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- Apollo 18 moon-set horror-thriller in the style of Paranormal Activity
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- Jane Eyre brand-new adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's novel, starring Mia Wasikowska
- Troll Hunter Norwegian mockumentary fantasy about a titular troll hunter
- I Don't Know How She Does It - Sarah Jessica Parker becomes the breadwinner in her family
- You Instead two feuding musicians are forced to spend the day together at a music festival
- The Debt espionage thriller spanning decades
- Melancholia Lars von Triar's apocalyptic tale starring Kirsten Dunst
- Red State Kevin Smith's latest, a horror involving religion and invitations for sex

MOVIE OF THE MONTH: TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY

believe that Alec
Guinness is the definitive
George Smiley in the BBC
TV mini-series of the
same name, they will
think quite differently
after seeing this brand-

Although some may

new adaptation of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, the

Movie of the Month for

September.

Tomas Alfredson, the director of the critically-acclaimed Swedish vampire film *Let The Right One In*, makes his English-language filmmaking debut with this first cinematic version of John le Carre's novel.

And in doing so, Alfredson has recruited a stellar British ensemble cast to make the experience worthwhile.

Taking the highly soughtafter role of George Smiley is none other than Gary Oldman (*The Dark Knight*), who according to early reports completely nails it and puts even Guinness' interpretation to shame.

And the list gets even better than that - Colin Firth (*The King's Speech*), Tom Hardy (*Inception*), Mark Strong (*Kick-Ass*), John Hurt (*Alien*), Toby Jones (*Frost/Nixon*), Benedict Cumberbatch (*Sherlock*), Simon McBurney (*The Last King of Scotland*), Stephen Graham (*This is England*), David Dencik (David Fincher's upcoming *The*



Girl with the Dragon
Tattoo) and Ciarán Hinds
(Road to Perdition) are all
on board as well, automatically making this
film already not one to
miss.

For those who are not familiar with the character of George Smiley, he is a middle-aged, taciturn, perspicacious intelligence expert who has been put into forced retirement after many years of working for the "Circus", the highest level within the Secret Intelligence Service.

The events of *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, set in the 1970s at the height of the Cold War, see Smiley being called back into action after British agent Ricki Tarr (Hardy) discovers that there may be a high-ranking Soviet mole within the Circus

itself. Smiley is partnered alongside Peter Guillam (Cumberbatch), with whom he eventually deduces that the mole in question is one of four men, including Bill Haydon (Firth), Roy Bland (Hinds), Circus chief Percy Alleline (Jones) and Toby Esterhase (Dencik). Whether Smiley can oust the mole or not is still a mystery to those who have not read the original book. But for those anxious to find out via cinematic experience. Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy

is in cinemas from 16th

September.

News Round-Up

- Ron Howard won't direct the adaptation of Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol
- Bradley Cooper replaces
 Mark Wahlberg in David O.
 Russell's The Silver Linings
 Playbook
- Laurence Fishburne joins
 Zack Snyder's Man of Steel
- A big-screen 3D version of Walking with Dinosaurs is scheduled for a Christmas 2013 release
- Bruce Campbell will play a "pivotal" role in Sam Raimi's Oz, The Great and Powerful
- Game of Thrones director
 Brian Kirk could direct Thor 2
- Brett Ratner (Rush Hour) will co-produce the 84th Oscars
- Nick Frost, Nicki Minaj and Alan Tudyk are new vocal additions to Ice Age: Continental Drift
- Steven Soderbergh will direct the second-unit production of The Hunger Games
- Marvel Studios schedules The Amazing Spider-Man 2 and two unknown films for summer 2014
- Catching Fire, the second book in the Hunger Games trilogy, is booked for a late 2013 release
- High School Musical director Kenny Ortega is to direct a Dirty Dancing remake
- Sin City 2 has financing, according to director Robert Rodriguez
- Sony Pictures is moving forward with a sequel to The Smurfs
- Bruce Willis joins the cast of G.I. Joe 2
- Eddie Murphy will voice the title character in the upcoming Hong Kong Phooey
- David Yates (Harry Potter)
 may reunite with writer Steve
 Kloves on Stephen King
 adaptation The Stand
- Bridget Jones 3 has officially been greenlit
- Mark Romanek (Never Let Me Go) is being courted by Disney to direct a new version of Cinderella

FAST AND THE FURIOUS:

DRIVE

Ryan Gosling is having a hell of a year - he's on screen this month in *Crazy, Stupid, Love* (see page 4), next month he'll be sharing the screen with George Clooney in *The Ides of March*, and he's scheduled to headline a remake of *Logan's*

But before that, he is front and center in what looks like the year's coolest movie, *Drive*. Director Nicolas Winding Refn (*Bronson*) won Best Director for this film at the Cannes Film Festival back in May, and for those who have seen that Tom Hardy prison flick then you already know what kind of violence is in store.

Alongside Gosling in the lead, the film also boasts the likes of Carey Mulligan (An Education), Albert Brooks (Finding Nemo), Bryan Cranston (Malcolm in the Middle), Ron Perlman (Hellboy), Oscar Issac (Sucker Punch) and Christina Hendricks (Mad Men).



Set in Los Angeles, Gosling plays a man only known as Driver, who spends his days working as a stunt double for Hollywood films and his nights as a getaway man for thieves. Soon, Driver starts to bond with his neighbours, young mother Irene (Mulligan) and her son, and he agrees to help her ex-husband (Issac) with one last job. Unfortunately, said job turns out to be illfated, and it's not long before

Driver has a contract put on him by external forces, including mob boss Bernie Rose (Brooks).

Drive promises to be a film fuelled with pure adrenaline, bloodshed, pounding music and breakneck speeds all in the style of classic 70s capers such as *Bullitt*, so it is definitely not to be missed when it is released on **September 23rd.**

TRICK OR TREAT: FRIGHT NIGHT

With the world being consumed in tween-friendly, watered-down vampire culture (looking at you, *Twilight*), it's rare nowadays to really find a true vampire horror flick.

Which is why when something like *Fright Night* comes along, it can be considered a sigh of relief for those sick to death of glittery blood-suckers.

Colin Farrell (In Bruges) is one of the biggest names within the cast for this film, a remake of the 1985 horror film, which also includes Anton Yelchin (Star Trek), Toni Collette (Little Miss Sunshine), Imogen Poots (28 Weeks Later), Christopher Mintz-Plasse (Superbad) and David Tennant (Doctor Who).

The film focuses on student Charlie Brewster (Yelchin),



who against all odds is running with the popular crowd and dating the most coveted girl in school, Amy Peterson (Poots). Things start to take a turn for the worst, however, when a man named Jerry Dandridge (Farrell) moves in next door to Charlie and his mother (Collette). While everyone else doesn't seem to notice, Charlie realizes that there's something not quite right -

and he and his friend Ed (Mintz-Plasse) eventually deduces that Jerry is a vampire who is preying on the neighbourhood. Unable to convince anyone of the truth, Charlie must get rid of the monster himself - but not without the help of renowned magician and proclaimed "vampire killer" Peter Vincent (Tennant).

The night begins in cinemas

from September 2nd.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY: 30 MINUTES OF LESS

The last time that director
Ruben Fleischer and star Jesse Eisenberg worked together, the result was the critically-acclaimed Zombieland.

Now, both director and star reunite to bring audiences the action-packed thrill ride entitled 30 Minutes or Less.

Eisenberg (who since Zombieland has become an Oscar-nominated actor for his role in The Social Network) is paired up with rising actor/ comedian Aziz Ansari (Funny People) in this new film, as well as Danny McBride (Tropic Thunder), Nick Swardson (Blades of Glory), Michael Peña (Crash), Dilshad Vadsaria (defunct TV series Greek) and Fred Ward (Road Trip).

The film centers on the relationship between pizza delivery boy Nick (Eisenberg) and substitute teacher Chet (Ansari), which becomes sour after it is revealed that Nick had slept with Chet's twin sister Katie (Vadsaria). Simultaneously, two



delinquents named Dwayne (McBride) and Travis (Swardson) hatch a plan to hire an assassin to kill Dwayne's domineering father (Ward). However, to obtain the \$100,000 to pay their assassin (Peña), they decide to get someone to rob a bank for them. They soon capture Nick, strap a bomb to his chest and tell him to rob a bank within ten hours otherwise they will detonate the bomb.

Having no other options and no-one else to turn to, Nick must seek Chet's help in order to successfully rob the bank in order to get the money.

Prepare for explosions aplenty in 30 *Minutes or Less*, out in cinemas **September 16th.**

News Round-Up

- Austin Powers 4 could finally be moving forward
- Production on *The Lone*Ranger has been halted due
 to a ballooning budget
- Dakota Fanning will headline writer/co-star Emma Thompson's *Effie*
- Rosamund Pike joins Tom Cruise's One Shot
- Ridley Scott is set to direct a follow-up to cult hit *Blade* Runner
- Disney/Pixar announce two films - one involving dinosaurs, the other focusing on how the mind works
 - Djimon Hounsou (*Blood*Diamond) signs on to play
 the Angel of Death in Par
 adise Lost
- A sequel to horror flick *The*Last Exorcism is planned
 - Ben Affleck is in talks to direct and star in first-person action thriller *Line of Sight*
- Scary Movie 5 is in the early stages of development
 - Universal puts *Ouija* boardgame adaptation into turnaround
- Director Shawn Levy (Real Steel) is eyeing a new version of Frankenstein
 - Martin Scorsese is reuniting with *The Departed* writer William Monahan to develop a remake of *The Gambler*
 - Dan Aykroyd reveals that Ghostbusters 3 might start filming next year
 - William Monahan is to work on the script for Sin City 2
 - George Clooney drops out of Steven Soderburgh's *The* Man From U.N.C.L.E
 - Josh Brolin will headline Spike Lee's remake of South Korean film *Oldboy*
 - David Koepp (Spider-Man) will write Johnny Depp's *The Third Man*
- Robert Zemeckis' adventure film Romancing the Stone is to become a TV series, with Shawn Levy in talks to direct the pilot
 - John Moore (Max Payne) is selected to direct *Die Hard 5*

SEX FRIENDS FOREVER: FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS

Before we go any further, you may be thinking, "wait a minute - didn't they already release a film about two people engaging in purely-sexual relations this year?" And you'd be right, except that film was the highly-disappointing No Strings Attached, which starred Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman as the eponymous sex buddies.

Thankfully, it looks like *Friends* with Benefits is a far superior film to that Ivan Reitmandirected effort.

Directed by Will Gluck (Easy A), the film features Justin Timberlake (The Social Network) and Mila Kunis (Black Swan) in the main roles this time round, but unlike No Strings Attached, it is said that the chemistry between these two is enough to carry the film by itself.

But they are joined in the cast by a surprisingly-strong list of



actors such as Woody Harrelson (Zombieland), Patricia Clarkson (Pieces of April), Richard Jenkins (The Visitor), Jenna Elfman (Town and Country), Emma Stone (Easy A), Andy Samberg (Hot Rod), Bryan Greenburg (Bride Wars) and Masi Oka (Heroes).

The film follows friends Dylan (Timberlake) and Jamie (Kunis) who decide it's easy to add the simple act of sex to

their friendship, despite the Hollywood rom-com clichés, although they soon realize that even this leads to severe complications.

Hopefully, *Friends with Benefits* will live up to its likable hype when it hits British shores on **September 9th**.

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR: CRAZY, STUPID, LOVE

If you're looking for you monthly dosage of full-on Hollywood romance, then you can do no worse than Crazy, Stupid, Love. Written and directed by Glenn Ficarra and John Requa (the duo responsible for Bad Santa and I Love You, Phillip Morris), the film is a closer look at the relationships that we all have and how the future of these relationships are entirely in the hands of the people involved. An ensemble cast has been gathered to help tell this story on the big screen, including the likes of Steve Carell (The 40-Year-Old Virgin), Ryan Gosling (The Notebook) in his second film this month after Drive (see page 2), Julianne Moore (The Kids Are All Right), Emma Stone (Easy A) who can also be seen in this month's Friends with Benefits (see page 3), Marisa Tomei (The Wrestler), Kevin Bacon (Mystic River), Jonah Bobo (Zathura), Analeigh Tipton (The Green Hornet) and singer Josh Groban.

Although it is an interwoven story, the focus is mainly on Cal



(Carell), who is living the dream with a good job, a nice house and a wonderful family - until his wife, Emily (Moore), tells him that she slept with a co-worker, David (Bacon) and wants a divorce. Cal. who hasn't dated in years and is thus disconnected with the modern dating world, then proceeds to spend his days in a bar drinking away his troubles. One night, he is taken on as the protégé and wingman to the younger, more handsome womanizer Jacob (Gosling), who gives Cal a new look and new attitude to picking up women in

today's standards. However, it soon becomes apparent that despite his new image, Cal is still pining for Emily, while Jacob may have incidentally found the woman of his dreams, a young law student Hannah (Stone). Meanwhile. Cal's 13-vear-old son Robbie (Bobo) has a thing for his hot babysitter Jessica (Tipton), who in turn fancies Cal. But no matter how complicated everything may seem, things are bound to have a positive outcome (or not, but that's pure speculation), as we'll find out on September 23rd.



FREAKY GUY-DAY: THE CHANGE-UP

From the combined forces that brought you Wedding Crashers (courtesy of director David Dobkin) and The Hangover (courtesy of writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore) comes a film not unlike Disney's classic comedy Freaky Friday... only 100% more filthier than expected.

The Change-Up takes the classic body-swap scenario and cranks it up a notch with purely adult themes and situations that weren't previously considered. Jason Bateman (Paul) and Ryan Reynolds (The Proposal) headline the film, while they are supported by a cast that includes Leslie Mann (Knocked Up), Olivia Wilde (Tron Legacy) and Oscar-winner Alan Arkin (Little Miss Sunshine). The film sees two best



friends, Dave (Bateman) and Mitch (Reynolds), who envy each other's lives: Dave, an overworked lawyer with a wife (Mann) and children, is fascinated with Mitch's stress-free lifestyle, while Mitch, a single, quasiemployed man-child, pines for a life just like Dave's with a wife, children and hard-

earning job. After one evening out together, they suddenly find themselves in each other's bodies (Mitch is now in Dave's body, while Dave is in Mitch's), and they soon find out that their respective lives are not as rosy as once assumed.

See how the *Change-Up* works on **September 16th.**



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THE LAUTNER IDENTITY: ABDUCTION

With the end of the *Twilight* saga looming (and with noone over the age of twelve really caring), it's only inevitable that the three main leads will have to find other projects to headline and lure in a tween-based audience. Taylor Lautner, who is most famous for playing werewolf Jacob in the eponymous series, has done just that with new action-thriller *Abduction*.

In a film directed by John Singleton (Boyz n the Hood, 2 Fast 2 Furious), Lautner is positioned into leading-man territory amidst a cast including Sigourney Weaver (Aliens), Mario Bello (A History of Violence), Jason Issacs (Harry Potter), Lily Collins (The Blind Side), Alfred Molina (Spider-Man 2), Michael Nyqvist (The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo) and Freema Agyeman (Doctor Who).



For as long as he can remember, Nathan Price (Lautner) has felt that, despite his popularity and loving parents (Bello and Issacs), he doesn't really fit in. These fears are confirmed when, one day, he discovers a picture of himself as a young boy on a missing persons website, meaning that his parents are not really his and his entire life is a lie. However, before he has a

chance to discover his true identity, Nathan is targeted by a team of trained killers and forced to go on the run with his neighbor Karen (Collins). As they dodge assassins and agents, Nathan soon decides to take matters into his own hands if he is to find out the truth about his real parents. Watch as the truth is unraveled on **September 30th.**





OH BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU: WARRIOR

Back in February, *The Fighter* brought together the genres of highly-publicized sport and highly-privatized family strife to make a great film.

Happily, it appears that this trend has continued with this month's release of *Warrior*. Both films, however, differ in one major way - while *The Fighter* incorporated the sport of boxing, *Warrior* includes the newer but just as popular sport of mixed martial arts - meaning that in the ring, anything goes whether it's punching, kicking, or whatever else is physically allowed.

The small but powerful cast of this film, directed by Gavin O'Connor (who himself is no stranger to this genre of film, having previously directed 2004 hockey film *Miracle*), consists of Nick Nolte (*Tropic Thunder*), Joel Edgerton (*Animal Kingdom*) and rising star Tom Hardy (*Inception*, and can also be seen in this



month's *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*).

Jennifer Morrison (Star Trek), Frank Grillo (Prison Break), Kevin Dunn (Unstoppable) and Noah Emmerich (Super 8) round out the rest of the cast. Nick Nolte is Paddy Conlon, a former boxer whose severe alcoholism forced his family apart, who welcomes home his youngest son, war veteran Tom Conlon (Hardy), and trains him to compete in a mixed martial arts competition - a move that will put Tom on a collision course with his older brother, family man Brendan Conlon (Edgerton).

The fight begins on **September 23rd.**





Fast and Furious 5

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 05/09/11



Water for Elephants

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 05/09/11



Priest

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 05/09/11



Pirates of the Caribbean 4

- Also available on Blu-Ray
- Released: 12/09/11

STILL SHOWING: WHAT HAPPENED IN AUGUST?

The 2011 summer movie season ended very much with a bang and not a whimper, and the movie releases in August proved why. On the 5th, Jim Carrey was paired with a host of feathered co-stars in Mr. Popper's Penguins; and J.J. Abrams delivered with his Spielbergesque Super 8. Then, the 12th was filled with releases such as Dominic Cooper's dual-role vehicle The Devil's Double: the heart-

such as Dominic
Cooper's dual-role
vehicle *The Devil's Double*; the heartwarming chimp documentary *Project Nim*; the other
monkey-releted film
of the week, and the
biggest surprise hit of
the summer *Rise* of
the *Planet* of the *Apes*; and the newest
children's film-basedon-once-lovablecharacters *The*

Smurfs.
The following week, on the 19th, was absolutely packed to the brim with films, which consisted of the following - cowboys Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford teamed up to tackle nasty aliens in, erm, Cowboys and Aliens; Brendan Gleeson played a rather



unconventional copper in *The Guard*; the "bumders" went to Malia for the holiday of a lifetime in *The Inbetweeners Movie*; and Robert Rodriguez reminded us all why *Sin City 2* should be made once and for all instead of making drivel like *Spy Kids: All The Time in the World.*

The month came to a close on the 26th, with only a handful of new releases. including Jason Momoa's new take on Conan the Barbarian; Death stalked a bunch of teenagers for a fifth time in Final Destination 5: Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess played the main roles in a new adaptation of loved book One Day; and Antonio Banderas

played a warped skin surgeon in Pedro Almodovar's The Skin I Live In.

So for another year the summer season is officially over. I salute the film industry for organizing yet another summer of thrills and spills, and hope for a repeat for next year as well! Film Feeder #15 Page 7

COMING SOON: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

Before you even know it, it's nearly the end of the year already. But until then, we can indulge ourselves with what's in store for October.

First up, on the 7th October, producer Guillermo del Toro presents his longdelayed horror film Don't Be Afraid of the Dark: Rowan Atkinson returns as the moronic secret agent Johnny English in Johnny English Reborn; one of Disney's classic animated films gets a 3-D re-release in The Lion King 3-D; Woody Allen brings us his newest crowd-pleaser Midnight in Paris; and Ewan McGregor and Eva Green fall in love during an epidemic in Perfect Sense.

Then, the 14th brings us a remake of Kevin Bacon-starrer Footloose; Super-Size Me creator Morgan Spurlock is looking at ways to sell-out in Pom Wonderful Presents: The Greatest Movie Ever Sold: Hugh Jackman survives in a world with robot fighters in Real Steel: Sucker Punch star Emily Browning stars in a disturbing, daring and decidedly rapey new spin on the classic fairly tale Sleeping Beauty; and director Paul W.S. Anderson (Resident Evil) introduces his vision of The Three



Musketeers.

At mid-way point, on the 21st, we have Disney's new wildlife documentary African Cats; Soder-Steven bergh is back with his new ensemble drama Contagion: Selena Gomez headlines a new rom-com named Monte Carlo; just in time for Halloween comes the third film in the Paranormal Activity franchise (which is now officially the new Saw franchise, releasing a sequel each year); Mia Wasikowska is a leukaemia-suffering teenager in Gus Van Sant's Restless: and Tilda Swinton deals with the son from Hell in We Need To Talk About Kevin.

Finally, the month ends with a few exciting releases, especially Steven Spielberg's highly-anticipated adaptation of *The Adventures of Tintin:*

Secret of the Unicorn; 2012 director Roland Emmerich releases a film which questions Shakespeare's authorship of his famous plays in Anonymous; Emma Stone and Viola Davis star in one of the most talkedabout American films of the year in The Help; and George Clooney returns behind the camera to direct political thriller The Ides of March.

It should also be worth mentioning that also occurring this month is the BFI London Film Festival, which is happening right in the centre of London's West End film haven from the 12th-27th of the month, which promises to showcase the very best of what's to come in the future. So, it looks like October 2011 should definitely be one for the books!



<u>Insidious</u>

Also available on Blu-Ray Released: 12/09/11



Attack The Block

Also available on Blu-Ray

Released: 19/09/11



<u>Arthur</u>

Also available on Blu-Ray

Released: 19/09/11



Thor

Also available on Blu-Ray

Released: 26/09/11

UK Film Release Dates

SEPTEMBER

2ND

- Apollo 18
- The Art of Getting By
- Fright Night
- Kill List

<u>9TH</u>

- Colombiana
- Friends With Benefits
- Jane Eyre
- Troll Hunter

16TH

- 30 Minutes or Less
- The Change-Up
- I Don't Know How She Does It
- Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
- You Instead

23RD

- Crazy, Stupid, Love
- Drive
- Soul Surfer
- Warrior

30TH

- Abduction
- The Debt
- Melancholia
- Red State
- Shark Night 3D
- What's Your Number?

OCTOBER

<u>7TH</u>

- Don't Be Afraid of the Dark
- Johnny English Reborn
- The Lion King 3D
- Midnight in Paris
- Perfect Sense
- Tyrannosaur

<u> 14TH</u>

- Footloose
- The Greatest Movie Ever Sold
- Real Steel
- Sleeping Beauty
- The Three Musketeers

21ST

- African Cats
- Contagion
- Judy Moody and the Bummer Summer
- Monte Carlo
- Paranormal Activity 3
- Restless
- We Need To Talk About Kevin

28TH

- The Adventures of Tintin: Secret of the Unicorn
- Anonymous
- The Help
- The Ides of March

All release dates are correct as of time of press.

NOVEMBER

4TH

- In Time
- Machine Gun Preacher
- The Rum Diary
- Straw Dogs
- Tower Heist

<u> 11TH</u>

- Arthur Christmas
- The Big Year
- Immortals
- A Night in the Woods
- Wuthering Heights

18TH

- My Week with Marilyn
- Romantics Anonymous
- Safe
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1

25TH

- 47 Ronin
- The Deep Blue Sea
- Moneyball
- Piranha 3DD
- Wanderlust

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