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With winter comes anticipation of holidays and all the New Year brings, but there's plenty to look forward to right now on the big screen. Star Wars: The Last Jedi hits cinemas after two years of waiting for Luke Skywalker's reaction to Rey's arrival. Also eagerly awaited is the return of Gal Gadot's Wonder Woman, alongside Batman to recruit a team of super-powered allies in Justice League. Four teens become video game avatars in Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle, and the Bellas are back for one more competition, in Pitch Perfect 3.

With Christmas approaching, holiday fare is ready to deliver the laughs, like Daddy's Home 2 and A Bad Moms Christmas, and the perfect tree-topper, Sony Pictures' The Star, family-friendly animation for making spirits bright this season. Until next time!

Craig May Editor

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JUMANJI
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

The world of Jumanji awaits. But before you head into the jungle for an all-new adventure prove you're ready for the jungle traps and puzzles by completing our Jumanji trivia quiz that tests your knowledge of the 90's original and the new reboot/sequel.

1. In the original film, how long was Robin Williams' Alan Parrish stuck in Jumanji?

2. Which young actress starred as Judy Shephard?

3. What animal does Peter Shephard get turned into?

4. What is the name of the villainous big game hunter?

5. Who won Jumanji?

6. In the new film, what has the cursed board game evolved into?

7. Who stars as smouldering explorer Dr Bravestone?

8. Kevin Hart's character Franklin Finbar goes by which animal nickname?

9. Karen Gillan stars as a kickass rebel adventurer called…?

10. Is Professor Shelly Oberon a male or female avatar?





Answers... 1. 26 years 2. Kirsten Dunst 3. Monkey 4. Van Pelt 5. Alan 6. Video Game 7. Dwayne Johnson 8. Moose 9. Ruby Roundhouse 10. Male

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WHAT'S ON

THE UNMISSABLE NEW RELEASES



JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

RELEASE DATE 20 DECEMBER / Director Jake Kasdan / **Starring** Dwayne Johnson, Karen Gillan, Kevin Hart / **Genre** Action, Adventure, Comedy

Upheld by an unforgettable lead performance from the late Robin Williams, the original Jumanji, which was a well-worn VHS for every '90s kid, has been updated for a new generation.

In the brand new adventure, Jumanji: Welcome To The Jungle, the tables are turned as four teenagers in detention are sucked into the world of Jumanji - pitted against rhinos, black mambas, and an endless variety of jungle traps and puzzles. To survive, they'll play as characters from the game: meek Spencer becomes a brave explorer (Dwayne Johnson), hulky jock Fridge becomes a tiny genius (Kevin Hart), it-girl Bethany becomes a bookworm professor (Jack Black), and un-athletic Martha becomes an Amazonian warrior (Karen Gillan). To beat the game and return to the real world with their lives, they'll have to start seeing things in an entirely different way.



Film Shorts

THE SON OF BIGFOOT

RELEASE DATE 3 NOVEMBER

» **Teenage outsider Adam sets out to uncover the mystery behind his long-lost dad. He quickly discovers that his father is none other than the legendary Bigfoot, who has been hiding in the forest to protect himself and his family from a giant corporation eager to run scientific experiments on him. As father and son start making up for lost time, Adam soon finds out that he too is gifted with superpowers beyond his imagination. But little do they know, HairCo. is on their tail as Adam's traces have led them to Bigfoot.**

THE FLORIDA PROJECT

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER

» **While their parents struggle with hard times, a precocious six-year-old and her rag-tag group of friends enjoy a summer break filled with childhood wonder, possibility, and a sense of adventure.**



LAST CALL, PITCHES

PITCH PERFECT 3

RELEASE DATE 20 DECEMBER / Director Trish Sie / **Starring** Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Hailee Steinfeld / **Genre** Comedy, Music

Now graduated from college and out in the real world where it takes more than a cappella to get by, the Barden Bellas are back for the next chapter in the beloved Pitch Perfect series.

After the highs of winning the World Championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, this group of awesome nerds will come together to make some music, and some questionable decisions, one last time.

Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Hailee Steinfeld, Brittany Snow, Anna Camp, Hana Mae Lee, Ester Dean, Alexis Knapp, Chrissie Fit, Kelley Jakle, Shelley Regner, Elizabeth Banks, and John Michael Higgins all return and are joined by new additions including John Lithgow as Fat Amy's grandfather and Ruby Rose as the leader of the Bellas' rival group.



THE DISASTER ARTIST

Film Shorts

THE DISASTER ARTIST

RELEASE DATE 1 DECEMBER

» Based on Greg Sestero's bestselling tell-all about the making of Tommy Wiseau's cult-classic "disasterpiece" The Room ("The Greatest Bad Movie Ever Made"), James Franco's tragicomic true story is a hilarious and welcome reminder that there is more than one way to become a legend - and no limit to what you can achieve when you have absolutely no idea what you're doing.

NOTORIOUS

RELEASE DATE 1 NOVEMBER

» Mixed Martial Arts superstar Conor McGregor is one of the biggest sports stars alive today. Filmed over the course of four years, this is the exclusive, all-access account of Conor's meteoric rise from claiming benefits and living in his parents' spare room in Dublin to claiming multiple championship UFC belts, and seven figure pay-packets in Las Vegas.



Paddington 2

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER / Director Paul King **/ Starring** Ben Whishaw, Imelda Staunton, Hugh Grant **/ Genre** Adventure, Comedy, Family

Happily settled with the Brown family, Paddington spreads joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a pop-up book in an antique shop and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington to unmask the thief.



Ferdinand

RELEASE DATE 16 DECEMBER / Director Carlos Saldanha **/ Starring** John Cena, Kate McKinnon, David Tennant **/ Genre** Animation, Comedy, Family

Ferdinand is a giant bull with a big heart but after being mistaken for a dangerous beast, he is captured, torn from his home, and shipped to Spain. Determined to return to his family, he rallies a misfit team of barnyard animals on the ultimate adventure. From the director of Rio, Ferdinand proves you can't judge a bull by its cover.



STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI

RELEASE DATE 14 DECEMBER **/ Director** Rian Johnson **/ Starring** Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Mark Hamill **/ Genre** Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

» Picking up immediately after The Force Awakens, Star Wars: The Last Jedi continues the new heroes' fight against the evil First Order. Having met the legendary Luke Skywalker at the end of The Force Awakens, Rey begins her Jedi training in an epic adventure that unlocks age-old mysteries of the Force and shocking revelations of the past.



The Star

RELEASE DATE 24 NOVEMBER / Director Timothy Reckart **/ Starring** Steven Yeun, Gina Rodriguez, Zachary Levi **/ Genre** Animation, Comedy, Family

Bo, a small but brave donkey, finds the courage to break free from his daily grind at the village mill and finally goes on the adventure of his wildest dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a loveable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become unlikely heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas.



A Bad Moms Christmas

RELEASE DATE 1 NOVEMBER / Directors Jon Lucas, Scott Moore **/ Starring** Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn **/ Genre** Comedy

The three under-appreciated and over-burdened "bad moms" - Amy, Kiki, and Carla - are back and rebelling against the challenges and expectations of Christmas in hopes of creating a more perfect holiday for their families. And if that wasn't hard enough, this year, they're hosting their ultimate holiday foes: their own mothers, played by Christine Baranski, Cheryl Hines, and Susan Sarandon. Over a few Christmas spirits, they decide to break with tradition and redefine how to make the holidays special.



LOVE, JUST LIKE IN THE MOVIES

FILM STARS DON'T DIE IN LIVERPOOL

RELEASE DATE 17 NOVEMBER / Director Paul McGuigan **/ Starring** Annette Bening, Jamie Bell, Julie Walters **/ Genre** Biography, Romance, Drama

Based on Peter Turner's memoir, the film follows the passionate relationship between Turner and the Academy Award-winning actress Gloria Grahame.

Liverpool, 1978. What starts as a vibrant affair between a legendary femme fatale and her young lover quickly grows into a deeper relationship, with Turner being the person Gloria turns to for comfort. Their passion and lust for life are tested to the limits by events beyond their control.

Jamie Bell stars as the young actor with Annette Bening taking the role as the leading lady at the heart of several films from Hollywood's Golden Age. Julie Walters and Vanessa Redgrave co-star with Kenneth Cranham, Stephen Graha, Francez Barber, and Leanne Best rounding out a stellar British support cast.



PROFESSOR MARSTON AND THE WONDER WOMAN

Film Shorts

PROFESSOR MARSTON AND THE WONDER WOMAN

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER

» **A superhero origin tale unlike any other tells the incredible true story of what inspired Harvard psychologist Dr William Marston to create the iconic Wonder Woman character in the 1940s. While Marston's feminist superhero was criticised by censors for her "sexual perversity", he was keeping a secret that could have destroyed him; a hidden life that rivalled the greatest of superhero disguises.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER

» **Based on the bestselling book by Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter David Finkel, the gripping war drama follows a group of US soldiers who, having returned home from Iraq, struggle to fall back into family and civilian life. Despite the presence of their wives, daughters, and war comrades they've remained in contact with, they continue to be haunted by memories of a war that threatens to destroy them long after they left the battlefield.**



Molly's Game

RELEASE DATE 26 DECEMBER /
Director Aaron Sorkin **/ Starring** Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba, Kevin Costner **/ Genre** Biography, Drama

The true story of how an Olympic-class skier came to run the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker games before being arrested. At the height of her game, her players included Hollywood royalty, sports stars, business titans, and - unbeknownst to her - the Russian mob. Her only ally was her lawyer Charlie Jaffey who saw much more to Molly than the tabloids led us to believe.



Wonder

RELEASE DATE 1 DECEMBER /
Director Stephen Chbosky **/ Starring**: Jacob Tremblay, Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson **/ Genre** Drama

Based on the New York Times bestseller, Wonder tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy born with facial differences that have prevented him from attending a mainstream school, as he becomes the unlikeliest of heroes by entering the local fifth grade and uniting his family, new classmates, and the larger community in finding their acceptance.



MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

RELEASE DATE 3 NOVEMBER **/ Director** Kenneth Branagh **/ Starring** Kenneth Branagh, Johnny Depp, Judi Dench **/ Genre** Crime, Drama, Mystery

» What starts out as a lavish train ride through Europe quickly unfolds into one of the most stylish, suspenseful, and thrilling mysteries ever told. When a murder is committed and every one of the thirteen strangers stranded on the train is a suspect, one man must race against time to solve the puzzle before the murderer strikes again.



Daddy's Home 2

RELEASE DATE 22 NOVEMBER /
Director Sean Anders **/ Starring** Will Ferrel, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson **/ Genre** Comedy

Fresh from their fatherly feud, dad and stepdad, Dusty and Brad, have set aside their differences and joined forces to provide their kids with the perfect "together Christmas". But their newfound partnership is put to the test when Dusty's old-school, macho dad and Brad's ultra-affectionate and emotional dad arrive just in time to throw the holiday into complete chaos.



Brigsby Bear

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER /
Director Dave McCary **/ Starring** Kyle Mooney, Mark Hamill, Greg Kinnear **/ Genre** Comedy, Drama

Nearly everyone can recall connecting with a show so completely it feels like a magical world created just for you. But what if it actually was? Brigsby Bear Adventures is a children's TV show produced only for James, a sheltered young adult who has grown up with the fantasy series. When the show abruptly ends, James' insular world is upended and he sets out into the outside world to finish the story himself.



Ingrid Goes West

RELEASE DATE 17 NOVEMBER /
Director Matt Spicer **/ Starring** Aubrey Plaza, Elizabeth Olsen, O'Shea Jackson Jr. **/ Genre** Comedy, Drama

Following the death of her mother and a series of self-inflicted setbacks, young Ingrid Thorburn escapes a humdrum existence by moving out West to befriend her Instagram obsession, a Los Angeles socialite named Taylor Sloane. After a quick bond is forged between these unlikeliest of buddies, the facade begins to crack in both women's lives - with hilariously malicious results.



Suburbicon

RELEASE DATE 24 NOVEMBER / **Director** George Clooney **/ Starring** Matt Damon, Julianne Moore, Oscar Issac **/** **Genre** Crime, Mystery, Thriller

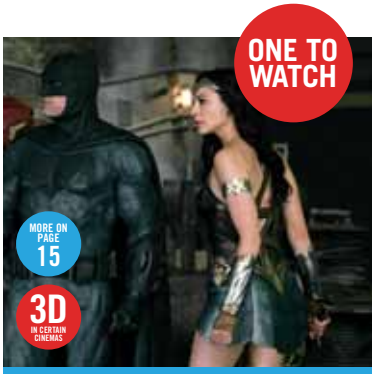
Suburbicon is a peaceful, idyllic suburban community with affordable homes and manicured lawns. It's the perfect place to raise a family, and in the summer of 1959, the Lodge family is doing just that. But the tranquil surface masks a disturbing reality, as husband and father Gardner Lodge must navigate the town's dark underbelly of betrayal, deceit, and violence.



Stronger

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER / Director David Gordon Green **/ Starring** Jake Gyllenhaal, Tatiana Maslany, Miranda Richardson **/ Genre** Biography, Drama

The inspirational true story of Jeff Bauman, an ordinary man who captured the hearts of his city and the world to become the symbol of hope following the Boston Marathon bombing. After losing both of his legs in the attack, Jeff faced a heroic journey that tested a family's bond, defined a community's pride, and gave him the courage to overcome devastating adversity.



JUSTICE LEAGUE

RELEASE DATE 17 NOVEMBER **/** **Director** Zack Snyder **/ Starring** Ben Affleck, Gal Gadot, Jason Momoa **/** **Genre** Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

» Fueled by his restored faith in humanity and inspired by Superman's selfless act, Bruce Wayne enlists the help of his newfound ally, Diana Prince, to find and recruit a team of metahumans to stand against this newly awakened threat. But despite the formation of this unprecedented league of heroes it may already be too late to save the planet.



Only The Brave

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER / **Director** Joseph Kosinski **/ Starring** Josh Brolin, Miles Teller, Jeff Bridges **/** **Genre** Biography, Drama

Based on the true story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, an Arizonan unit of firefighters risk everything to protect their town from a historic wildfire. Through hope, determination, sacrifice, and drive one of America's most elite firefighting teams bravely battled a fire that would claim the lives of nineteen of their members.



Better Watch Out

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER / **Director** Chris Peckover **/ Starring** Olive DeJonge, Levi Miller, Ed Oxenbould **/** **Genre** Comedy, Horror, Thriller

Ashley took a babysitting job in a safe neighbourhood believing she was in for an easy night, but this Christmas night the suburbs are anything but safe. When dangerous intruders break in and terrorise her and the twelve-year-old boy she's caring for she does everything she can to defend them only to discover this is no normal home invasion.



Battle Of The Sexes

RELEASE DATE 24 NOVEMBER / **Directors** Jonathan Dayton, Valerie Faris **/ Starring** Emma Stone, Steve Carell, Andrea Riseborough **/** **Genre** Biography, Comedy, Sport

In the wake of the sexual revolution, women's World #1 Billie Jean King and ex-men's champ Bobby Riggs agree to a tennis match. Billed as the Battle Of The Sexes, they served up a cultural spectacle that resonated far beyond the tennis court, sparking discussions in bedrooms and boardrooms that continue to reverberate today.



THE KILLING OF A SACRED DEER



THE DINNER

ONSCREEN ON INDIE

We take a look at the best independent, documentary, and world cinema hitting the screens in November/December.

The Killing Of A Sacred Deer

RELEASE DATE 3 NOVEMBER / Director Yorgos Lanthimos **/ Starring** Colin Farrell, Barry Keoghan, Nicole Kidman **/ Genre** Horror, Mystery, Thriller **/ Countries** Ireland, UK

A renowned surgeon's spotless household and exemplary family life begin to fall apart around him when the behaviour of a teenage boy he has covertly taken under his wing turns sinister and leaves him facing an unthinkable sacrifice.

Blade Of The Immortal

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER / Director Takashi Miike **/ Starring** Takuya Kimura, Hana Sugisaki, Sôta Fukushi **/ Genre** Action, Drama **/ Countries** Japan, UK

A highly skilled samurai is cursed with immortality and haunted by the brutal murder of his sister. Believing that fighting evil is the only way to regain his soul, he promises to help a young girl named Rin avenge her parents, who were killed by a group of master swordsmen led by ruthless warrior Anotsu.

The Dinner

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER / Director Oren Moverman **/ Starring** Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Steve Coogan **/ Genre** Drama, Thriller **/ Country** USA

When a popular congressman running for governor, invites his troubled younger brother and his wife to join him and his wife for dinner at one of the town's most fashionable restaurants, the stage is set for a tense night. While the brothers have been estranged since childhood, their 16-year-old sons are friends and have committed a horrible crime.

Human Flow

RELEASE DATE 8 DECEMBER / Director Ai Weiwei **/ Starring** Israa Abboud, Hiba Abed, Rami Abu Sondos **/ Genre** Documentary **/ Country** Germany

Filmed over the span of a year by twenty-five film crews in twenty-two countries, Ai Weiwei artfully captures the massive and shocking breadth of the global migration crisis in this epic film, which portrays the plight of today's 65 million forcibly displaced individuals - the highest number ever - forced out of their homes by war, famine, and climate change on long, treacherous journeys in search of new lives.



ONE TO WATCH

The Man Who Invented Christmas

RELEASE DATE 1 DECEMBER / Director Bharat Nalluri **/ Starring** Dan Stevens, Christopher Plummer, Jonathan Pryce **/ Genre** Biography, Comedy, Drama **/ Countries** Ireland, Canada

» In 1843, Charles Dickens was struggling financially and when his publishers passed on his vision of a story that would fire the hearts of humanity, he declared he would publish A Christmas Carol himself. The Man Who Invented Christmas takes us on a family fun adventure about the genius behind the most iconic Christmas story ever written.



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UNITED THEY STAND

DC's fast-tracked cinematic universe comes to a head in a battle to fight injustice, whether its heroes are ready to or not.

WORDS **AARON POTTER**

RELEASE DATE 17 NOVEMBER / Director Zack Snyder **/ Starring** Ben Affleck, Gal Gadot, Jason Momoa **/ Genre** Action, Sci-Fi

It's fair to say that for Warner Bros. and DC Comics, the road to building a superhero universe has been quite a rocky one.

While 2013's Man of Steel staved off the Superman Returns-naysayers, the gloom-and-doom seriousness of Batman V Superman and Suicide Squad simply didn't connect with audiences critically, leaving a lot to be desired in terms of creating a world full of heroes we could rally behind.

With self-confessed comic book nerd Joss Whedon recently taking over the directorial reigns, the responsibility now falls to Justice League to get this cinematic venture back on track and give fans an unlikely team that can kick ass in the effort to fight injustice.

Bringing our heroes together is the oncoming threat of Steppenwolf, a Justice League villain from way back who very much looks set to be a more formidable foe this time round.

Complete with otherworldly abilities and an army of Parademons at his disposal, Steppenwolf will have to face off against Batman, Wonder Woman, Cyborg, Flash, and Aquaman, but the Justice League will need to overcome their differences to succeed, however stacked the odds might be.

A League of Their Own

BATMAN
The Dark Knight needs no introduction, heading up the crew using his calm and calculated approach to save Gotham City and use any bat-centric gadget he can lay hands on.

WONDER WOMAN
The daughter of Zeus, armour-clad Amazonian princess Wonder Woman hails from the hidden island of Themyscira, symbolising strength and honesty.

CYBORG
Half-man/half-machine Cyborg is a tortured DC hero who's no stranger to teamwork. A valued member of the Teen Titans.

FLASH
Infinitely fast and fun-loving, the Flash just might be the Justice League's most powerful hero. He can turn back time, after all.

AQUAMAN
Yes, he talks to fish and surfs in his spare time, but Aquaman will go to any length to protect his home city of Atlantis.



JUSTICE LEAGUE

FEATURE

Paddington's exploits have taken him around the world, but he'll face his greatest challenge in his new home. Adventure, mystery, and a unique cast of characters await.

WORDS **BRODY ROSSITER**

THE BEAR IS BACK IN TOWN



PADDINGTON 2

RELEASE DATE 10 NOVEMBER /
Director Paul King **/ Starring** Ben Whishaw, Imelda Staunton, Hugh Grant **/ Genre** Adventure, Comedy, Family

Paddington is back! Following his triumphant return to screens, the beloved bear has once again decided to button up, don his hat and wellingtons, and pack some marmalade sandwiches for his next adventure.

After dodging the evil intentions of Millicent Clyde and remaining unstuffed, the rare Peruvian bear has settled down with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens. Taken in by the local community, Paddington has become something of a local celebrity, much to the chagrin of former local celebrity, Phoenix Buchanan (Hugh Grant). Following his fall from grace, the leading man's vanity and fondness for the finer things in life has resulted in him becoming a struggling artist. However, a dark secret may well help the master of disguise discover a new fortune. What lengths will he go to as a means of sustaining his decadent lifestyle?

After stumbling across a beautifully illustrated pop-up book in Mr Gruber's antique shop, Paddington decides the dusty guide to London would be the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday. He sets about raising the funds by completing a series of odd jobs for his neighbours… with hilarious consequences. Unfortunately, before Paddington has time to save up the pennies and pounds to purchase the pressie, a thief smashes the shop's window and steals it before Paddington's very eyes.

It's up to Paddington and the Browns to track down and unmask the thief. Nevertheless, they'll have to solve a series of mysteries, and prepare themselves for a thrilling and action-packed adventure to have any hope of returning the book to its rightful owner.

Once again, the film's cast is a veritable who's who of acting royalty. Ben Whishaw returns as the voice of Paddington, while an ensemble of famous faces including Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, and Peter Capaldi make up a stellar supporting cast.

Despite having the help of his newfound family, a series of unfortunate events and mischievous deeds lead Paddington to find himself behind bars after being falsely accused. Luckily, a newfound ally is on hand to help Paddington clear his name and get back on the hunt for the book. Brendan Gleeson pops up as "Knuckles" McGinty, an infamous safecracker and legendary strong man. After an awkward introduction, the intimidating criminal warms to Paddington and becomes pivotal in the young bear's quest to catch a thief.

Paddington's debut cinematic outing back in 2014 was widely received as one of the year's most charming big screen releases. The film not only banked millions at the box office, but also captivated countless cinemagoers around the world. Producer David Heyman (Harry Potter) and director and co-screenwriter Paul King have returned, while comedian Simon Farnaby (The Mighty Boosh, Horrible Histories) has also joined the writing team. Expect a typically wacky yet joyous cinematic celebration of Michael Bond's original novels.

Last time a little bear made a big splash, this time he'll scale new heights of adventure. Balancing family-friendly entertainment with brilliantly animated performances and an enchanting story, Paddington 2 picks up where its precursor left off and promises to once again find a very special place in the hearts of audiences far and wide.



Bear Essentials

Paddington's creator and Blue Peter cameraman Michael Bond was inspired to bring the cheeky character to life after buying a shabby teddy bear on Christmas Eve, 1956. Two years later, the beloved bear made his first appearance in print in the book, A Bear Called Paddington. Paddington's real name is "Pastuso" but he was named after the famous train station when the Brown family struggled to understand his Peruvian title. His coat was a gift from the Brown's upon arriving in London, and his trusty wellington boots were originally given to him as a Christmas gift back in 1964. Paddington even has his own bronze statue in the station that shares his name, a welcome greeting to those arriving in the capital, just like he did all those years ago.

FEATURE

Feliz NaviDad

When disruptive dads invade their perfect "together Christmas", Brad and Dusty's bromance reaches breaking point in a festive sequel that reignites the fatherly feud.

WORDS **LEE CURTIS**

RELEASE DATE 22 NOVEMBER /
Director Sean Anders **/ Starring** Will Ferrel, Mark Wahlberg, Mel Gibson **/ Genre** Comedy

After the success of The Other Guys, Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg reunited for Daddy's Home, a comedy that broke up the buddy cop bromance and pitted Ferrell's embarrassing, sensitive stepdad against Wahlberg's cool, alpha male biological dad. In their contest for the kids' affection, Brad and Dusty's one-upmanship escalated beyond control but eventually concluded with the duelling dads setting aside their differences.

And that's where the sequel finds them, as cohesive co-dads working together to celebrate Christmas like a "normal" family. But their plans for a perfect together Christmas go awry when their own fathers arrive for the holidays.

Like father, like son isn't the half of it. Dusty's ultra-strict dad and Brad's ultra-affectionate daddy are complete opposites and get along as well as their sons did. As the fatherly feud extends to a new generation, it isn't long before the new best friends turn on each other once again.

But that's not all. After his surprise cameo at the first film's end, John Cena returns as one of the kids' even more macho stepdads for the ultimate paternity contest that will determine the daddy of them all.


DADDY'S HOME 2



Christmas Fathers: The Best Dads in Christmas Movies

SCOTT CALVIN - THE SANTA CLAUSE
After accidentally killing Santa, a divorced ad exec fills the red suit and black boots to become the new Father Christmas.

CLARK GRISWOLD - NATIONAL LAMPOON'S HOLIDAY VACATION
Despite chaos at every turn, this hapless patriarch never gives up trying to give his family the Christmas they deserve.

JOHN MCCLANE - DIE HARD
A hostile terrorist takeover proves there isn't anything that will stop this dad getting home in time for Christmas.

GEORGE BAILEY - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
The kind, caring family man is a hero for a lifetime of selfless sacrifices he's made for his family, his town, and the wonderful old Building & Loan.

When a murder takes place onboard a train crossing Europe, only detective Hercule Poirot can solve the mystery and reveal which suspect is responsible in time.

WORDS **AARON POTTER**

EVERYONE'S A SUSPECT

RELEASE DATE 3 NOVEMBER / Director Kenneth Branagh **/ Starring** Kenneth Branagh, Johnny Depp, Judi Dench **/ Genre** Crime, Drama, Mystery

Returning to the director's chair after capturing audiences with 2015's Cinderella, Kenneth Branagh now simultaneously steps into the role of beloved detective Hercule Poirot in this fourth adaptation of Agatha Christie's classic 1943 mystery novel, Murder On The Orient Express.

Featuring a star-studded cast that includes the likes of Johnny Depp, Dame Judy Dench, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Daisy Ridley, to name a few, Branagh's adaptation hopes to breathe new life into the story we're familiar with, this time in a manner we aren't.

Christie's novel, inspired by her journeys to and from Istanbul and Paris, sets this whodunit on a lavish train ride through Europe. On board, a killer hides amongst thirteen seemingly unrelated high-profile passengers, quickly turning the journey into a macabre race against time.

Both Branagh and 20th Century Fox have already expressed their eagerness to make more big-budget Poirot film adaptations, and there's an abundance of Christie mysteries still ripe for the Hollywood treatment. Here's hoping that this lauded murder mystery that follows a lethal stabbing and Poirot's investigation to solve it sets audience pulses racing when it releases this November.

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS



The Unusual Suspects



RATCHETT
(Johnny Depp)
The unfortunate victim of the crime at hand, Ratchett is the man that sets the story in motion and starts Hercule Poirot sleuthing.

PRINCESS DRAGOMIROFF
(Judi Dench)
An elderly Russian princess described in the book as being "ugly as sin", could Princess Dragomiroff be called into question despite her frailty?





MARY DEBENHAM
(Daisy Ridley)
Young, calm, and collected, Daisy Ridley's Mary Debenham was a governess by trade, but exactly how loyal was she to the highly-respected Armstrong household?

HECTOR MACQUEEN
(Josh Gad)
Mr Ratchett's secretary who has long taken issue with his rambunctious employer's activities, is it possible that this grudge could have escalated into something further?



FEATURE

THE FORCE IS STRONG WITH THIS ONE



STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI

Rey seeks training from the last of the Jedi, but after decades alone, can Luke Skywalker save the rebellion before the First Order strikes back?

WORDS **CHRIS WASEY**

RELEASE DATE 14 DECEMBER /
Director Rian Johnson / **Starring** Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Mark Hamill / **Genre** Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

Starkiller base destroyed. Kylo Ren near fatally injured. For the first time, the Rebellion was on the offensive.

Now, the First Order strikes back…

At the end of The Force Awakens, Rey arrived on a distant planet to find the old Jedi, Luke Skywalker. Now, Skywalker - his failure with Kylo Ren a constant memory - is reluctantly drawn into training this new apprentice when learning of Han Solo's fate.

But the First Order has regrouped. General Hux and Kylo Ren scour the galaxy for the Rebellion, while the mysterious Supreme Leader Snoke prepares to leave the shadows and unleash his full power.

With JJ Abrams, then Gareth Edwards, Disney chose directors who were both commercially successful and popular with discerning fans. Now duties fall to Rian Johnson, known for indie-breakout hit, Brick (2005), and the dystopian sci-fi drama, Looper. (2012).

With the sad passing of Carrie Fisher in late 2016, the Star Wars franchise lost one of its founding pillars, and with all her scenes for The Last Jedi filmed, Disney confirmed they won't digitally recreate her in future instalments - making this the last we'll see of General Leia Organa. May the Force be with her.

The Galaxy Far, Far Away

UNTITLED HAN SOLO MOVIE
(2018)
Alden Ehrenreich plays the smuggler is his youth, as he deals with Jabba the Hutt and first meets Chewbacca. Support from Woody Harrelson, Emelia Clarke, and Donald Glover (as Lando Calrissian).

STAR WARS: EPISODE IX
(2019)
Very little is known about the last of the sequel trilogy. As JJ Abrams returns to the director's chair, expect the stories of the old guard to come to an end.

Rumoured….

BOBA FETT MOVIE
(2020 - TBC)
Still in pre-production limbo, the project has yet to receive the full green light.

OBI-WAN KENOBI MOVIE
(2022 - TBC)
Still just a rumour, but this would always be a fan favourite. Ewan McGregor has said he'd be keen to return to the role.



COMING SOON

FORTHCOMING FILMS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT



COCO

RELEASE DATE 19 JANUARY / Directors Lee Unkrich, Adrian Molina **/ Starring** Anthony Gonzalez, Benjamin Bratt, Gael García Bernal **/ Genre** Animation, Comedy, Musical

Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel (voice of newcomer Anthony Gonzalez) dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz (voice of Benjamin Bratt). Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colourful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector (voice of Gael García Bernal), and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history, before he gets trapped in the afterlife.

Alongside Toy Story 3 director Lee Unkrich, longtime Pixar artist Adrian Molina makes his directorial debut with Coco, an animated, entirely Latino voice cast musical that promises to bring Mexico's Day of the Dead to life with excellent authenticity as well as the studio's signature visually striking and emotionally affecting originality.



Early Man

RELEASE DATE 26 JANUARY / Director Nick Park **/ Starring** Eddie Redmayne, Tom Hiddleston, Maisie Williams **/ Genre** Animation, Adventure, Comedy

Set at the dawn of time, when prehistoric creatures roamed the Earth, Aardman's new animated comedy takes audiences to an exciting world and unleashes an unforgettable story of a courageous caveman hero Dug (Eddie Redmayne) and his best friend Hognob who unite his Stone Age tribe against a mighty enemy, Lord Nooth (Tom Hiddleston) and his Bronze Age City, to save their home.



MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE


INSIDIOUS: THE LAST KEY

Maze Runner: The Death Cure

RELEASE DATE 26 JANUARY / Director Wes Ball **/ Starring** Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Aidan Gillen **/ Genre** Action, Sci-Fi, Thriller

In the epic finale to the Maze Runner saga, Thomas leads the escaped Gladers on their final and most dangerous mission yet. To save their friends, they must break into the legendary Last City, a WCKD-controlled labyrinth that may turn out to be the deadliest maze of all. Anyone who makes it out alive will get answers to the questions the Gladers have been asking since they first arrived in the maze.

Insidious: The Last Key

RELEASE DATE 12 JANUARY / Director Adam Robitel **/ Starring** Lin Shaye, Ava Kolker, Hana Hayes **/ Genre** Horror, Mystery, Thriller

The creative minds behind the hit Insidious trilogy return for the terrifying fourth chapter that, like its predecessor, travels back before the events of the first movie and follows brilliant parapsychologist Dr Elise Rainier as she faces her most fearsome and personal haunting yet, in her own family home.

Downsizing

RELEASE DATE 19 JANUARY / Director Alexander Payne **/ Starring** Matt Damon, Kristen Wiig, Christoph Waltz **/ Genre** Comedy, Drama, Sci-Fi

In a world where Norwegian scientists have solved over-population by shrinking humans to five inches tall, everyman Paul Safranek and his wife Audrey are seduced by the promise of a better life and decide to abandon their stressed existence in order to get small and move to a new downsized community, a choice that triggers life-changing adventures.

Fifty Shades Freed

RELEASE DATE 9 FEBRUARY / Director James Foley **/ Starring** Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Eric Johnson **/ Genre** Drama, Romance, Thriller

Expanding upon events set in motion by the previous blockbuster films, the third chapter based on the worldwide bestselling Fifty Shades phenomenon sees the newly wed Mr and Mrs Grey returning to Seattle to resume their relationship. However, their married life is soon threatened by Ana's vengeful former boss Jack Hyde along with more demons from Christian's past.


LONG LIVE THE KING

ONE TO WATCH

Black Panther

RELEASE DATE 16 FEBRUARY / Director Ryan Coogler **/ Starring** Chadwick Boseman, Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nuong'o **/ Genre:** Action, Drama, Sci-Fi

» After the events of Captain America: Civil War, T'Challa returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to take his place as King. However, when an old enemy reappears on the radar, T'Challa's mettle as King and Black Panther is tested when he is drawn into a conflict that puts the entire fate of Wakanda and the world at risk.


THE GREATEST SHOWMAN


THE COMMUTER

The Greatest Showman

RELEASE DATE 1 JANUARY / Director Michael Gracey / **Starring** Hugh Jackman, Rebecca Ferguson, Zac Efron / **Genre** Biography, Drama, Musical

A bold and original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life. Inspired by the ambition and imagination of P.T. Barnum, The Greatest Showman tells the story of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a mesmerising spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

Darkest Hour

RELEASE DATE 12 JANUARY / Director Joe Wright / **Starring** Gary Oldman, Lily James, Ben Mendelsohn / **Genre** Biography, Drama, War

Within days of becoming Prime Minister, Winston Churchill faces one of his most turbulent and defining trials. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe, and with an unprepared public, a sceptical King, and his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, and attempt to change the course of world history.

The Commuter

RELEASE DATE 19 JANUARY / Director Jaume Collet-Serra / **Starring** Liam Neeson, Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson / **Genre** Crime, Mystery, Thriller

After being contacted by a stranger, an insurance salesman is forced to uncover the identity of a hidden passenger on his train. As he works against the clock to solve the puzzle, he realises a deadly plan is unfolding and is unwittingly caught up in a criminal conspiracy that carries life and death stakes, for himself and his fellow passengers.

The Current War

RELEASE DATE 5 JANUARY / Director Alfonso Gomez-Rejon / **Starring** Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Shannon, Nicholas Hoult / **Genre** Biography, Drama, History

Thomas Edison dazzles the world by lighting Manhattan but George Westinghouse has seen fatal flaws in his direct current design. Igniting a war of currents, Westinghouse and Nikola Tesla bet everything on risky and dangerous alternating current as the greatest inventors of the industrial age compete to power the new century.


ANNIHILATION

Film Shorts

ANNIHILATION

RELEASE DATE 23 FEBRUARY

» In Alex Garland's sci-fi thriller, Natalie Portman, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Gina Rodriguez, and Tessa Thompson star as a group of female scientists who head out on an exploratory expedition into "Area X", an environmental disaster zone that's claimed the lives of nearly all who've entered it, to investigate the disappearance of one of their husbands.

FATHER FIGURES

RELEASE DATE 16 FEBRUARY

» Owen Wilson and Ed Helms star as Kyle and Peter Reynolds, brothers whose eccentric mother raised them to believe their father had died when they were young. When they discover this to be a lie, they set out together to find their real father, and end up learning more about their mother than they probably ever wanted to know.



ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD



THREE BILLBOARDS OUTSIDE EBBING, MISSOURI

All The Money In The World

RELEASE 5 JANUARY / Director Ridley Scott **/ Starring** Michelle Williams, Mark Wahlberg, Kevin Spacey **/ Genre** Crime, Mystery, Thriller

When sixteen-year-old John Paul Getty III is kidnapped, his devoted mother Gail pleads with his billionaire grandfather to pay the ransom. Despite Gail's attempts, Getty Sr refuses and her son's captors become increasingly volatile and brutal. With her son's life in the balance, Gail and Getty's advisor become unlikely allies in the race against time.

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

RELEASE DATE 12 JANUARY / Director Martin McDonagh **/ Starring** Frances McDormand, Woody Harrelson, Sam Rockwell **/ Genre** Comedy, Crime, Drama

After months have passed without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes paints three signs leading into her town with a controversial message directed at the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command Officer Dixon, an immature mother's boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing's law enforcement is only exacerbated.

Finding Your Feet

RELEASE DATE 23 FEBRUARY / Director Richard Loncraine **/ Starring** Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall **/ Genre** Comedy, Drama, Romance

When "Lady" Sandra Abbott discovers that her husband of forty years is having an affair, she seeks refuge with her estranged, bohemian sister Bif. Sandra couldn't be more different to her free-spirited sibling but it turns out different is just what Sandra needs and after reluctantly joining her community dance class she gradually starts finding her feet... and romance.



THE SHAPE OF WATER

Film Shorts

THE SHAPE OF WATER

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY

» In the hidden high-security government laboratory where she works, lonely Elisa is trapped in a life of silence and isolation but her life is changed forever when she and co-worker Zelda discover a secret classified experiment.

ON CHESIL BEACH

RELEASE DATE 19 JANUARY

» Set in England in 1962, On Chesil Beach is a touching tale of two young lovers Edward and Florence and how their unexpressed misunderstandings and fears shape the rest of their lives.

TAD THE LOST EXPLORER AND THE SECRET OF KING MIDAS

RELEASE DATE 9 FEBRUARY

» When his companion Sara is kidnapped by an evil businessman who intends on unearthing the source of King Midas' golden touch, Tad and his faithful companions spring back into action and embark on a globe-hopping adventure to save Sara and prevent the villain from taking power.

SIZE MATTERS

What lengths would you go to for a better life? Matt Damon gets small for a Black Mirror-like sci-fi comedy that's bursting with big ideas.

WORDS **LEE CURTIS**

RELEASE DATE 19 JANUARY /
Director Alexander Payne **/ Starring** Matt Damon, Kristen Wiig, Christoph Waltz **/ Genre** Comedy, Drama, Sci-Fi

As the only practical solution to Earth's overpopulation, climate change, and environmental crises, Norwegian scientists have pioneered a permanent and irreversible procedure that shrinks people to 0.364% of their original mass and volume.

But Downsizing isn't just about saving the world. In self-sustaining American communities like Leisureland, your money goes a lot further. Every $1 is worth at least 240 times more, so not only are you helping preserve the planet, getting small will let you live large.

And it's those irresistible perks that tempt ordinary husband and wife Paul and Audrey Safranek to escape from their mounting mortgage payments and agree to downsize to a new life in Leisureland. But little do they know their decision will send them on an unexpected adventure of surprise and self-discovery.

It's only a small world, but Downsizing is far greater in scope than anything Sideways and The Descendants director Alexander Payne has done before, and his ambition is matched by big names and even bigger ideas. Christoph Waltz, Hong Chau, Jason Sudeikis, and Neil Patrick Harris join Matt Damon and Kristen Wiig for a comical, high-concept, and wholly original satirical sci-fi.



DOWNSIZING

Mirror Image

In dreaming up the absurd sci-fi concept for Downsizing, Alexander Payne and his now five-time writing collaborator Jim Taylor took inspiration from Black Mirror, so here are our three favourite Black Mirror episodes:

3. THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF YOU
A man's life disintegrates around him when a memory implant that records everything a person sees, hears, and does suggests his wife is having an affair.

2. WHITE CHRISTMAS
Rafe Spall and Jon Hamm star as two strangers sharing creepy tales during a Christmas meal together in a mysterious and remote snowy outpost.

1. SAN JUNIPERO
A shy young woman and an outgoing party girl fall in love at a Californian beach resort and strike up a powerful bond that transcends space and time.



SAN JUNIPERO

COMPETITION

GREAT PRIZES

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Win



Grab the Goodies!!

Agatha Christie's beloved murder mystery is arriving on the big screen this November.

When one of the thirteen passengers is murdered during a lavish train ride on the glamorous Orient Express, famed detective Hercule Poirot, who just so happens to be onboard, begins his investigation.

With the train stranded on a mountain pass by a heavy blizzard, Poirot attempts to identify the murderer and bring them to justice, before the killer strikes again. But as he conducts interviews with the eccentric passengers he discovers that they all seem to be hiding something. As the snowstorm intensifies, clues appear to be everywhere and everyone aboard is a suspect.





To celebrate the release, on Friday 3rd November, we have teamed up with 20th Century Fox to give 1 lucky reader the chance to win some goodies. Simply answer the question below:

Q Which actor is starring as the legendary moustachioed detective Hercule Poirot?

Email your answer, name, and local cinema to info@onscreenmagazine.co.uk
Entries must be received by 31st December 2017.

Terms and Conditions. Closing date for entries is 31st December 2017 - One winner drawn at random will win the goodies shown above - Some items may vary to that shown above - If you don't wish for your details to be added to our email database then please specify in your email.

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