Richard Harmon is best known for his role as the rebellious John Murphy in the popular *The 100* series, which follows a group of survivors after an apocalyptic event destroys all of civilisation.



I STILL SEE YOU NOV 15

WHY IT'S HOT Bella Thorne, Dermot Mulroney and Richard Harmon headline the supernatural thriller based on the bestselling book *Break My Heart 1000 Times* in which an apocalyptic event kills millions, leaving the world inhabited by ghosts.

MOVIE QUOTE

"When we die we leave an echo of ourselves behind... A person can reach back and touch the living."

MARY POPPINS RETURNS DEC 27

WHY IT'S HOT Emily Blunt brings back the iconic Mary Poppins in a film featuring Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Julie Walters and Ben Whishaw, to name a few. Talk about a spoonful of sugar!

"The world is fragile right now, and people need a film like this."

EMILY BLUNT



NUMBER OF years since the release of *Mary Poppins* in 1964

54



RICHARD SAYS GOODBYE TBA

WHY IT'S HOT Johnny Depp has played some of the most interesting characters to grace the big screen. Now he brings his charm and humour to a hilarious and devastating comedy about the choices made when faced with the end.

"I'm fascinated by human behaviour, by what's underneath the surface. By the worlds inside people."

JOHNNY DEPP



MORTAL ENGINES DEC 13

WHY IT'S HOT Peter Jackson and Fran Walsh—the team behind *The Lord of the Rings*—return with a startling vision of a future where Earth's cities now roam the globe on huge wheels, battling in a struggle for resources.

MOVIE QUOTE

"Sixty minutes is all it took to bring humanity to the brink of extinction. A new age arose... the predator cities."

1957

The release year of Dr Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*



THE GRINCH NOV 8

WHY IT'S HOT Benedict Cumberbatch lends his voice to the beloved children's classic about a cynical grump who goes on a mission to steal Christmas, only to have his heart changed by a young girl's generous holiday spirit.



CREED II NOV 29

WHY IT'S HOT Backed by Kendrick Lamar's *DNA*, the gut-punch of a trailer has us all kinds of excited for the follow-up, with Michael B. Jordan and Sylvester Stallone joined by none other than Dolph Lundgren as Ivan Drago.

48

SIZE OF Jason Momoa's bicep, in centimeters



AQUAMAN DEC 20

WHY IT'S HOT Could there ever be an actor more perfect to slip into the skin of Aquaman? In the character's first standalone film, Jason Momoa is joined by a terrific cast featuring Nicole Kidman, Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe and Patrick Wilson.

MOVIE QUOTE

"I'm no leader. I came because I have no choice. I came to save my home, and the people that I love."

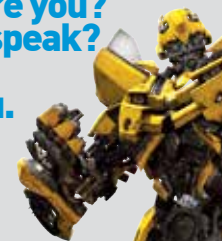


BUMBLEBEE DEC 20

WHY IT'S HOT After seeing the franchise expand to massive proportions, we get to go back to basics in the origin story of our favourite Transformer. Hailee Steinfeld stars as a teen who first discovers the VW bug we know as Bumblebee.

MOVIE QUOTE

"Who are you? Do you speak? I won't hurt you. What's your name?"



MORE FAV OUR ITES



THE GIRL IN THE SPIDER'S WEB NOV 8

Claire Foy, who turned in an incredible performance in *The Crown*, takes a stab at the enigmatic figure of Lisbeth Salander in the follow-up to *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.



GREEN BOOK NOV 29

GC favourite Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali star in the story of a bouncer who becomes the driver of an African-American pianist on a tour of the 1960s American South.



ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL DEC 20

James Cameron and Robert Rodriguez produce the futuristic tale of a woman who wakes up in the body of a cyborg shell and the doctor (Christoph Waltz) who helps uncover her past.

INTERVIEW EWAN MCGREGOR EXPLORES THE FORBIDDEN LOVE OF THE FUTURE

ZOE

in cinemas september 27 director **DRAKE DOREMUS**
cast EWAN MCGREGOR, LÉA SEYDOUX, THEO JAMES, CHRISTINA AGUILERA **genre** SCI-FI ROMANCE **104 MINS**

Zoe (Léa Seydoux) and Cole (Ewan McGregor) are close colleagues and veiled lovers at Relationist Labs, a robotics company that produces "Synthetic Companions." As their budding romance takes shape, Ash (Theo James), one of the androids they created, discovers their secret romance, becoming jealous. He tells Zoe that she and Cole are not a compatible match, and reveals a harsh truth: Zoe is not human, but a robot as well. McGregor opens up about his experience in bringing the movie to the big screen.

What was it about the script pulled you in?

EM: I was so desperate for them to be together by the time I got to the end of the script, and that was it. I was really taken with it. I loved the simplicity of it. I think there's a sort of slightly old-fashioned nature to the writing, or the storytelling, that I really, really liked, like a really classic love story.

How was your experience of working with director Drake Doremus (*Like Crazy*, *Equals*)?

I loved working with Drake. I'd always liked his movies, and very much liked working on this one. It's an exploration of what is love, and how we love, and what's love all about, and I'm always fascinated by that topic, as are many other people.

Doremus is known for his process of melding script with improvisation. How did you feel about that?

I didn't know that I would enjoy improvisations as much as I did. We had a script, and we would do versions of the

**"I WAS SO
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script, and then we would do versions where we didn't do the dialogue at all. I thought that perhaps, as an actor, a part of your brain would be so concerned about finding clever words to say that you would not be in the moment, but I found it not to be the case at all. I really liked it, and I found it very freeing.

Do you think this is an important film for our times?

It says a lot about love and it says a lot about finding your truth and finding your truth and love. It's an interesting time for this movie. It's not the only movie of its kind at the moment and that happens for a reason. ←



↑ Theo James and Christina Aguilera (above) also star alongside Ewan McGregor and Léa Seydoux (top) in the sci-fi romance that explores synthetic love.



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Le grand bain

The producers of *Les petits mouchoirs* bring together a stellar cast in a burlesque, feel-good comedy about an unlikely group of 40-something guys who find a unique way to navigate their mid-life crises

Eight years ago, actor, writer and director Gilles Lellouche began to write a script. "I wanted to examine the weariness—or perhaps the somewhat latent depression—that I sensed in people of my generation or even generally in France," he says. "In this individualist race we find ourselves trapped in, in spite of ourselves, we forget the collective, the drive, the appreciation of effort."

The result was *Le Grand Bain*, which was an official selection at the Cannes film fest. The story follows a group of 40-something guys, all on the verge of a mid-life crisis, who decide to form their local pool's first ever synchronised swimming team—for men. Braving the ridicule

of those around them, and trained by a fallen champion trying to pull herself together, the group set out on an unlikely adventure, and on the way rediscover a little self-esteem and a lot about themselves and each other.

"Given that this is a relatively male-dominated film due to its subject," says Lellouche, "I wanted to devote a good deal of time to the female characters as well. It is because of women, and for women, that my protagonists succeed."



DIRECTOR
GILLES
LELLOUCHE

team spirit

Bringing together an ensemble cast, one would assume that director Gilles Lellouche brought the actors together for team-building activities, but he did quite the opposite. "I drew inspiration from my own experience as an actor," he says. "A diverse group of actors creates a certain energy and electricity that are very stimulating. So I avoided planning dinners or even holding group read-throughs." In fact, the director was inspired by another sport. "Something that has always fascinated me are those guys who are able to travel 20km on a Sunday night to meet up and play soccer in a city stadium when they don't even know each other. There's a dedication, a team spirit."



↓ *Le Grand Bain* Middle East distributors SR&Co (parent company to Grand Cinemas) were on hand at the Cannes film festival, where the film's screening earned a 10-minute standing ovation. (L-R) Carly Ramia Habis, GC group head of marketing, Isaac Fahed, sales and distribution manager SR&Co, and associate Pamela Nabhan.



IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 25

director GILLES LELLOUCHE cast MATHIEU AMALRIC, GUILLAUME CANET, BENOÎT POELVOORDE, JEAN-HUGUES ANGLADE, VIRGINIE EFIRA genre COMEDY 122 MINS



Les dents, pipi et au lit

A party-hard bachelor in need of a roommate gets more than he bargained for when he agrees to let a beautiful woman move into his flat and his life

Antoine is a bachelor, a party animal and a lady's man who lives in a beautiful Parisian apartment. When his roommate leaves to live in Los Angeles, he finds Antoine a new roommate—"Jeanne, 1m70, blue eyes". If the description makes Antoine salivate, it's because he has no idea that the charming Jeanne does not come alone, but with her two children: 8-year-old Theo and 5-year-old Lou. Though he's far from being a daddy, Antoine will soon find himself developing a taste for the joys of family life.

IN CINEMAS OCTOBER 11

director EMMANUEL GILLIBERT cast ARNAUD DUCRET, LOUISE BOURGOIN, TIMÉO BOLLAND, SASKIA DE MELO DILLAIS, MICHAËL COHEN genre COMEDY 105 MINS

What sort of dad is Arnaud Ducket?

Cool or strict?

AD: Cool by nature, strict by necessity. I love doing things with my kid but when I say something, he should listen. I will not say it three times!

Daddy hen or absent father?

I wasn't very close with my own father. I do not want a repeat with my son... I often feel guilty when I'm not here!

What do you do if Oscar can't sleep?

First, I read him a story and then I do the version with all the sound effects. My son loves it!

If he's afraid of the dark?

I turn on a little light and at that moment he asks me to be the wolf! He loves when I scare him.

If he wants candy?

I share mine, of course! When he was younger, I had a tendency to break, but I'm more careful now. I don't want him living at the dentist's.

If he falls?

When he was very young and hardly

He said, with a very serious look, "Because I love you!"

walking, every time he fell, I would say a little firmly, "Get up!" And he stood up alone! It really has to be very bad for him to cry. He remains dignified.

If he tells you you're the best daddy in the world?

The other day, he held me tight in his arms. I asked him why he was hugging me, and he said, with a very serious look, "Because I love you!" He kills me, this kid.



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THE PREDATOR

DIRECTOR SHANE BLACK **CAST** BOYD HOLBROOK, TREVANTE RHODES, JACOB TREMBLAY, KEEGAN-MICHAEL KEY, OLIVIA MUNN, THOMAS JANE **GENRE** ACTION THRILLER **101 MINS** **OUT SEP 13**

With a 3-for-3 track record (*Kiss Kiss Bang Bang*, *Iron Man 3*, *The Nice Guys*), director Shane Black can do no wrong, so it's understandable fans can't wait to see his take on the Predator franchise.

From the outer reaches of space to the small-town streets of suburbia, the hunt comes home in an explosive reinvention of the series. Now, the universe's most lethal hunters are stronger, smarter and deadlier than ever before, having genetically upgraded themselves with DNA from other species. When a young boy accidentally triggers their return to Earth, only a ragtag crew of ex-soldiers and a disgruntled science teacher can prevent the end of the human race.



"WE JUST TRIED TO TAKE THE EXISTING MYTHOLOGY AND TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER. WHAT'S THE HEROIC QUOTIENT AND HOW DO YOU MAKE IT NOT JUST GUYS WITH TOUGH TALK AND BIG ARMS?" — SHANE BLACK

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A SIMPLE FAVOR

DIRECTOR PAUL FEIG **CAST** ANNA KENDRICK, BLAKE LIVELY, HENRY GOLDING **GENRE** THRILLER **119 MINS** **OUT SEP 13**

Stephanie, a mommy vlogger seeks to uncover the truth behind her best friend Emily's sudden disappearance from their small town. Stephanie is joined by Emily's husband Sean in this stylish thriller filled with twists and betrayals, secrets and revelations, love and loyalty, murder and revenge.



FINAL SCORE

DIRECTOR SCOTT MANN **CAST** DAVE BAUTISTA, PIERCE BROSNAN **GENRE** ACTION THRILLER **104 MINS** **OUT SEP 13**

When a group of heavily armed criminals take control of a stadium packed with 35,000 football fans, ex-soldier Michael Knox (Dave Bautista) is forced to use skills from his military background and everything at his disposal to save the spectators, including the life of a fallen comrade's daughter.



ALPHA

DIRECTOR ALBERT HUGHES **CAST** KODI SMIT-MCPHEE, JÓHANNES HAUKUR JÓHANNESSON **GENRE** ADVENTURE **96 MINS** **OUT SEP 6**

An epic adventure set in the last Ice Age tells a visually stunning story that shines a light on the origins of man's best friend. While on his first hunt with his tribe's most elite group, a young man is injured and must learn to survive alone in the wilderness. Reluctantly taming a lone wolf abandoned by its pack, the pair learn to rely on each other and become unlikely allies.



DID YOU KNOW? Kodi Smit-McPhee's breakout role came at age 11 opposite Viggo Mortensen in *The Road*.



JULIET, NAKED

DIRECTOR JESSE PERETZ **CAST** ROSE BYRNE, ETHAN HAWKE, CHRIS O'DOWD **GENRE** COMEDY **105 MINS** **OUT SEP 20**

Annie (Byrne) is stuck in a long-term relationship with Duncan (O'Dowd)—an obsessive fan of obscure rocker Tucker Crowe (Hawke). When the acoustic demo of Tucker's hit record from 25 years ago surfaces, its release leads to a life-changing encounter with the elusive rocker himself. Based on the novel by Nick Hornby, *Juliet, Naked* is a comic account of life's second chances.



DID YOU KNOW? Nick Hornby is the talented author behind such movies smashes as *High Fidelity*, *About a Boy* and *Fever Pitch*.

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POPE FRANCIS: A MAN OF HIS WORD

DIRECTOR WIM WENDERS **CAST** POPE FRANCIS, JOE BIDEN, DANIELE DE ANGELIS
GENRE DOCUMENTARY **96 MINS** **OUT SEP 13**

On March 13, 2013, the Cardinal of Buenos Aires, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, became the two hundred and sixty-sixth pontiff of the Catholic Church. *Pope Francis: A Man of His Word* is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. A rare co-production with

the Vatican, the pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions from death, social justice, immigration, ecology, wealth inequality, materialism, and the role of the family.



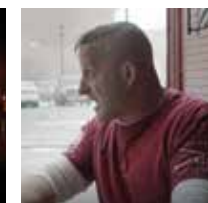
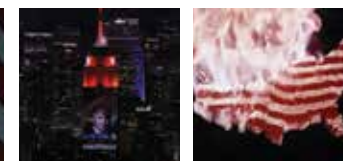
HOPE IS A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE IN THE NEW DOCUMENTARY FROM AWARD WINNING DIRECTOR WIM WENDERS



SEARCHING

DIRECTOR ANEESH CHAGANTY **CAST** JOHN CHO, DEBRA MESSING, JOSEPH LEE **GENRE** MYSTERY THRILLER **102 MINS** **OUT SEP 27**

After David Kim's 16-year-old daughter goes missing, a local investigation is opened and a detective is assigned to the case. But 37 hours later and without a single lead, David decides to search the one place no one has looked yet, where all secrets are kept today: his daughter's laptop. In a hyper-modern thriller told via the technology devices we use every day to communicate, David must trace his daughter's digital footprints before she disappears forever.



FAHRENHEIT 11/9

DIRECTOR MICHAEL MOORE **CAST** MICHAEL MOORE, DONALD J. TRUMP
GENRE DOCUMENTARY COMEDY DRAMA **120 MINS** **OUT OCT 4**

In July 2016, filmmaker Michael Moore predicted that Donald Trump would become the 45th president of the United States, to the ridicule of many. Moore's acclaimed documentaries had crowned him as a maker of parodies, bringing attention to society's injustices and failures. After all, the Palme d'Or-winning *Fahrenheit 9/11* (2004) had investigated how the Bush Administration allegedly used the tragic event to push forward its agenda for war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Now in his latest provocative exploration, the Oscar-winning documentarian (*Bowling for Columbine*) turns his attention to another significant date, examining the legacy of Trump's ascension to the US presidency on November 9, 2016. Travelling across the United States, Moore interviews citizens to get a sense of the social, economic and political impact of Trump's victory.

A PROVOCATIVE AND COMEDIC LOOK AT THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE EXPLORES THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF THE TRUMP ERA: HOW THE ** DID WE GET HERE, AND HOW THE **** DO WE GET OUT?**



ARABIC RELEASES



QALB OMMAH

OUT SEP 6

Hesham Maged, Chico, Dalal Abdelaziz and Noor Qadry star in the comedy about Chico, an injured young man who receives his mother's heart in a transplant and soon discovers a strange new maternal instinct.



NAWARET MASR

OUT SEP 20

After a long stay in Kuwait, Hamid finds himself alienated in his homeland by the drastic changes which have taken place since he left. Bayoumi Fouad, Hisham Ismail and Mohammed Tharwat star.



NIGHT SCHOOL

DIRECTOR MALCOLM D. LEE **CAST** KEVIN HART, TIFFANY HADDISH, TARAN KILLAM, ROB RIGGLE, ROMANY MALCO
GENRE COMEDY **111 MINS** **OUT SEP 27**



Star Kevin Hart and producer Will Packer, who partnered for the hit *Ride Along* and *Think Like a Man* series, bring their signature style to *Night School*. Based on a story by Hart, the comedy follows a group of misfits who are forced to attend adult classes in the longshot chance they'll pass the GED exam.



JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

DIRECTOR DAVID KERR **CAST** ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, JAKE LACY **GENRE** COMEDY **OUT SEP 20**



When a cyber-attack reveals the identity of all active undercover agents in Britain, Johnny English is the Secret Service's last hope. Called out of retirement, he dives head first into action with the mission to find the mastermind hacker. As a man with analog methods, English must overcome the challenges of modern technology to make this mission a success.



THE BOMBING

DIRECTOR XIAO FENG **CAST** YE LIU, BRUCE WILLIS, NICHOLAS TSE **GENRE** WAR ACTION DRAMA **OUT OCT 25**

Set during World War II, the film featuring Bruce Willis follows the points of view of five different characters as they fight their way through Japanese Air Force attacks to protect an important military machine in Chongqing.



10X10

DIRECTOR SUZI EWING **CAST** LUKE EVANS, KELLY REILLY, NOEL CLARKE **GENRE** THRILLER **88 MINS** **OUT OCT 11**

Lewis is a seemingly ordinary guy hiding a singular obsession – revenge. In broad daylight, he kidnaps Cathy, takes her to his remote home, and locks her in a cell with the sole intent of extracting a dark secret from her past.



THE KING OF THIEVES

DIRECTOR JAMES MARSH **CAST** MICHAEL CAINE, CHARLIE COX, MICHAEL GAMBON **GENRE** CRIME DRAMA **OUT OCT 25**

A fantastic lineup of veteran actors star in the crime drama that follows a crew of retired crooks who decide to pull off a major heist in London's jewelry district. With millions up for grabs, it's one hell of a retirement fund.



CLOSE

DIRECTOR VICKY JEWSON **CAST** NOOMI RAPACE, INDIRA VARMA, EOIN MACKEN **GENRE** ACTION THRILLER **OUT SEP 6**

Bodyguard and counter-terrorism expert Sam (Rapace) takes a job protecting Zoe (Nelisse), a rich young heiress unhappy with the arrangement. When a kidnapping attempt goes wrong, the pair are forced to work together to survive.



HUNTER KILLER

DIRECTOR DONOVAN MARSH **CAST** GERARD BUTLER, GARY OLDMAN, MICHAEL NYQVIST **GENRE** ACTION THRILLER **OUT OCT 25**

Deep under the Arctic Ocean, American submarine Captain Joe Glass (Butler) is on the hunt for a U. sub in distress when he discovers a secret Russian coup is in the offing, threatening to dismantle the world order and start WWII.



THE BOUNCER

DIRECTOR JULIEN LECLERCQ **CAST** JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME, KEVIN JANSSENS, SAMI BOUAJILA **GENRE** ACTION **OUT OCT 4**

Van Damme stars as Lukas, a club bouncer in his fifties who's taken a few punches, both literally and figuratively. As he struggles to raise his eight-year-old daughter, life throws him another curveball, bringing out the fighter again.

Mia and the White Lion

Arriving this holiday season is the epic family adventure that takes us into the African wilds and the heart of a young girl who must protect her best friend... a lion

DIRECTOR GILLES DE MAISTRE **CAST** MÉLANIE LAURENT, LANGLEY KIRKWOOD, TESSA JUBBER, DANIAH DE VILLIERS, ASHLEIGH HARVEY, RYAN MAC LENNAN **OUT DEC 27**

Mia is 10 years old when begins starts an extraordinary relationship with Thor, a white lion cub born on her parents' cat farm in South Africa. For three years, they grow up together and learn how to love one another as brother and sister. But things will soon change for Mia in this powerful tale of friendship and loyalty. When Mia turns 13 and Thor becomes a beautiful adult lion, she discovers the unbearable truth: her father has decided to sell this beautiful beast to trophy hunters. Desperate and ready to brave all the dangers out of love for her lion friend, Mia decides to flee with him to give him back his freedom.



"Rescuing lions from captive conditions will not save lions, however capturing the hearts of millions of people around the world through a story just might."
DANIAH DE VILLIERS

Mia grows up on film
CAPTURING THE KING OF THE JUNGLE AND THE CHILD



In an incredible show of masterful execution, the film was shot over the course of three years so that young star Daniah De Villiers (who plays Mia) and other cast members could truly bond and grow with the animals that appear in the story. This, added to the fact that interaction scenes with these magnificent creatures are not reliant on CGI, has created high anticipation for the movie. Scenes of engagement with the animal actors are as real and thrilling as they appear to be.



SMALLFOOT

Channing Tatum and James Corden turn the Bigfoot legend on its head

DIRECTOR KAREY KIRKPATRICK, JASON REISIG CAST SEE BELOW **OUT SEP 27**

An animated adventure for all ages, with original music and an all-star cast, *Smallfoot* turns the Bigfoot legend upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human. News of this “smallfoot” brings him fame and a chance with the girl of his dreams. It also throws the simple Yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village, in a rollicking story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery.

Who's who MEET THE CAST OF CHARACTERS



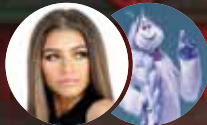
Channing Tatum
MIGO

An honest young yeti with a big heart, Migo accidentally discovers something he was told doesn't exist – and wants everyone to know about it!



James Corden
PERCY

A down-on-his-luck animal show host, Percy is stunned to discover a yeti community and sets out to create a viral video for his second shot at fame.



Zendaya
MEECHEE

The Stonekeeper's daughter is expected to follow the rules, but she can't help thinking there's more to the big world than what the yetis can see.



Common
STONEKEEPER

Guardian of the ancient stones on which the rules of the village are written, The Stonekeeper wears the stones like a massive clanking robe.



LeBron James
GWANGI

An old-school conspiracy theorist, this supersized yeti is convinced there are secrets everywhere, mysterious forces controlling their lives.



Danny DeVito
DONKLE

Migo's simple and loving father is the village gong-ringer. Every morning, he catapults himself head-first into a giant gong to awaken the sun.

ALSO SHOWING



THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS

DIRECTOR ELI ROTH CAST JACK BLACK, CATE BLANCHETT, OWEN VACCARO **OUT SEP 27**

The magical adventure tells the tale of 10-year-old Lewis who goes to live with his uncle in a creaky old house with a mysterious tick-tocking heart. But his new town's sleepy façade jolts to life with a secret world of warlocks and witches when Lewis accidentally awakens the dead.



LUIS AND THE ALIENS

OUT SEP 6 When three loveable aliens crash into his house, Luis promises to help them find the home-shopping channel stuff they came for in return for saving him from boarding school.



MONSTERS BUSTERS

OUT SEP 13 Alex decides to end his kid brother's nightmares by forming a task force to take care of imaginary monsters. It's going well until one of the monsters turns out to be real.



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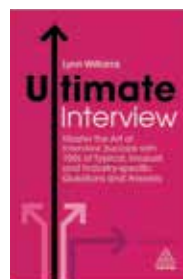
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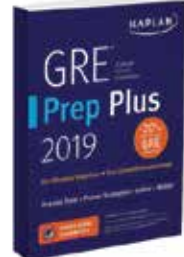
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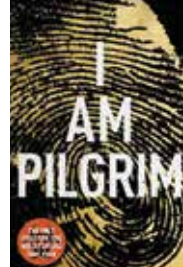
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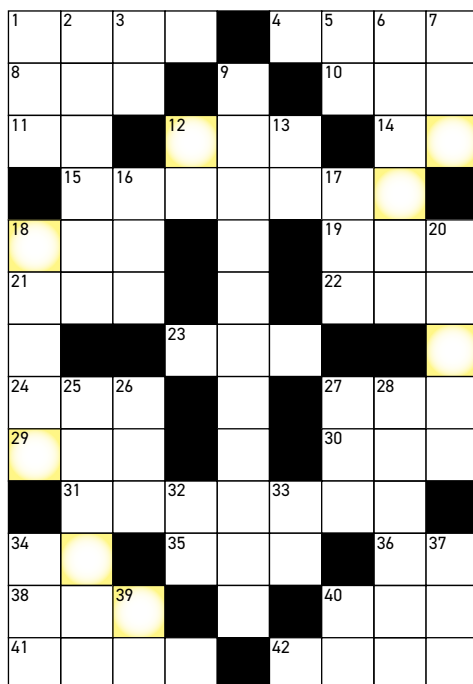
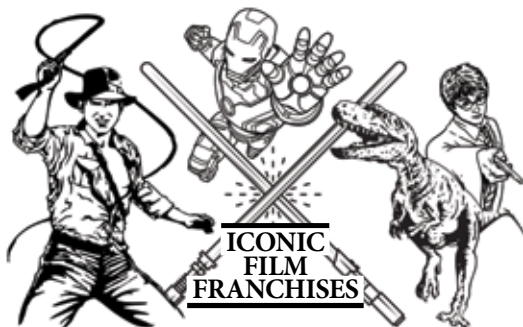
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ACROSS

- 1 Fenced area where Jurassic dinosaurs roam
- 4 This British agent likes to say his name twice.
- 8 Space beings usually arrive on this. (abbr.)
- 10 Comes after Super, Bat and Iron
- 11 HTML line break
- 12 Cool
- 14 Egyptian deity
- 15 Heroic defender of Earth
- 18 South American city of *Fast Five* fury
- 19 Matt Damon hides in this Indian state in *The Bourne Supremacy*.
- 21 According to Freud, these travel with egos and super-egos.
- 22 Harry Potter mail delivery specialist
- 23 Follower
- 24 Granddaughter of Francis Ford Coppola
- 27 Favoured drink of hobbits
- 29 Comedy show that launched Eddie Murphy
- 30 Gandalf actor, to his friends
- 31 Bruce Willis just won't back down.
- 34 Santa greeting, in short
- 35 Shiny object at the centre of *Ocean's Eight*
- 36 Stephen Strange's title
- 38 Electrical charged atom
- 40 Mr Craven, horror movie master
- 41 Follows *Star* (where things get beamed up)
- 42 Follows *Star* (where the force may be with you)



MYSTERY STAR

Line up the yellow-framed letters (starting at the top, moving left to right) to reveal the first name of an actor who's good with a whip.



DOWN

- 1 The Leaky Cauldron is one.
- 2 Quote from *The Godfather*: "Don't be ____, Carlo."
- 3 Filming location for many Dracula movies (country abbr.)
- 5 A syllable chanted during meditation
- 6 "____ escape": Film trope used in all heist movies
- 7 Building blocks of life
- 9 Inspector Clouseau's feline foe
- 12 Who Must Not Be Named
- 13 Movie rating requiring adult supervision
- 16 Spoken audio overlays
- 17 36 ACROSS has a huge one
- 18 They're "precious", according to Gollum
- 20 This movie's tagline: "In space, no one can hear you scream"
- 25 Opposite of outdoor
- 26 Legendary boxer played by Will Smith
- 27 41 and 42 ACROSS: what's missing in these environments?
- 28 Jackie Chan's favourite stunt prop
- 32 "For instance" in Latin
- 33 Morning
- 34 *Rocky* movie quote: "Nobody is gonna ____ as hard as life."
- 37 Automatic web feed
- 39 Born
- 40 The *Twilight* movies were filmed in this US state (abbr.)

SOLUTION Mystery star: HARRISON

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