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Editor's Note

What's up?

Just wanted to say many thanks for the support you guys gave for last month's new look issue of the "Film Feeder". I really appreciate it and I plan on doing it for as long as it takes.

Until next month!
Jack Martin, editor

MOVIE OF THE MONTH: *THE EXPENDABLES*

Every once in a while, there comes a film that has a cast so epically awesome that it alone is the driving power behind the hype of that film. *The Expendables*, August's movie of the month, is no exception. After reading the following list, please wipe away everything you ejaculate from its awesomeness:

Sylvester Stallone (who also directs), Jason Statham, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Terry Crews, Randy Couture, Eric Roberts, "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Mickey Rourke, Bruce Willis, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The last name in particular may sound odd, due to the former Terminator's political career as Governor of California, but since his title will expire in January 2011, his appearance in this film is a sure sign that he will be welcome back into the business he came from.

But surely an action film with a cast like this needs a plot to hold it all together? Well, of course it does: a team of mercenaries (Stallone, Statham, Li



Sylvester Stallone is back in action in *The Expendables*

et al) are hired and assigned to infiltrate a South American country and overthrow its murderous, Robert Mugabe-like dictator. However, not all is as it seems and they learn that there may be a traitor in their ranks. But who is it?

According to early reports, the film is so awesome that Stallone is thinking about making a couple more

sequels.

Of course, I haven't seen the film yet but from the looks of it, it could be the action film to end all action films. We'll have to find out if it lives up to expectations, however, when it comes out on **20th August**.

News Round-Up

- Andrew Garfield is confirmed as the new Spider-Man for the 3D reboot in 2012
- James Cameron's *Titanic* will be re-released in 2012 in 3D
- *Atonement* director Joe Wright is directing a new live-action version of *The Little Mermaid*
- Nicholas Hoult, Caleb Landry Jones, Jennifer Lawrence, Edi Gathegi and Kevin Bacon join the cast of *X-Men: First Class*
- The two-part *Breaking Dawn* film will start filming this autumn
- Gillian Anderson will star alongside Rowan Atkinson in a *Johnny English* sequel
- Brian Cox and Tom Felton join the cast of *Rise of the Apes*
- Oscar-winning director Roman Polanski is a free man after being denied a US extradition to be tried for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl back in 1977
- Paramount is developing a high-concept action-adventure version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
- Elizabeth Banks is to star in a romantic-comedy version of the Tinker Bell Disney character
- Tim Burton's *Dark Shadows* adaptation to star shooting in January
- *Crank* directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor will direct Nicholas Cage in the sequel to *Ghost Rider*
- Will Smith is involved with a version of the biblical story of Cain with a vampire twist
- Simon Pegg may return for *Mission: Impossible 4* with Tom Cruise
- Daniel Radcliffe will star in the adaptation of the horror story *The Woman in Black*
- Tim Burton is confirmed to direct *Monsterpocalypse*
- Michael Bay is to produce an action-packed 3D version of *Hansel and Gretel*
- Larry Charles will direct Jim Carrey in *Pierre Pierre*

FIGHT FOR THIS LOVE: *SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD*

Have you ever been confronted by your girlfriend's ex when you're in a new relationship with her? Well, how about SEVEN of them?

That's the unfortunate problem our hero has to face in *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*.

Based on the popular comic book series, the film is directed by the fan-popular Edgar Wright (he of *Spaced*, *Shaun of the Dead* and *Hot Fuzz* fame), so hopefully he should be able to bring his quirky, homage-eneduced vision to a popular, and still ongoing, comic book story. It boasts a cool ensemble cast that includes the likes of Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kieran Culkin, Chris Evans, Anna Kendrick, Alison Pill, Jason Schwartzman and Superman himself, Brandon Routh.

What, no Simon Pegg or Nick

Frost in sight? Madness!

So, what's up? Well, basically, the titular character of Scott Pilgrim (Cera), a base guitarist for garage band Sex Bob-omb, meets the girl of his dreams in Ramona Flowers (Winstead). However, there's only one small problem - her seven evil ex-boyfriends are now coming to kill him. Now, Scott must defeat exes that range from skateboarders to rockers to movie stars to even twins, and win Ramona's heart in the end.

Will he succeed or fail in his quest? Well, we'll just have to find out when the film is released **27th August**.



Michael Cera gets ready for battle in *Scott Pilgrim vs. The World*

CRUISE IN SHINING *ARMOUR: KNIGHT AND DAY*

Having worked together in Cameron Crowe's *Vanilla Sky* back in 2001, megastars Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz are back for a whirlwind, exciting and at time hilarious action comedy. *Knight and Day*, based on a spec script that had been circulating Hollywood for years, is directed by an unlikely source - James Mangold, director of *3:10 to Yuma*, *Walk The Line* and, erm, *Kate and Leopold*.

However, the film isn't just the Cruise 'n Cameron show: also popping up in supporting roles are Peter Sarsgaard (who starred alongside Carey Mulligan in *An Education*) Viola Davis (recently nominated for an Oscar for an 8-minute scene in *Doubt*) and Paul Dano (part of the ensemble in *Little Miss Sunshine* and taunted by Daniel Day-Lewis

in *There Will Be Blood*).

Diaz plays June, a woman who bumps into Roy Miller (Cruise), a charming individual, at the airport. Unfortunately, he also happens to be a secret agent who goes on to kill everyone on board the same flight as her. After they survive the eventual plane crash, she is pulled into a world of car chases, dodging assassins and uncovering world-changing secrets. On top of all that, the mystery of Miller remains - is he a good guy, or a bad guy, or just insane?

If this doesn't get adrenaline running through you, you're a corpse. But if it does, you'll be glad to hear it'll be out on **August 6th**, so you won't have to wait that long at all.



Cruise and Diaz make a gun-friendly couple in *Knight and Day*

OUT OF YOUR ELEMENT: *THE LAST AIRBENDER*

After winning national recognition for films like *The Sixth Sense*, *Unbreakable* and *Signs*, M. Night Shyamalan's reputation has somewhat gone downhill ever since. In 2006, his light-hearted romance *Lady In The Water* was met with horrific reviews, and the less said about his 2008 "return to form" thriller *The Happening*, the better.

But now, he's back with an adaptation of the popular anime cartoon series, *Avatar: The Last Airbender*.

Now just called *The Last Airbender* (see below for why the title *Avatar* was dropped), the first in a proposed trilogy features young talent that includes the likes of Noah Ringer, Dev Patel (of *Slumdog Millionaire* fame), Nicola Peltz and Jackson Rathbone (Twi-hards will know him as Jasper).

The film is set in a world

which is divided into four kingdoms based on four different elements: Fire, Air, Water and Earth. Unfortunately, the Fire Nation has declared war against the other elements, and the only hope is the last remaining "Avatar", someone who can control all elements, a young-looking 112-year-old boy known as Aang.

After a series of flops, can Shyamalan regain trust with in Hollywood with this blockbuster? Hopefully, the answer lies within the **August 13th**-released film.

Oh, and did I mention it'll be in 3D? Then again, isn't everything nowadays?



Noah Ringer as Aang in *The Last Airbender*: do you think when people ask him for directions, he just tilts his head in the right way?

RETURN TO PANDORA: *AVATAR (SPECIAL EDITION)*

Even after wowing audiences worldwide with its spectacular visuals, making a previously-impossible \$2.5 billion to become the biggest movie of all time, and even after promising a packed DVD release in time for Christmas to make up for the decidedly-vanilla DVD/Blu-Ray release back in April, James Cameron is still determined to make sure that everyone gets to see *Avatar* on the big screen in 3D (the way it should be seen).

And he's doing just that this month, with a last-minute re-release of the sci-fi action-adventure film on 3D and IMAX 3D screens.

Surely you all know the plot by now - the film (starring Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Stephen Lang, Sigourney Weaver, Michelle Rodriguez and others) is

about a colony of humans who bond with alien creatures known as the Na'vi through human/Na'vi hybrids controlled by the human mind. Basically, it's the story of Pocahontas recreated with giant Smurfs.

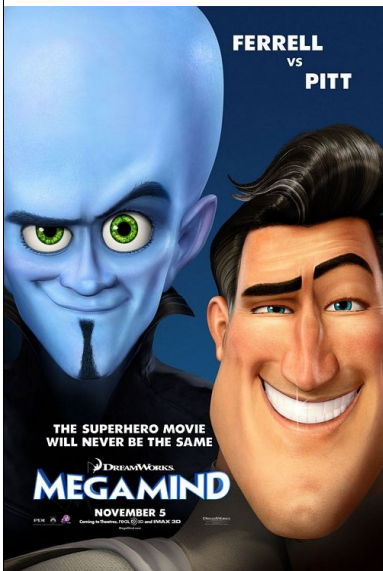
This special edition, released on **August 27th**, will feature eight additional minutes of never-before-seen footage within the film. So will this mean we finally get to see how the Na'vi actually get frisky with one another (a concept considered too naughty for younger audiences)? Sick perverts with blue alien fetishes are wishing this to be true, but for the rest of us, it's a good chance to see the world of *Avatar* once again.



Neytiri (Zoe Saldana) will pounce back into cinemas in the re-release of *Avatar*

News Round-Up

- Sam Raimi is to adapt sci-fi graphic novel *Earp: Saints for Sinners*
- *The Hangover 2* will be set in Thailand
- Zack Snyder co-writing 300 spin-off *Xerxes*
- Brad Pitt will star in Marc Forster-directed zombie film *World War Z*
- The seventh *Saw* film will be the last (thank God!)
- Guillermo del Toro is involved with a scarier, Eddie Murphy-lite version of *The Haunted Mansion*, and will also direct his long-mooted horror *At The Mountains Of Madness*
- Samuel L. Jackson (Nick Fury), Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow), Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Chris Evans (Captain America), Robert Downey Jr (Iron Man), Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye) and Mark Ruffalo (The Hulk) are all confirmed for Joss Whedon's *The Avengers*
- The UK Film Council is axed by the Government
- Daniel Craig confirmed for David Fincher's *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*
- Rihanna will make her big-screen debut in *Battleship*
- Tom Hardy joins Reese Witherspoon and Chris Pine in McG's *This Means War*
- Meryl Streep and Tina Fey will play mother and daughter in director Staley Tucci's *Mommy and Me*
- Porn star Sasha Grey will star alongside Thomas Jane, Jeremy Piven and Rob Lowe in drama *I Melt With You*
- Len Wiseman (*Die Hard 4.0*) is to direct a remake of Schwarzenegger-starrer *Total Recall*
- Chloe Moretz will star in director Karyn Kusama's (*Jennifer's Body*) *The Rut*
- *Precious* director Lee Daniels signs on to direct possible political biopic and possible Denzel Washington-starrer *The Butler*



OH, HOW IMMATURE: *GROWN UPS*

You cannot deny the box-office power that Adam Sandler's goofy comedies have. When a "comedy" like, say, *Click* makes over \$200 million, and a more serious turn in, say, last year's *Funny People*, disappoints, you know what the audience really wants from him.

So, Mr. Sandler is back again in familiar territory this summer in *Grown Ups* - but this time, he's not alone.

With a comedic cast to match that of *The Expendables*, we have Sandler, Chris Rock, Rob Schneider, Kevin James, David Spade, Maya Rudolph and (for some reason) Salma Hayek.

The basic premise for getting these guys together? Well, they happened to be best buddies back in school and now they're reuniting for a Fourth of July weekend together after a funeral for

their basketball coach.

Complications include being married to an elderly woman, fancying someone else's daughter and a high-pitched Canadian with a fit body. And all of this is supposed to pass for comedy. I know, I'm confused too.

But for those who like this sort of thing, then the film opens in cinemas on **August 27th**, after which glass shots of acid will be voluntarily poured into your eyes to rid you of the stuff you will have just seen.

Either way, it'll still be better than *Robin Hood*.



The gang is back together in *Grown Ups*

THE MAGIC STUFF: *THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE*

Who would have thought that a popular *Fantasia* segment starring Mickey Mouse would have inspired the next Disney/Jerry Bruckheimer blockbuster?

After the surprisingly-entertaining *Prince of Persia*, Disney reunites with *National Treasure* star and director Nicolas Cage and Jon Turteltaub to bring *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* to the big screen.

Starring alongside Cage are up-and-coming young actors Jay Baruchel (*Knocked Up*), Teresa Palmer (*The Grudge 2*) and Toby Kebbell (*RocknRolla*), as well as veterans like Alfred Molina and Monica Bellucci.

As with every other film about a dude with supernatural powers, it's set in Manhattan, but this one focuses on an average

college student (Baruchel) who is recruited by a powerful sorcerer (Cage) to help defeat the evil forces that threaten to make the world a dark place.

Sounds a bit complex for an adaptation of a cartoon with Mickey Mouse in a pointy, blue hat.

But at any rate, Bruckheimer knows how to please a summer audience, so this should be no exception.

Expect the cinemas to be packed when it opens on **13th August**.



Harry Potter can suck it when *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* opens

IT GOES PERFECTLY WITH PEPPER: *SALT*

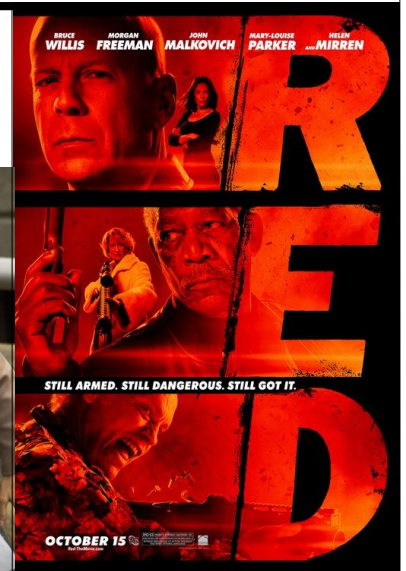
It was originally meant for Tom Cruise to start a new spy franchise. But when he bailed, Angelina Jolie was cast and, a few rewrites later, Edwin A. Salt became Evelyn Salt (smooth) for the latest action-thriller, *Salt*. Directed by Phillip Noyce, the director behind such cult hits as *Patriot Games* and *Clear and Present Danger* (two Tom Clancy adaptations that also, like *Salt*, deal with CIA operatives), the film also stars Liev Schreiber (most recently seen in *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*) and Chiwetel Ejiofor (*Children of Men*).

The film centers on relations between US and Russian intelligence (for those who don't do history, the Cold War was when the two nations rivaled against each other with nuclear weapons etc). CIA agent Evelyn Salt (Jolie, of course) is accused of

being a KGB sleeper agent (basically, a Russian spy) assigned to assassinate the US President and, naturally, goes on the run to clear her name. But is she really who she is accused to be? Intriguing, yes. Exciting? Maybe. All signs point to "yes", and judging from the trailers, posters etc, this could really be the coolest and well-thought-out film of the year. Plus, who WOULDNT want to see Angelina Jolie in anything, anyway? Film opens on **20th August**, so if you can't wait that long, just deal with it.



Angelina Jolie goes on the run in *Salt*



SHE'S SO HOT: *THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE*

In April, the first of the three already-filmed adaptations of Stieg Larsson's acclaimed *Millennium* book series, *The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo*, was released to critical praise.

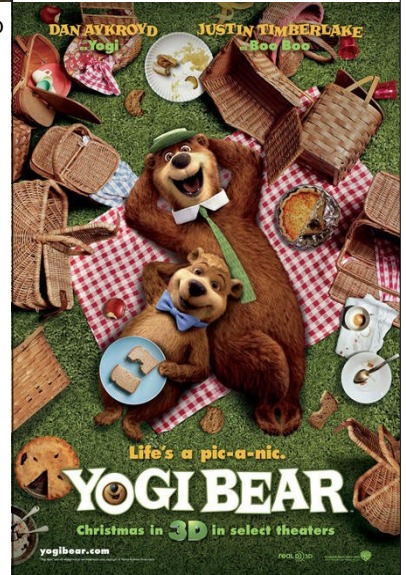
Now, the second book in the series, *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, gets the Hollywood (well, Swedish) treatment. Noomi Rapace reprises her role as Lisbeth Salander, a brilliant hacker with a troubled past, as does Michael Nyqvist as journalist Mikael Blomkvist.

The film picks up where *Dragon Tattoo* left off, with Salander and Blomkvist investigating a sex-trafficking ring. However, Salander has been accused of committing three murders, causing her to go on the run while Blomkvist works to clear her name.

Early reviews have suggested that while *The Girl Who Played With Fire* doesn't exactly have the qualities that made *Dragon Tattoo* so brilliant, it's still an entertaining piece. So, theoretically, this is the *Two Towers* film of the trilogy. Which means the next and final adaptation, *The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest* (due out in November) will be the almighty *Return of the King* film of the saga. Either way, don't miss this next installment when it reaches British shores on **August 27th**.



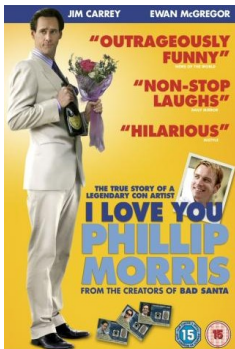
Noomi Rapace knows how to treat someone who says the Yankees suck in *The Girl Who Played With Fire*





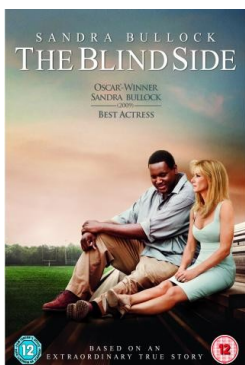
Shutter Island

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 02/08/10



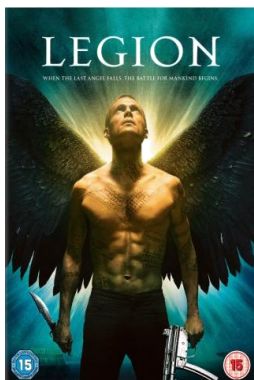
I Love You Phillip Morris

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 02/08/10



The Blind Side

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 09/08/10



Legion

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 09/08/10

MONTHLY RECAP: WHAT HAPPENED IN JULY?

After a rather dull June, the summer got right back on track with new releases that would charm and entertain everyone.

The first big release of the month was the fourth and final film in the franchise, *Shrek Forever After*. With the advantage of playing in 3D cinemas, it did manage to pack an audience and gain better reviews than for the third film back in 2007. All in all, a fit farewell to a franchise that really should have ended with *Shrek 2*.

The next week, we saw the release of the Robert Rodriguez-produced *Predators*, which put a team of human killers in a gaming zone for the titular predators.

However, even the classic monsters were no match for the hysteria that surrounded the release of *The Twilight Saga: Eclipse*. Definitely the best of the films thus far, I was shocked at the screening I went to where it was werewolf Jacob who got all the screams from the fangirls in the audience, whilst vampire Edward got no love. Sad-face, indeed, for Team Edward.

July 16th brought us a new kind of summer blockbuster - from Christopher Nolan, director of *The Dark Knight*, came *Inception*,



The toys were back in *Toy Story 3*

a large-scale sci-fi film starring Leonardo DiCaprio about corporate espionage involved with extracting the dreams of their clients.

But the biggest and most-anticipated film of the month had to be *Toy Story 3*. Since the majority of you readers are Nineties kids, you should have seen this movie by now and loved it, and anyone who says otherwise obviously grew up with *Pokémon* instead of *Toy Story*.

Finally, the end of the month brought us two more big films to chew on, both of them modern updates of classic 1980s film/TV: first, *The A-Team*, which featured a class-A cast of Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper, Sharlto Copley, Quinton Jackson and Jessica Biel; and second, *The*

Karate Kid, which featured Jaden "son of Will" Smith and kung-fu legend Jackie Chan. Overall, it was a great month for film releases, and the end of the World Cup (finally!) guaranteed more bums on seats for the best quality of summer movie entertainment. Now, let's just hope that August can match July's awesomeness. And with films like the ones you've read about over the past few pages, that's a likely prospect.

COMING SOON: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER?

Unfortunately, just when it started to get more interesting, the summer is nearly over and come September, most of us will be going back to school once more. But that doesn't mean that there won't be any new, semi-exciting films emerging during that month. First up on 3rd September, we have *Dinner For Schmucks*, a new comedy from the director of *Meet The Parents* and starring the likes of Steve Carell and Paul Rudd; the supernatural-inspired, Megan Fox-boasting box-office bomb *Jonah Hex*; director Eli Roth's new atrocity *The Last Exorcism*; *The Switch*, with Jason Bateman and Jennifer Aniston, shows us why sperm donation is a bad idea; and Robin Williams will remind us why he's the *World's Greatest Dad*. Next, on September 10th, love interest John C Reilly and girl's son Jonah Hill vie for Marisa Tomei's attention in *Cyrus* (which doesn't feature Miley, thank God); the fourth entry in the *Resident Evil* franchise comes at us in 3D; Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning rock out in *The Runaways*; and Gemma Arterton stars in an adaptation of the popular comic strip *Tamara Drewe*. Then, on the 17th,



Rupert Friend and Ioan Gruffudd star in the harrowing story of *The Kid*

Queen Latifah falls for a basketball star in *Just Wright*; Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg team up as *The Other Guys*; an adaptation of Kevin Lewis' harrowing life story *The Kid* comes to light starring Rupert Friend, Ioan Gruffudd and Natasha McElhone; and early Oscar contender *Winter's Bone* also hits British shores.

Finally, the 24th has saved some special things for last: Julia Roberts goes globe-trotting in search of love in supposedly-sappy romance *Eat Pray Love*; *Gremlins* director Joe Dante reminds us why 3D is a thing to fear rather than cherish in *The Hole 3D* (is it just me, or does that title make me giggle a little bit?); and Ben Affleck follows up his acclaimed directional debut *Gone, Baby, Gone* with crime thriller *The Town*.

So, it looks like after a whirlwind summer of slightly-disappointing blockbusters (e.g *Clash of the Titans*) and absolute atrocities (not naming any names here, but specifically a film beginning with "R" and ending with "obinhood"), it looks like things are slowing down once again - well, until Christmas starts to approach anyway!



Whip It

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 16/08/10



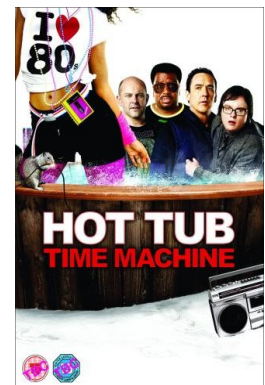
Dear John

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 23/08/10



Repo Men

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 23/08/10



Hot Tub Time Machine

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 30/08/10

UK Film Release Dates

AUGUST

6TH

- Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
- Knight and Day
- Step Up 3D
- The Wildest Dream

13TH

- The Last Airbender
- The Secrets In Their Eyes
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice

20TH

- The Expendables
- The Illusionist
- Marmaduke
- Piranha 3D
- Salt

27TH

- Avatar (Special Edition)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Dog Pound
- The Girl Who Played With Fire
- Going The Distance
- Grown Ups
- The Maid
- Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World

SEPTEMBER

3RD

- 22 Bullets
- Certified Copy
- Cherry Tree Lane
- Dinner For Schmucks
- Jonah Hex
- The Last Exorcism
- The Switch
- Why Did I Get Married Too?
- World's Greatest Dad

10TH

- Cyrus
- Resident Evil: Afterlife
- The Runaways
- Tamara Drewe

17TH

- The Horde
- Just Wright
- The Kid
- The Other Guys
- Release
- Winter's Bone

24TH

- Eat, Pray, Love
- The Hole 3D
- The Town

OCTOBER

1ST

- Buried
- Takers

8TH

- Charlie St. Cloud
- Life As We Know It
- Mr. Nice
- Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps

15TH

- Despicable Me
- Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
- London Boulevard
- The Social Network
- Vampires Suck

22ND

- Alpha and Omega
- The Arbour
- Easy A
- Let Me In
- Paranormal Activity 2
- Red

29TH

- Burke and Hare
- The Kids Are All Right
- Machete
- Saw VII

All release dates are correct as of time of press.

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