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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2020 is beginning with a bang! Right off the bat is Guy Ritchie's return to his roots in cockney caper *The Gentlemen* before Sam Mendes takes us into the trenches in his epic thriller *1917*. If that's not enough, the *Bad Boys* are back in action as Will Smith and Martin Lawrence reunite for *Bad Boys For Life*.

Things show no signs of slowing down as *Sonic The Hedgehog* speeds in for a family-friendly adventure you won't want to miss. Plus, Robert Downey Jr goes from *Iron Man* to the man who can talk to animals in *Dolittle*.

But it's not all about the boys! Harley Quinn and her *Birds Of Prey* give Gotham some girl power, Nicole Kidman, Charlize Theron, and Margot Robbie bring the man behind Fox News to his knees in *Bombshell*, and Anya Taylor-Joy meets her match in a new adaptation of Jane Austen's *Emma*.

Horror fans won't be missing out either with scares from *Fantasy Island*, *The Invisible Man*, and *The Grudge*.

We can't wait to see what the New Year has in store!

Until next time.

Lee Curtis Editor

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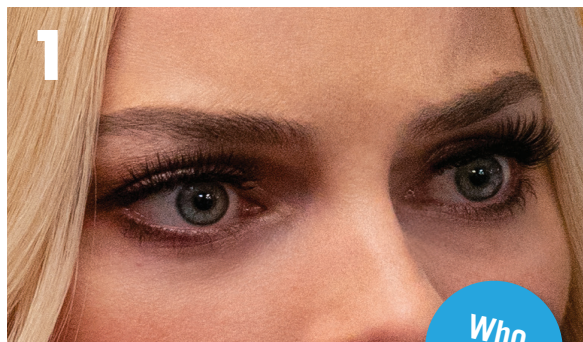
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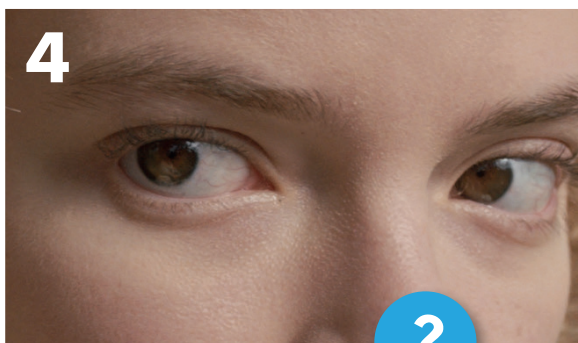
The eyes have it! Can you name the eight famous faces that appear in a January / February film release?



Who is this?



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Who is this?



Answers: 1. Margot Robbie 2. Benedict Cumberbatch 3. Jim Carrey 4. Anya Taylor-Joy 5. Charlie Hunnam 6. Nicole Kidman 7. Dev Patel 8. Robert Downey Jr



ONSCREEN ON INDIE

We take a look at the best limited release, independent, documentary, and world cinema films showing on select screens in January / February.

Seberg

RELEASE DATE 10

JANUARY / Director Benedict Andrews / **Starring** Kristen Stewart, Anthony Mackie, Jack O'Connell / **Genre** Biography, Drama, Thriller

In the late 1960s French New Wave darling and Breathless star Jean Seberg was targeted by the FBI because of her support of the civil rights movement and romantic involvement with Hakim Jamal, among others. Inspired by true events, Seberg shows how her life and career were destroyed by J. Edgar Hoover's overreaching surveillance and harassment in an effort to suppress and discredit her activism.

Set against the vibrant landscape of South Florida, a suburban African-American family navigate love, forgiveness, and coming together in the aftermath of a loss. From acclaimed director Trey Edward Shults, and featuring an astonishing ensemble of award-winning actors and breakouts alike, comes a heartrending story about the universal capacity for compassion and growth even in the darkest of times.

A Hidden Life

RELEASE DATE 17

JANUARY / Director Terrence Malick / **Starring** August Diehl, Valerie Pachner, Matthias Schoenaerts / **Genre** Biography, Romance, War

From the visionary writer-director of Days Of Heaven, The Thin Red Line, and The Tree Life comes a story of unsung Second World War hero Franz Jägerstätter, who refused to fight for the Nazis. When the Austrian

peasant farmer is faced with the threat of execution for treason, it's his unwavering faith and his love for his wife Fani and children that keeps his spirit alive.

The Lighthouse

RELEASE DATE 31

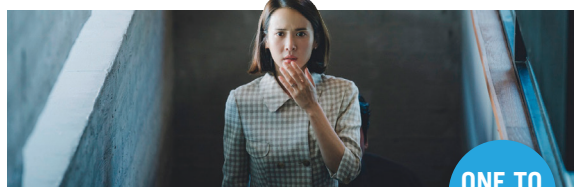
JANUARY / Director Robert Eggers / **Starring** Robert Pattinson, Willem Dafoe, Valeriia Karaman / **Genre** Fantasy, Horror, Mystery

The man behind modern horror masterpiece The Witch returns with a hypnotic and hallucinatory tale of two lighthouse keepers on a remote and mysterious New England island in the 1890s. With only each other for company, the two seamen become locked in a battle against the merciless forces of nature, their growing weariness of each other, and the effects of solitude on their minds.

Waves

RELEASE DATE 17

JANUARY / Director Trey Edward Shults / **Starring** Sterling K. Brown, Kelvin Harrison Jr, Lucas Hedges / **Genre** Drama, Romance, Sport



Parasite

RELEASE DATE 7 FEBRUARY / Director Bong Joon-ho / **Starring** Song Kang-ho, Woo-sik Choi, Yeo-jeong Jo / **Genre** Comedy, Drama, Thriller

» Kim Ki-teak's family are all unemployed and living in a squalid basement. When his son gets a tutoring job at the lavish home of the Park family, the Kim family's luck changes. One by one they gradually infiltrate the wealthy Park's home, attempting to take over their affluent lifestyle. The black comedy about wealth, greed, and class discrimination from Snowpiercer and Okja director was the winner of Palme d'Or at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival.

DOLITTLE

Robert Downey Jr is Dolittle. But before you embark on his epic journey to find a cure for Queen Victoria in an all-new adventure, we want to test your knowledge of the film's sensational support cast who voice the menagerie of animals Dolittle walks, talks, squeaks, and squawks with along the way.

1. Former Iron Man Robert Downey Jr reunites with which fellow Avenger who voices Dolittle's dependable dog Jip?

2. Which recent Oscar-winning best actor lends his vocal talents to sensitive silverback Chee-Chee?

3. Poly the parrot is Dolittle's most trusted advisor, but which legendary screenwriter and actress voices the blue and gold macaw?

4. Which British acting icon is at his menacing best as the terrifying tiger Barry?

5. Which Oscar-winning actress spreads her wings as Dolittle's dim-witted pet duck Dab-Dab?

6. Which wrestler-turned-Hollywood-star appears as playful polar bear Yoshi?

7. Betsy the giraffe is voiced by which pop superstar?

8. Pessimistic ostrich Plimpton is played by which comedy actor who was the brains behind The Big Sick?



Answers... 1. Tom Holland 2. Rami Malek 3. Emma Thompson 4. Ralph Fiennes 5. Octavia Spencer 6. John Cena 7. Selena Gomez 8. Kumail Nanjiani

WHAT'S ON

THE UNMISSABLE NEW RELEASES

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HE'S JUST NOT A PEOPLE PERSON

DOLITTLE

RELEASE DATE 1 FEBRUARY / **Director** Stephen Gaghan / **Starring** Robert Downey Jr, Jessie Buckley, Rami Malek / **Genre** Adventure, Comedy, Fantasy

Robert Downey Jr electrifies one of literature's most enduring characters in a vivid reimagining of the classic tale of the man who could talk to animals.

After losing his wife seven years earlier, the eccentric Dr John Dolittle, famed doctor and veterinarian of Queen Victoria's England, hermits himself away in Dolittle Manor with only his menagerie of exotic animals for company. But when the young queen falls gravely ill, a reluctant Dolittle sets sail on an epic adventure in search of a cure, regaining his wit and courage as he crosses old adversaries and discovers wondrous creatures.

The doctor is joined on his quest by a young, self-appointed apprentice and a raucous coterie of animal friends, including an anxious gorilla, an enthusiastic but bird-brained duck, a bickering duo of a cynical ostrich and an upbeat polar bear, and a headstrong parrot, who serves as Dolittle's most trusted advisor and confidante.



PAW PATROL: READY, RACE, RESCUE

RELEASE DATE 24 JANUARY / **Director** Charles E. Bastien / **Starring** Lukas Engel, Isaac Heeks, Kallan Holley / **Genre** Animation, Family, Sports

» Our favourite pups are back on the big screen, and they're ready to race! It's the Adventure Bay 500. The pups have built an awesome race track around the Look-Out and are ready to be the pit crew for their race hero, the Whoosh! But when the legendary racer is unable to drive in the championship race, he calls on his biggest fan-pup Marshall to take the wheel and race in his place. Marshall must overcome his lack of confidence and his dastardly competition, The Cheetah, to fulfil his dream of becoming the fastest race-pup ever!



CRIMINAL. CLASS

THE GENTLEMEN

RELEASE DATE 1 JANUARY / **Director** Guy Ritchie /

Starring Charlie Hunnam, Matthew McConaughey, Hugh Grant / **Genre** Action, Comedy, Crime

Pour yourself a scotch and don your finest threads, the new year is arriving in style. Following his biggest success to date with Disney's Aladdin, Guy Ritchie is going back to his roots with his highly-anticipated, star-studded action-comedy The Gentlemen.

Releasing in the year that marks the twentieth anniversary of his iconic feature Snatch, The Gentlemen follows American ex-pat Mickey Pearson who built a highly profitable marijuana empire in London. When word gets out that he's looking to cash out of the business forever it triggers plots, schemes, bribery, and blackmail in an attempt to steal his domain out from under him.

Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Henry Golding, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong, Eddie Marsan, Colin Farrell, and Hugh Grant star in the latest cockney crime comedy from the man behind classics Lock, Stock, And Two Smoking Barrels, Snatch, Revolver, and RocknRolla.



A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Film Shorts

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

RELEASE DATE 31 JANUARY

» Two-time Oscar-winner Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his scepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbour.

THE TURNING

RELEASE DATE 24 JANUARY

» In a mysterious estate, a nanny is charged with the care of two disturbed orphans but discovers that the children, and the house, are harbouring dark secrets.

WENDY

RELEASE DATE 28 FEBRUARY

» Lost on a mysterious island where ageing and time have come unglued, Wendy must fight to save her family, her freedom, and the joyous spirit of youth from the deadly peril of growing up.



Jojo Rabbit

RELEASE 1 JANUARY / Director Taika Waititi / **Starring** Roman Griffin Davis, Scarlett Johansson, Taika Waititi / **Genre** Comedy, Drama, War

The director of *What We Do In The Shadows*, *Hunt For The Wilderpeople*, and *Thor: Ragnarok*, Taika Waititi brings his signature style of humour and pathos to his latest film, a World War II satire that follows a lonely German boy, whose world view is turned upside down when he discovers his single mother is hiding a young girl in her attic. Aided only by his idiotic imaginary friend, Adolf Hitler, Jojo must confront his naïve patriotism.



Just Mercy

RELEASE DATE 17 JANUARY / Director Destin Daniel Cretton / **Starring** Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson / **Genre** Drama

A powerful and thought-provoking true story follows young lawyer Bryan Stevenson and his history-making battle for justice. As he sets out to defend those wrongly condemned or who were not afforded proper representation, Bryan becomes embroiled in a labyrinth of legal and political manoeuvrings and overt and unabashed racism as he fights with the odds - and the system - stacked against them.



1917

RELEASE DATE 10 JANUARY / Director Sam Mendes / **Starring** George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Colin Firth / **Genre** Drama, Thriller, War

» The Oscar-winning director of *American Beauty*, *Skyfall*, and *Spectre* brings his singular vision to his World War I epic, *1917*. At the height of the First World War, two young British soldiers are given a seemingly impossible mission. In a race against time, Schofield and Blake must cross enemy territory and deliver a message that will stop a deadly attack on hundreds of soldiers.



Greed

RELEASE DATE 21 FEBRUARY / Director Michael Winterbottom / **Starring** Steve Coogan, David Mitchell, Isla Fisher / **Genre** Comedy, Drama

For thirty years, self-made British billionaire Sir Richard McCreadie has ruled the world of retail fashion - bringing the high street to the catwalk and the catwalk to the high street - but after a damaging public inquiry, his image is tarnished. To save his reputation, he throws a highly-publicised and extravagant party celebrating his sixtieth birthday on the Greek island of Mykonos. A satire on the grotesque inequality of wealth in the fashion industry, the film sees McCreadie's rise and fall through the eyes of his biographer.



Richard Jewell

RELEASE DATE 31 JANUARY / Director Clint Eastwood / **Starring** Paul Walter Hauser, Sam Rockwell, Jon Hamm / **Genre** Biography, Crime, Drama

After saving countless lives at the 1996 Atlanta bombing, security guard Richard Jewell is hailed a hero. But within days, the law enforcement wannabe's life is ripped apart as he becomes the FBI's number one suspect and vilified by press and public alike. Reaching out to independent, anti-establishment attorney Watson Bryant, Jewell staunchly professes his innocence. But Bryant finds he's out of his depth as he fights the combined powers of the FBI, GBI, and APD to clear his client's name.



RIDE TOGETHER. DIE TOGETHER.

BAD BOYS FOR LIFE

RELEASE DATE 17 JANUARY / **Directors** Adil El Arbi, Bilall Fallah / **Starring** Will Smith, Martin Lawrence, Vanessa Hudgens / **Genre** Action, Comedy, Thriller

The Bad Boys are back together for one last ride in *Bad Boys For Life*.

Will Smith's Mike Lowery and Martin Lawrence's Marcus Burnett reunite for the first time in fifteen years, but the mismatched pair have never been more at odds. No longer partners, the legendary detectives are at very different stages of their careers and lives. Marcus is counting down the days to retirement while Mike is in the midst of a midlife crisis and stubbornly remaining the self-described Bad Boy.

When Mike is targeted by a cold-blooded killer, he turns to the only man he could ever trust. He convinces a reluctant Marcus to take on one last job before they go their separate ways for good.

Teaming up with Miami PD's elite AMMO team, the Bad Boys embark on their most dangerous mission yet.



Film Shorts

THE CALL OF THE WILD

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY

» Adapted from the beloved literary classic, this live-action/animation hybrid employs cutting edge visual effects and animation technology to vividly bring the story of big-hearted dog Buck to the big screen. Buck's blissful domestic life is turned upside down when he's uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon during the Gold Rush of the 1890s.

MY SPY

RELEASE DATE 7 FEBRUARY

» A hardened CIA operative finds himself at the mercy of a precocious nine-year-old girl who convinces him to teach her to be a spy.

QUEEN & SLIM

RELEASE DATE 31 JANUARY

» Daniel Kaluuya and Jodie Turner-Smith star as "the black Bonnie And Clyde" in a thought-provoking film about a young couple who are forced to go on the run after killing a racist police officer in self-defence.



Like A Boss

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY /

Director Miguel Arteta / **Starring** Tiffany Haddish, Rose Byrne, Salma Hayek / **Genre** Comedy

Best friends Mia and Mel are living their best lives running their own cosmetics company they've built from the ground up. Unfortunately, they're in over their heads financially, and the prospect of a big buyout offer from a notorious titan of the cosmetics industry proves too tempting to pass up, putting Mel and Mia's lifelong friendship in jeopardy. The beauty business is about to get ugly.



Bombshell

RELEASE 17 JANUARY / Director

Jay Roach / **Starring** Nicole Kidman, Charlize Theron, Margot Robbie / **Genre** Biography, Drama

Based on the real scandal surrounding Fox News founder Roger Ailes, Bombshell is a revealing look inside the most powerful and controversial media empire of all time and the story of the women who brought down the infamous man who created it. Nicole Kidman stars as Gretchen Carlson and is joined by Charlize Theron as Megyn Kelly and Margot Robbie as fictional Fox News producer Kayla Pospisil.



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EMMA

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY /

Director Autumn de Wilde / **Starring** Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn, Bill Nighy / **Genre** Comedy, Drama, Romance

» Jane Austen's beloved comedy about finding your equal and earning your happy ending is reimagined in this delicious new adaptation. Handsome, clever, and rich, Emma Woodhouse is a restless queen bee without rivals in her sleepy little town. In this glittering satire of social class and the pain of growing up, Emma must adventure through misguided matches and romantic missteps to find love.



Sonic The Hedgehog

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY / Director Jeff Fowler /

Starring Ben Schwartz, Jim Carrey, James Marsden /

Genre Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi

Based on the global blockbuster videogame franchise from Sega, Sonic The Hedgehog brings the universe's speediest hedgehog to life and into our world. In this live-action adventure comedy from the producer of The Fast And The Furious, the infamously brash bright blue hedgehog must navigate the complexities of his new life on Earth with his newfound human best friend, Tom. Pursued by the villainous Dr Robotnik, Tom and Sonic join forces to stop the unhinged scientist's plans to use Sonic's immense powers for world domination.



The Personal History Of David Copperfield

RELEASE DATE 24 JANUARY / Director Armando Iannucci /

Starring Dev Patel, Hugh Laurie, Tilda Swinton /

Genre Comedy, Drama

Armando Iannucci, an avid Dickens fan and the award-winning writer/director of The Thick Of It, In The Loop, Veep, and The Death Of Stalin employs his comedic mastery and vivid characterisations to bring one of Dickens' most cherished characters to life. From birth to infancy, from adolescence to adulthood, the good-hearted David Copperfield is surrounded by kindness, wickedness, poverty, and wealth as he sets out to become a writer and meets an array of remarkable characters in Victorian England.

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IT'LL NEVER LET YOU GO

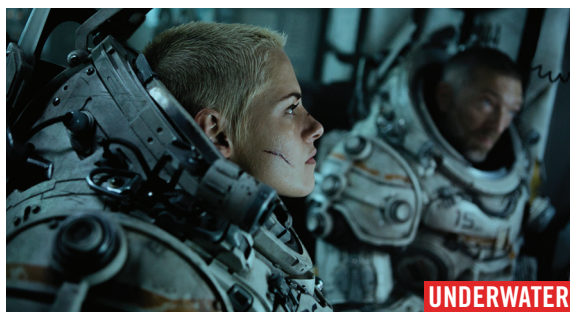
THE GRUDGE

RELEASE DATE 31 JANUARY / **Director** Nicolas Pesce / **Starring** Andrea Riseborough, John Cho, Lin Shaye / **Genre** Horror, Mystery

One of horror's most enduring and cursed tales has reawoken from its slumber to once again cast a fearful spell over audiences. Drawing on the original 2002 picture and the subsequent US remakes, breakout director Nicolas Pesce and legendary producer Sam Raimi bring a twisted new take of the horror classic based on a Japanese curse.

Andrea Riseborough stars as single mother Detective Muldoon who's investigating increasingly strange and unsettling happenings inside a once peaceful family home. After entering the house, she discovers that it's cursed by a vengeful ghost that dooms those who enter it with a violent death. Now she must run to save herself and her son from the demonic spirits.

With a supporting cast including John Cho, Betty Gilpin, Lin Shaye, and Demián Bichir, *The Grudge* looks set to be a welcome return to a hostile home filled with nail-biting terrors that will drag you kicking and screaming into the series' hair-raising lore.



UNDERWATER

Film Shorts

UNDERWATER

RELEASE DATE 7 FEBRUARY

» A crew of underwater researchers scramble to safety after an earthquake devastates their subterranean laboratory and unleashes something sinister.

BRAHMS: THE BOY II

RELEASE DATE 21 FEBRUARY

» Unaware of its terrifying history, a young family moves into Heelshire Mansion where their young son makes an unsettling new friend, an eerily life-like doll he calls Brahms.

FANTASY ISLAND

RELEASE DATE

14 FEBRUARY

» In Blumhouse's new spin on *Fantasy Island*, the enigmatic Mr Roarke makes the secret dreams of his lucky guests come true at a luxurious but remote tropical resort. But when the fantasies turn into nightmares, the guests have to solve the island's mystery in order to escape with their lives.



The Rhythm Section

RELEASE DATE 31 JANUARY /

Director Reed Morano / **Starring** Blake Lively, Jude Law, Sterling K. Brown / **Genre** Action, Mystery, Thriller

Stephanie Patrick is an ordinary woman on a path of self-destruction after her family is tragically killed in a plane crash. But when she discovers that the crash was not an accident, she enters a dark, complex world to seek revenge on those responsible and find her own redemption in a thriller based on Mark Burnell's novel.

Dark Waters

RELEASE DATE 28 FEBRUARY /

Director Todd Haynes / **Starring** Mark Ruffalo, Anne Hathaway, Tim Robbins / **Genre** Biography, Drama, History

Inspired by a true story, a tenacious corporate defence attorney uncovers a dark secret that connects a growing number of unexplained deaths to one of the world's largest corporations. In the process, he risks everything - his future, his family, and his own life - to expose the truth and bring justice to a community dangerously exposed to deadly chemicals for decades.

BIRDS OF PREY

RELEASE DATE 7 FEBRUARY /

Director Cathy Yan / **Starring** Margot Robbie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor / **Genre** Action, Adventure, Crime

» When Gotham's most nefariously narcissistic villain, Roman Sionis, and his zealous right-hand, Zsasz, put a target on a young girl named Cass, the city is turned upside down looking for her. Harley Quinn, Huntress, Black Canary, and Renee Montoya's paths collide, and the unlikely foursome have no choice but to team up to take Roman down.



Bloodshot

RELEASE DATE 28 FEBRUARY / Director Dave Wilson /

Starring Vin Diesel, Guy Pearce, Toby Kebbell /

Genre Action, Sci-Fi, Thriller

Based on the bestselling comic book, Vin Diesel stars as Ray Garrison, a soldier recently killed in action and brought back to life as the superhero Bloodshot by the RST corporation. With an army of nanotechnology in his veins, he's an unstoppable force - stronger than ever and able to heal instantly. But in controlling his body, the company has sway over his mind and memories, too. Now, Ray doesn't know what's real and what's not - but he's on a mission to find out.



The Invisible Man

RELEASE DATE 28 FEBRUARY / Director Leigh Whannell /

Starring Elisabeth Moss, Oliver Jackson-Cohen, Aldis Hodge /

Genre Horror, Sci-Fi, Thriller

What you can't see can hurt you. Cecilia Kass is trapped in a violent, controlling relationship with wealthy, brilliant, but abusive scientist Adrian Griffin. After she escapes in the dead of night and goes into hiding, Adrian commits suicide and leaves her a generous portion of his vast fortune. But Cecilia suspects his death was a hoax. As a series of coincidences turn lethal, Cecilia's sanity begins to unravel as she desperately tries to prove that she's being hunted by someone nobody can see.

Todd McCarthy, *THE Hollywood REPORTER*

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COMING SOON

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SCOUT'S HONOUR

The director of *Thor: Ragnarok* helms a WWII-set satirical comedy you did Nazi coming! *Jojo Rabbit* tells the tale of a young German boy and his imaginary friend, Hitler.

WORDS **AARON POTTER**

RELEASE 1 JANUARY / Director

Taika Waititi / **Starring** Roman Griffin Davis, Scarlett Johansson, Taika Waititi / **Genre** Comedy, Drama, War

Taika Waititi could have directed anything he wanted after his success with the third *Thor* movie. As far as speculation goes, however, it's unlikely anyone would have guessed it'd be a low-budget black comedy that poked fun at the Third Reich. But that's what *Jojo Rabbit* gives us. Young actor Roman Griffin Davis portrays the eponymous youngster, who upon finding a Jew hiding out in his house turns to the only person he can for help: his imaginary best-friend, Hitler.

Jojo Rabbit shares more in common

with Taika Waititi's early efforts as opposed to his recent work, representing a heart-warming story set during one of the last time periods or circumstances you'd ever expect. Joining him in this venture are the likes of Scarlett Johansson, Sam Rockwell and Stephen Merchant, who each help bring a satirical slice of the Second World War to life.

Originally based on the 2008 novel *Caging Skies* by Christine Leunens, the film version premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September of last year to widespread critical acclaim. This has left UK audiences waiting with bated breath ever since, one that will finally come to an end on New Year's Day.

JOJO RABBIT

HISTORICAL SATIRES



M*A*S*H (1970)

Set within a Korean War field hospital, Robert Altman's *M*A*S*H* followed the antics of medical staff looking to distract themselves from the realities of war with all manner of high jinks.

BLAZING SADDLES (1974)

One of the most revered historical black comedies ever made, Mel Brooks' *Blazing Saddles* proved no period of history was safe from the quickest wit in the West.

THE DEATH OF STALIN (2017)

Armando Iannucci's mockery of post-Stalinist Russia was banned in three countries. Still, Jason Isaacs, Paul Whitehouse, and co bring top-notch performances as the 1953 Soviet elite.



SEND IN THE CLOWNS GIRLS



Harley Quinn's fantabulous emancipation has begun. Searching for new purpose and embroiled in a plot to assassinate a young girl - she and her Birds Of Prey must take flight!

WORDS **CHRIS WASEY**

RELEASE DATE 7 FEBRUARY / Director Cathy Yan /

Starring Margot Robbie, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ewan McGregor / **Genre** Action, Adventure, Crime

Harley and Mr J have broken up. Drifting through Gotham's dark underbelly, Harley leaves anarchy in her wake. Beautiful, broken, volatile - the former psychiatrist, finally free from The Joker's poisonous influence, is in search of a new calling: to do the right thing?! But after so many years as his acolyte, can she even imagine what that is anymore?

When narcissistic crime lord Roman Sionis (Ewan McGregor) puts a hit out on a young girl, Cassandra Cain, Harley joins forces with the Birds Of Prey to save her. In keeping with Harley's superpower of "dysfunctional craziness", her new allies are just as colourful. Black Canary is a martial arts expert, brutal in close quarters combat, and The Huntress is a vigilante who - fuelled by the memory of her family's slaughter - ruthlessly dispatches anyone who gets in her way.

As Gotham is turned upside down, the girls slowly discover the secret behind Sionis' obsession with Cassandra and must uncover new powers within themselves if they are to have any chance of victory.

Female badassery is front and centre, both in front of and behind the camera. Expect all the action, laughs, and unpredictable brutality Gotham needs.



IT'S GOOD TO BE BAD

After the critical and commercial success of *Joker*, we consider which villains deserve their own standalone film:

RA'S AL GHUL

A fantastic antagonist in *Batman Begins*, but only showing a glimpse of the character. How did he join the League Of Shadows? What scheming saw him become their leader? What other cities has he destroyed for "the greater good"?

LEX LUTHOR

Like Batman, he maintains a charming public persona to hide his darker nature. Smallville touched on the troubled relationship with his father, but what is it that fuelled his hatred of Kryptonians?

BANE

"Born in darkness" doesn't quite cover it as an origin story. What horrors did child-Bane experience growing up? What gym did he go to? How did he get that mask?!

OUT FOR BLOOD

Vin Diesel is Bloodshot, the next best thing in super-soldier technology. But when he discovers the truth, he begins a bloody battle to regain control of his resurrected body.

WORDS **ADAM MATULEWICZ**

RELEASE DATE 28 FEBRUARY /

Director Dave Wilson / **Starring**

Vin Diesel, Guy Pearce, Toby Kebbell /

Genre Action, Sci-Fi, Thriller

Marine Ray Garrison, killed in action. The perfect candidate for the RST Corporation to resurrect, fill with nanotechnology, and send out as a Terminator-like mercenary. Based on the best-selling comic book by Valiant Comics, Bloodshot comes to the big screen on what he believes is a revenge mission.

Thrown into a spiral of manipulated dreams, Garrison is sent out to track down the man who killed his wife... again, and again, and again. But when

this army of one awakens to the truth that he's being weaponised against his will, he begins to fight back and seeks revenge against those who gave him new life.

Becoming an all-new kind of super-soldier, Vin Diesel is bringing broody to the superhero genre. With comic book movies ruling the silver screen, will Bloodshot set this adaptation aside from our expectations of comic book movies? A sinister plot might do it, and with such serious edge, Bloodshot could even make Avengers: Endgame look like a comedy.

Fuelled by the lies of an evil corporation, watch as Bloodshot uncovers the truth about his new masters, while maybe learning about his true self along the way.

IS SUPER-SOLDIER THE NEW SUPER HERO?

Everyone loves an underdog. But what happens when you give them a new lease of life?

ROBOCOP

The original super-soldier, Robocop became a hit in the eighties as a super-soldier with no recollection of his past life. Will Bloodshot recover his memories in the same way?

DEADPOOL

Much like Ray in the way of strength and healing, Deadpool was born of yet another sinister experiment. The Merc with a Mouth may have a further part to play with plans for X-Force still underway.

CAPTAIN AMERICA

Gone from our screens but not forgotten, Steve Rogers was everybody's hero. Built for good, Cap could well be the strongest of them all in both strength and mind.

BLOODSHOT



TAKE TO THE TRENCHES

As war rages on the Western Front, two brave men risk their own lives in order to save over a thousand more in an epic one-shot thriller. This is 1917.

WORDS **ROBB SHEPPARD**

RELEASE DATE 10 JANUARY / **Director** Sam Mendes / **Starring** George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Mark Strong, Colin Firth, Benedict Cumberbatch / **Genre** Drama, Thriller, War

Skyfall director Sam Mendes honours those who served in World War I by setting out to craft the most immersive experience ever attempted on film. With extensive research completed at the Imperial War Museum London and inspired in part by conversations with his grandfather Alfred H Mendes, who served during the war and fought in the Battle of the Somme, Mendes plants the



audience fully within the narrative with a boots on the ground thriller.

Marking Mendes's first film in the director's seat since Spectre, 1917 follows two soldiers who are tasked with delivering a warning to their comrades who are about to march into a trap. It's **follow** that's the operative word as the action occurs in one continuous take, planting you right in the middle

of the conflict from start to finish. Trudge every trench in real-time as you accompany our heroes through the battlefield and beyond enemy lines.

After earning his long-deserved Oscar for Blade Runner 2049's stunning visuals, legendary cinematographer Roger Deakins follows Mendes into the fray as the only man capable of capturing such ambitious and original storytelling. Bolstered by a best of British supporting cast - Colin Firth, Benedict Cumberbatch, Andrew Scott, Richard Madden, Mark Strong, and Daniel Mays - 1917 has all the makings of a complete picture, a true war spectacle that's stormed into the awards season as a late and serious contender.

1917



MAKE ME A MATCH

Anya Taylor-Joy stars in this new spin on the revered Jane Austen classic, turning the tables on a romance matchmaker suddenly caught in her own love story.

WORDS **AARON POTTER**

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY /

Director Autumn de Wilde / **Starring**

Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn, Bill Nighy / **Genre** Comedy, Drama, Romance

Jane Austen's classic nineteenth century novel about misread romance and the folly of youth has been translated into film no less than three times, with countless more small-screen adaptations easily beating that. The 1996 version starring Gwyneth Paltrow is probably the one most fondly remembered by viewers, but 2020 introduces a new take, with Split's Anya Taylor-Joy taking the lead role.

Set within the fictional English country village of Highbury and its surrounding estates, the story revolves around the eponymous Emma Woodhouse, a beautiful young woman and self-proclaimed date doctor who

All Eyes On Austen

Sense And Sensibility

Though best known for staggering special effects, director Ang Lee gave us a *Sense And Sensibility* adaptation starring Kate Winslet and Emma Thompson in 1995. A winning actress combination, if ever there was one.

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Pride And Prejudice

Arguably the most famous Jane Austen novel, the Keira Knightley-starring *Pride And*

Prejudice is fondly thought of now, but in 2005 there were fears it'd be overshadowed by an earlier BBC adaptation. As such, screenwriter Deborah Moggach moved the period to the late eighteenth century, and the rest is history.

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Becoming Jane

Anne Hathaway played opposite James McAvoy for this 2007 biographical film centring on the life of Jane Austen herself. Who knew the life of the author behind the novels would prove just as interesting?

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has a habit of matchmaking friends and neighbours together. All is going pretty well until she almost misses out on a chance of love herself as soon as the dashing George Knightley arrives. Knightley is played by British singer-songwriter Johnny Flynn, who leads an ensemble support cast including Bill Nighy, Mia Goth, and Miranda Hart.

This fresh interpretation of the

popular period comedy marks the directorial debut of long-time photographer Autumn de Wilde. Therefore, those planning to see it should expect some beautiful costume design, impressive attention to detail, and some thoughtful cinematography in this beautiful iteration of this timeless classic.

EMMA



BOSSING IT

Two best friends in the beauty biz go up against an enigmatic entrepreneur hell-bent on a hostile takeover. This isn't going to be pretty.

WORDS **ROBB SHEPPARD**

RELEASE DATE 14 FEBRUARY /

Director Miguel Arteta / **Starring** Tiffany Haddish, Rose Byrne, Salma Hayek / **Genre** Comedy

Mia and Mel are loving life, living the dream, and running a cosmetics company together. The only problem is, they're much better at beauty than they are at business and as a result, they're broke. Step up, the insanely successful makeup mogul Claire Luna who is eager to share her experience and money. Maybe a little bit too eager.

Luna's oh-so-helpful advice of behaving like a boss leads to some totally awkward public firings, deaf-defying planking straight out of 2010,

and chest-bumping Stifler's mom (aka Jennifer Coolidge). But when the beauty icon shows her true colours and starts stealing their ideas, enough is enough, and the pair decide to turn that advice back on their supposed mentor.

Although *Like A Boss* is all about the beauty, it'll definitely add to your laughter lines. Byrne's comedy career has seen her getting down with the kids in *Bad Neighbours* and making *The Hangover* look like a quiet night in with *Bridesmaids*, while Haddish shot to stardom in the rip-roaringly raucous *Girls Trip*. Accent that with a comedic turn from Salma Hayek with a wig as big as her chest and some gold stilettos and you're in for a treat. Sit yourself down for a real escape from the boring ol' nine-to-five.

BEAUTIFULLY BAD BOSSES

JENNIFER ANISTON AS DR JULIA HARRIS

Gleefully playing against type, 2011's *Horrible Bosses* saw Aniston prove she's much more than "Rachel from *Friends*" and have heaps of fun as the man-eating dishy dental surgeon who doesn't know the meaning of the word appropriate. We'd advise against having a go on the gas.

MERYL STREEP AS MIRANDA PRIESTLY

Perhaps the best worst boss in cinema, Streep's character in *The Devil Wears Prada* has absolutely nothing to do with *Vogue's* editor-in-chief Anna Wintour. Her strengths include dishing out demeaning diatribes which later turn out to be valuable life lessons.

CARRIE FISHER AS LEIA ORGANA

Whether as a Princess or a General, *Star Wars'* Leia spends her time labelling arrogant flyboys as "scruffy-looking nerfherders" and ordering them to get their heads out of their cockpits. Her tough love does inspire rebellions though, so she's doing something right.

LIKE A BOSS



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BOND IS BACK

NO TIME TO DIE

RELEASE DATE 2 APRIL / **Director** Cary Joji Fukunaga /

Starring Daniel Craig, Ana de Armas, Rami Malek /

Genre Action, Adventure, Thriller

Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.

Directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga, who co-writes alongside Scott Z. Burns, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, and Bond veterans Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, *No Time to Die* brings Daniel Craig back for his fifth film as Ian Fleming's James Bond 007. Craig reunites with his *Spectre* support cast, Ralph Fiennes' M, Naomie Harris' Moneypenny, Rory Kinnear's Tanner, Léa Seydoux's Madeleine, and Ben Whishaw's Q, plus *Casino Royale*'s Jeffrey Wright who reprises his role as Felix Leiter. They are joined by newcomers including Ana de Armas, Billy Magnussen, and Rami Malek.



Mulan

RELEASE DATE

27 MARCH / **Director**

Niki Caro / **Starring** Yifei Liu, Donnie Yen, Jet Li /

Genre Action, Adventure, Family

When the Emperor of China issues a decree that

one man per family must serve in the Imperial Army, Hua Mulan steps in to take the place of her ailing father. Masquerading as a man, Mulan embarks on an epic journey that will transform her into an honoured warrior and earn her the respect of a grateful nation...and a proud father.



ONWARD

Onward

RELEASE DATE 6 MARCH /

Director Dan Scanlon /

Starring Tom Holland, Chris Pratt, Octavia Spencer /

Genre Animation, Adventure, Fantasy

In a suburban fantasy world, teenage elf brothers Ian and Barley Lightfoot receive a wizard's staff left to them by their deceased father. But when the spell to bring their father back from the dead fails and they only resurrect his legs, they embark on an extraordinary quest to discover if there's still a little magic left out there; enough to complete the spell and restore the rest of their dad's body.

Peter Rabbit 2

RELEASE DATE

27 MARCH / Director

Will Gluck / **Starring**

James Corden, Margot Robbie, David Oyelowo /

Genre Animation, Adventure, Family

Bea, Thomas, and the rabbits have created a makeshift family, but despite his best efforts, Peter can't seem to shake his mischievous reputation. Adventuring out of the garden, Peter finds himself in a world where his mischief is appreciated, but when his family risks everything to come looking for him, Peter must figure out what kind of bunny he wants to be.

Antebellum

RELEASE DATE 24 APRIL /

Directors Gerard Bush,

Christopher Renz / **Starring**

Janelle Monáe, Eric Lange, Jena Malone / **Genre** Horror, Mystery, Thriller

Successful author Veronica Henley finds herself trapped in a horrifying reality and must uncover the mind-bending mystery before it's too late in a terrifying new thriller from the producer of the acclaimed films Get Out and Us, and



TROLLS WORLD TOUR

groundbreaking directors Gerard Bush and Christopher Renz - an exciting new voice in filmmaking.

Trolls World Tour

RELEASE DATE

20 MARCH / Directors

Walt Dohrn, David P. Smith /

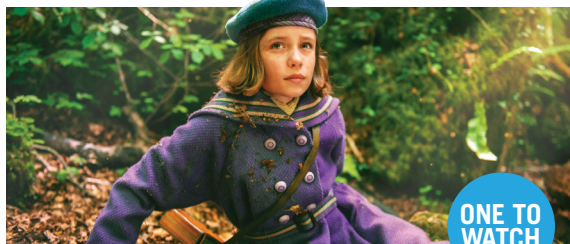
Starring Anna Kendrick,

Justin Timberlake, Rachel

Bloom / **Genre** Animation,

Adventure, Musical

In an adventure that will take them well beyond what they've known before, Poppy and Branch discover that they are but one of six different Troll tribes scattered over six different lands each devoted to six different genres of music. When hard-rock Queen Barb sets out to destroy all other kinds of music so rock can reign, Poppy and Branch unify the Trolls to save their worlds.



ONE TO WATCH

The Secret Garden

RELEASE DATE 13 APRIL / Director Marc Munden /

Starring Dixie Egerickx, Colin Firth, Julie Walters /

Genre Drama, Family, Fantasy

» When the parents of prickly and unloved ten-year-old Mary suddenly die, she's sent to live with her uncle on his remote country estate deep in the Yorkshire moors. As she explores Misselthwaite Manor with her sickly cousin Colin, she begins to uncover family secrets, including a wondrous secret garden lost in the grounds. Together, these two damaged, slightly misfit children heal each other through a magical place of adventure that will change their lives forever.



Dream Horse

RELEASE DATE 17 APRIL /

Director Josh Boone /

Starring Toni Collette, Damian Lewis, Owen Teale /

Genre Biography, Drama

Jan Vokes, a cleaner and barmaid, persuades her neighbours and friends to invest in her extraordinary ambition to breed and raise a champion racehorse in her home village. Together, they name the foal Dream Alliance. With little experience but a whole lot of heart, the collective of villagers rear Dream who against all the odds rises through the ranks to become a true people's champion.

Radioactive

RELEASE DATE 20 MARCH /

Director Marjane Satrapi /

Starring Rosamund Pike, Sam Riley, Aneurin Barnard /

Genre Biography, Drama, Romance

From the 1870s to the modern era, *Radioactive* chronicles Marie Curie's

passionate relationships, scientific breakthroughs, and the consequences that followed. After marrying fellow scientist Pierre Curie, the pair change the face of science forever by their discovery of radioactivity. Their ensuing Nobel Prize propels the devoted couple into the international limelight in this bold, visionary depiction of the fallout of their work and how they shaped the defining moments of the twentieth century.

Finding The Way Back

RELEASE DATE 13 MARCH /

Director Gavin O'Connor /

Starring Ben Affleck, Janina Gavankar, Hayes MacArthur /

Genre Drama, Sport

After an unspeakable loss, one-time high school basketball phenom Jack Cunningham is spiralling and drowning in alcoholism that's cost him his marriage. When he's asked to become his old school's new basketball



coach, he reluctantly accepts. But will his new position be enough to fill the void, heal the deep wounds of his past, and set him on the road to redemption?

A Quiet Place: Part II

RELEASE DATE 20 MARCH /

Director John Krasinski /

Starring Emily Blunt, Millicent Simmonds, Cillian Murphy /

Genre Horror, Thriller

The sequel to the horror hit continues the story of the Abbott family as they fight to survive in a post-apocalyptic world where monsters roam the land. Following the death of her husband, who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his family, Evelyn and her three young children are forced to leave their home and enter the world where they encounter other survivors.



Film Shorts

THE NEW MUTANTS

RELEASE DATE 8 APRIL

» Held in a secret facility against their will and subject to cruel experiments, five gifted youngsters have to battle the dangers of their powers as well as the sins of their past. They aren't out to save the world - they're just trying to protect themselves.

LOVEBIRDS

RELEASE DATE 24 APRIL

» Issa Rae and Kumail Nanjiani star as a couple on the brink of breaking up who get unintentionally embroiled in a bizarre murder mystery. As they get closer to clearing their names and solving the case, they need to figure out how they - and their relationship - can survive the night.

PRINCESS POWER



Mulan gets the historical epic treatment. Boldly taking her story in a new direction, with stunning locations and breath-taking battles - this is far more than just a shot-for-shot remake.

WORDS **CHRIS WASEY**

RELEASE DATE 27 MARCH /

Director Niki Caro / **Starring** Yifei Liu, Donnie Yen, Jet Li / **Genre** Action, Adventure, Family

In 1998, Disney took a gamble making Mulan. She didn't fit the princess mould, cinema audiences had never heard of her, and it skirted as close to feminism as mainstream animation could get.

Knowing her ageing father would not survive conscription, Mulan steals his armour and runs away to join the army in his place. Disguised as a man, she must survive perilous

challenges and face the barbaric Huns in battle to save her homeland.

While the story may not have changed, Disney are taking risks again; for the first time letting a live-action remake take its own direction. This Mulan is bigger, bolder, more dangerous - no songs, ghostly ancestors, or spirit dragons.

Featuring an all-Asian cast, Mulan introduces Chinese star Yifei Liu in the title role.

While the star who fronts fantasy epics in China will be a new name to most, her supporting

ensemble including Donnie Yen, Jet Li, and Jason Scott Lee will be well known to western audiences as martial arts legends.

Described by director Kiki Caro as "a big, girly martial arts epic", the scale is phenomenal - with an enormous budget (the most afforded to any Disney release not called Avengers), Mulan will prove she's strong enough to rival any Marvel blockbuster.

MULAN

OLD TALES

The ballad of Hua Mulan is a 1500-year-old Chinese fable. Aside from the timeframe (the ballad takes place over many years) and training (in the written tale, Mulan is already well trained in martial arts and archery before joining the army) - Disney stayed fairly close to the spirit of the story. But while some versions do reflect the light and airy tone of Disney's 1998 animation, there's a much darker alternative: the Sui Tang Romance. This version included Mulan's capture and friendship with the enemy, before going on to lead a brutal victory against them. But ultimately sees Mulan taking her own life - after refusing the emperor's command to return to the palace and become his concubine. We'll have to wait and see just how dark Disney are willing to go.



COMPETITION

GREAT PRIZES

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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Sonic The Hedgehog is speeding into cinemas in a big-screen adventure for the whole family.

Based on the global blockbuster videogame franchise from Sega and from the producer of The Fast And The Furious, Sonic The Hedgehog follows the (mis)adventures of the infamously brash bright blue hedgehog as he navigates the complexities of life on Earth with his newfound - human - best friend, Tom Wachowski (James Marsden). Sonic and Tom join forces to try and stop the villainous Dr Ivo Robotnik (Jim Carrey) from capturing Sonic and using his immense powers for world domination. Rounding out the cast are Tika Sumpter as Tom's wife Annie, Neal McDonough as US Army Major Bennington, and Ben Schwartz who voices the hyperactive hedgehog.



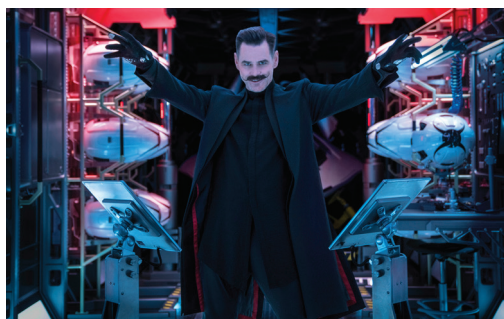
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