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Overpriced snacks (37%)

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The Oscars

There was no shortage of Hollywood glamour and style on this year's star-studded red carpet. Veteran actors **Christopher Plummer** and **Meryl Streep** took home top awards while Oscar newbies like **Jean Dujardin** and **Octavia Spencer** were also honored. The night's big prize for best picture went (not surprisingly) to the black and white silent film *The Artist*, which also won for best actor and director.



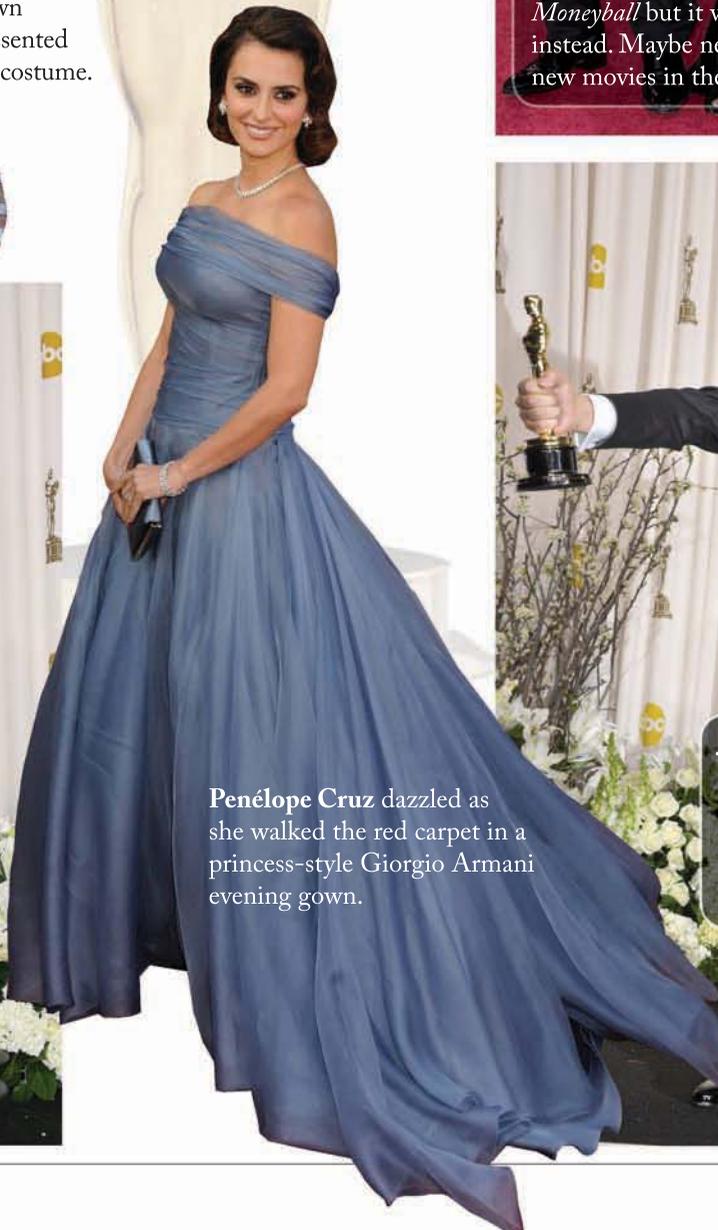
← **Jennifer Lopez's** daringly low-cut, custom-made Zuhair Murad gown sparkled as she presented the award for best costume.



Angelina Jolie looked proud of her leading man **Brad Pitt**, who was hoping to get the best actor award for his role in *Moneyball* but it went to Jean Dujardin instead. Maybe next year – Pitt has four new movies in the works.



Christopher Plummer changed up the classic black tux by wearing a navy velvet blazer. At 82, he became the oldest performer to pick up an acting Oscar for his supporting role in *Beginners*.



Penélope Cruz dazzled as she walked the red carpet in a princess-style Giorgio Armani evening gown.

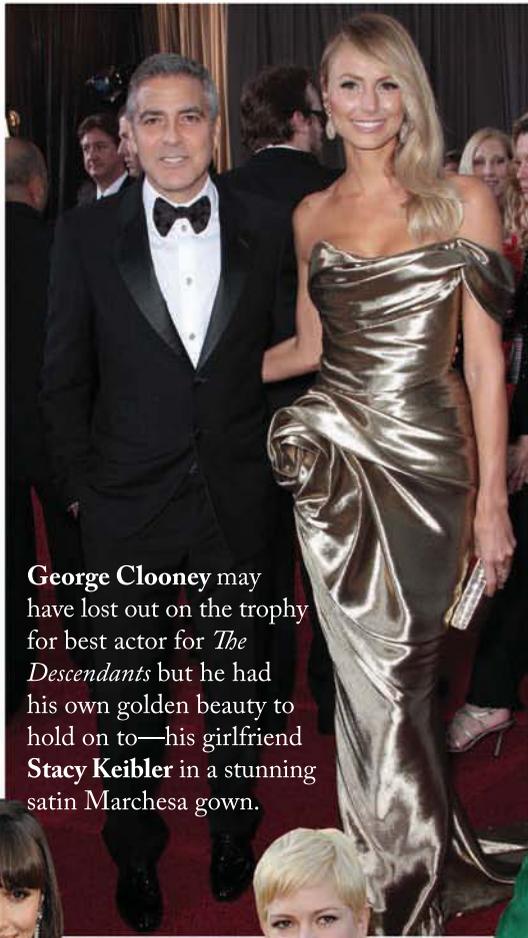


Jean Dujardin was all smiles after winning his very first Oscar for his lead role in *The Artist*. He's the first French actor to ever win an acting Oscar.

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All eyes were on *The Help*'s **Octavia Spencer** in her white-and-silver sequined Tadashi Shoji gown as she accepted her trophy for best supporting actress from **Christian Bale**.



George Clooney may have lost out on the trophy for best actor for *The Descendants* but he had his own golden beauty to hold on to—his girlfriend **Stacy Keibler** in a stunning satin Marchesa gown.



The Help star and best actress nominee **Viola Davis** needed no help getting noticed in her emerald green dress by Vera Wang.



Rose Byrne, in a sequined Vivienne Westwood gown, joined her hilarious *Bridesmaids* co-stars to present the short film awards.

Jessica Chastain shone in a beaded Alexander McQueen ensemble for her first Oscar nomination, best supporting actress for *The Help*.



Best actress nominee **Michelle Williams** (*My Week with Marilyn*) added a splash of color with her coral Louis Vuitton dress. We'll be seeing her next as a witch in *Oz: The Great and Powerful*.



Best actress nominee **Rooney Mara** channeled classic Hollywood in a white Givenchy dress, a totally different look from her Lisbeth Salander character in *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

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WRATH OF THE TITANS

The Titans are back and angrier than ever.

By Rodrigo Cokting

Sam Worthington as Perseus

Wrath of the Titans is set ten years after Perseus' (Sam Worthington) heroic battle against the Kraken and finds the hero settled down with a family. But while Perseus has been living a peaceful life, the Gods of Mount Olympus are facing dire straits. Weakened by a lack of human devotion, they struggle to keep the Titans at bay.

When Zeus (Liam Neeson) is captured and his powers are siphoned, Perseus is forced to become the man the gods need once more. Teaming up with Andromeda (Rosamund Pike), demigod Agenor and fallen God Hephaestus (Bill Nighy), he will have to find the strength to save the world from the tyrannical rule of the Titans.

Although 2010's *Clash of the Titans*—a remake of the 1981 film of the same name—was well received, Worthington was excited to get a do-over. During an interview with *Tribute's* Bonnie Laufer, he told us: "In the first one I personally felt I didn't commit to a character; he was just a rambunctious teenager and I wanted to delve a bit more. So we fleshed it out and he's a dad now."

Wrath of the Titans will find Perseus no longer accustomed to being a hero, but Worthington couldn't be more excited about exploring the potential of that plot point. "He's got responsibilities and he hasn't been doing this for ten years so I kind of created a character that I hadn't seen in action movies before; which is a guy who's actually unfit and he's got to save the world. He's out to set off on this journey and bring back his family. It's got great monsters and it's a blockbuster, but essentially it's about a person trying to get a family back together."

Jonathan Liebesman takes over directing duties for the sequel but remains appreciative of the groundwork laid by the first movie.

"We are grateful to have the architecture from the first film in terms of narrative. The world and characters have been set up and we were allowed to take it and run with it," Liebesman told the *Los Angeles Times*. "It's an extraordinarily real performance against the magical backdrop of the *Wrath* story world, and I think the grounding in reality will help the audience get on board with the world of *Wrath*."

The *Titans* series includes an all-star cast: Worthington, Ralph Fiennes, Liam Neeson and Bill Nighy, just to name a few. Liebesman acknowledged his fortune, saying, "I have been extremely lucky to work with actors of this caliber. They bring their whole life to the characters, and to watch them work over the course of the film has been a lesson in filmmaking. All of our cast were extremely generous with their performances."

Joining the big guys for the sequel is British beauty Rosamund Pike, and going by her words, it looks like *Wrath of the Titans* will be nothing but fun.

"You'd have these immense sets and there would be a CGI green screen element but a lot of it was built as well, which is much better for the imagination," Pike told *Digital Spy*. "We were in the Underworld and it was like walking into chaos. We'd have huge wind machines, rivers of fire, columns of fire being dropped 20 feet down, boulders being thrown at us made of polystyrene. We'd have to run through all this mess and it was like being in a maelstrom. It's exciting, it's a kind of crazy chaos."



The Avengers



Chris Hemsworth as the thunderbolt-throwing Thor, in his impenetrable armor, joins the team of superheroes.



Scarlett Johansson plays the butt-kicking former-KGB agent Black Widow, first seen in *Iron Man 2*.



Jeremy Renner, who had a cameo as Hawkeye in *Thor*, now plays a major role.

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Iron Man.



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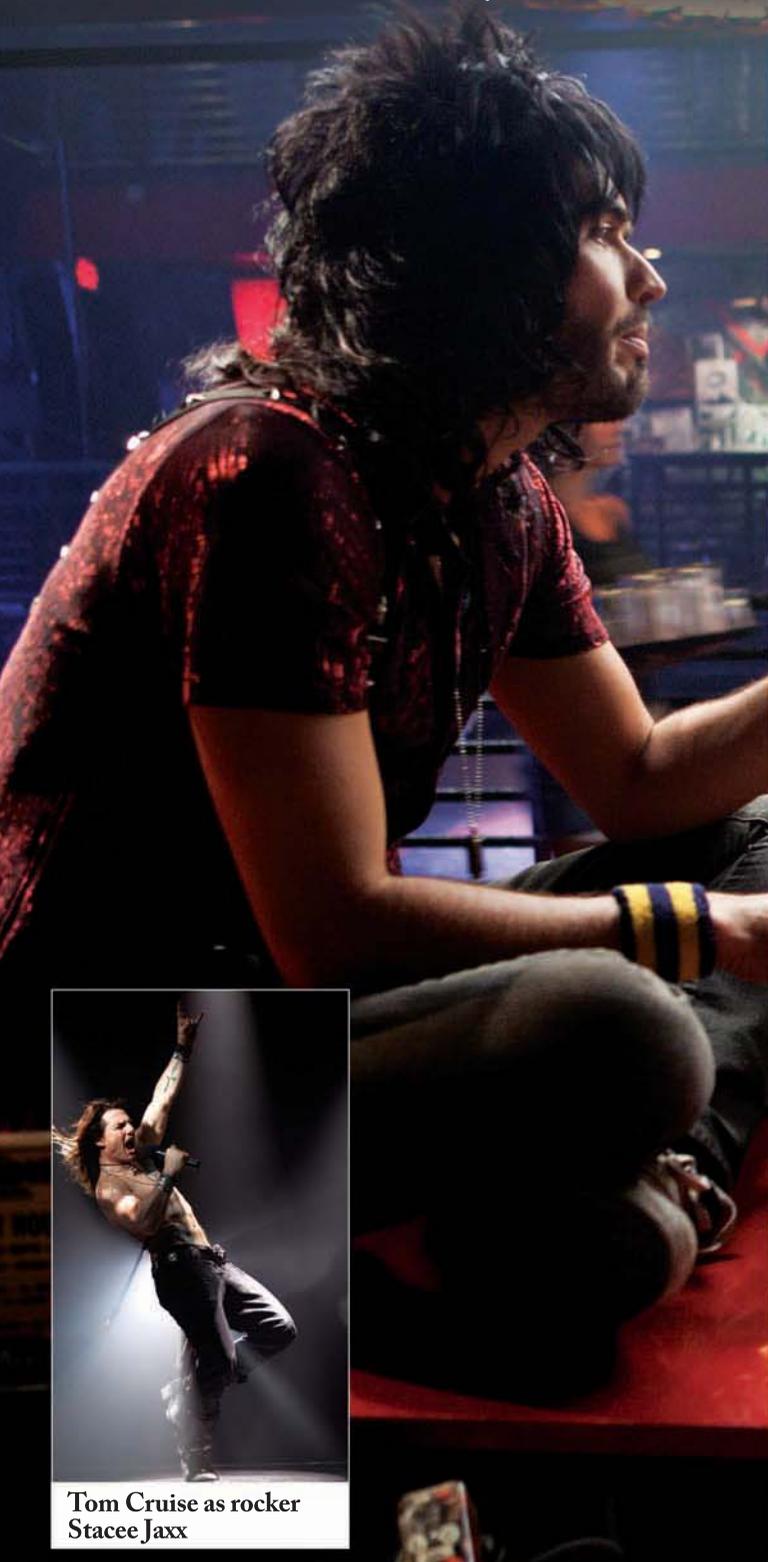
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Rock of Ages

Russell Brand and his famous hair try to steal the spotlight in this movie adaptation of the hit Broadway musical.

By Alexandra Heilbron



Tom Cruise as rocker Stacey Jaxx

For over 30 years, turning Broadway musicals into movies wasn't even a consideration. Sure, movie musicals were popular in the 1930s and '40s, but by the '50s and '60s, the genre was dying out. So when the Broadway musical-turned-movie *Chicago* was not only a hit with audiences, but the winner of six Academy Awards including Best Picture, the tides had turned, with movies such as *Hairspray* and *Nine* following in its footsteps.

The most recent Broadway musical to be filmed for the big screen is *Rock of Ages*. Just like *Chicago*, it boasts plenty of A-Listers in the roles. Although the show revolves around two young aspiring performers, played by Julianne Hough and Diego Boneta, anticipation for the movie has focused mainly on the celebrities who round out the cast, including Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Russell Brand.

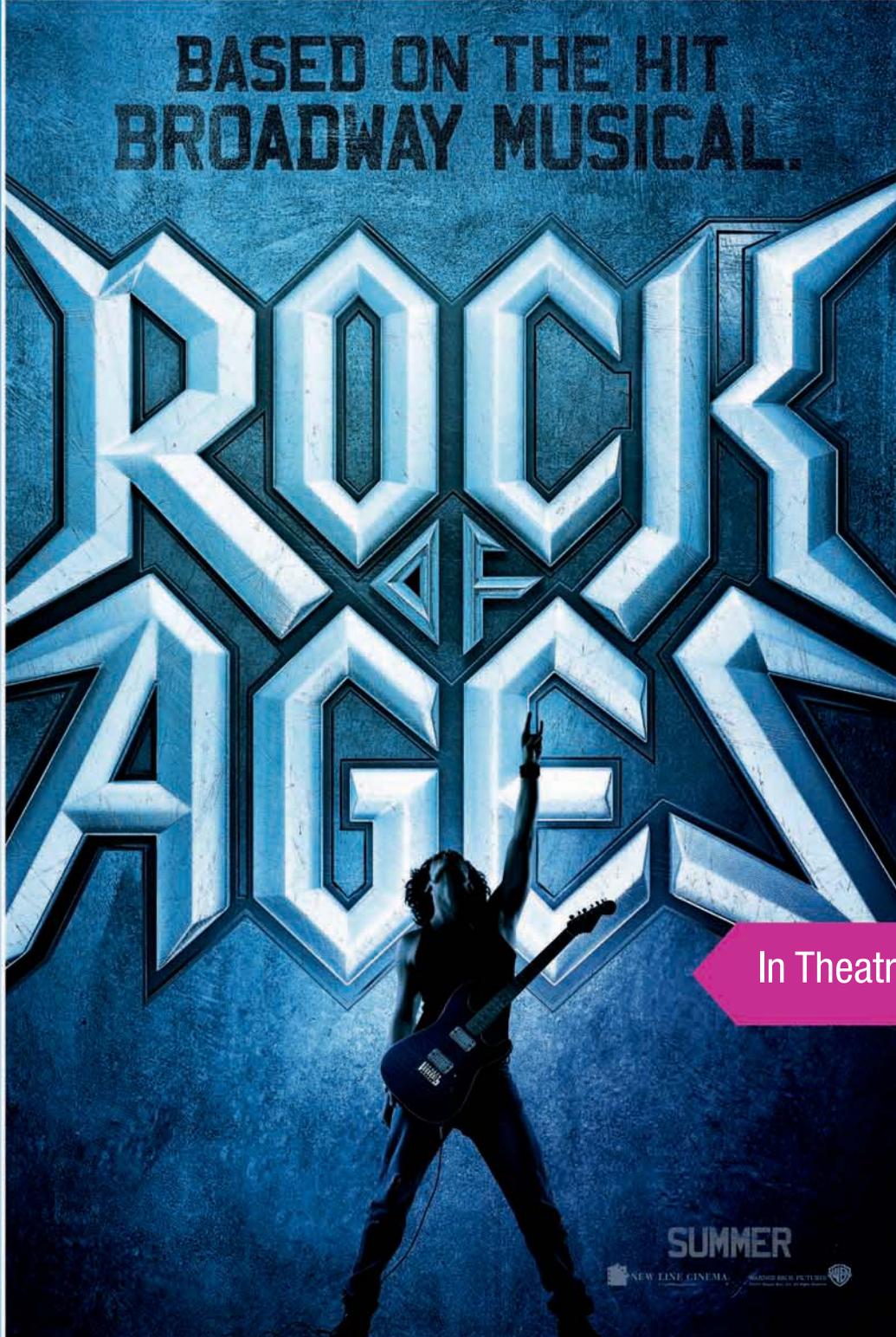
North American audiences got their first glimpse of Brand when he played the super sexy British rocker Aldous Snow in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*. What many people don't know is that the character was written to be a proper English gentleman. When Brand showed up for the audition with his long, unkempt hair, tight black jeans and multitude of belts wrapped around his hips, director Nicholas Stoller and screenwriter Jason Segel originally thought the casting director was playing a joke on them. It wasn't until Brand brilliantly and hilariously improvised his way through the audition that the part was rewritten for him.

In fact, his character was such a hit that he was asked to star in a spin-off movie, *Get Him to the Greek*, in which he further showed off his singing ability, performing several songs—some of which he co-wrote—as the legendary rocker. *Rock of Ages* director Adam Shankman realized Brand, known for his high energy and quick wit, was a natural to play Lonny, the show's narrator. Not surprisingly, he revealed to *The Hollywood Reporter* that Brand was “giddy” on the set, especially when he teamed up with Baldwin to pull pranks.

After it was announced he'd been cast in the role, the British funnyman joked: “I've already got the hair. I am way ahead of them on that account.”

Actually, Brand wears a mullet wig for the film, which may be just as well, because as he jokingly referred to his own hairstyle when hosting the 2008 MTV Video Music Awards: “Without fame, this haircut could be mistaken for mental illness.”

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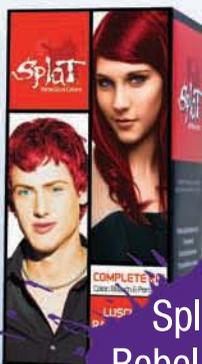
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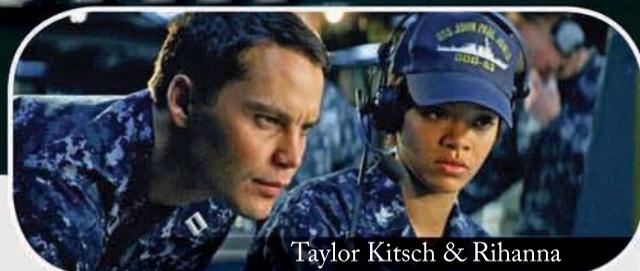




BATTLESHIP

Is turning a board game into a movie script the newest trend in franchise filmmaking?

By Rodrigo Cokting



Taylor Kitsch & Rihanna

Adaptations are never an easy thing. The ones from books are often met with harsh criticism, but to adapt a board game? Well, the idea is nearly unheard of.

However, director Peter Berg was up to the challenge. Having helmed *Hancock* and *The Kingdom*, he was completely ready to bring a classic Milton Bradley board game to the big screen.

Battleship is the story of an international Navy fleet that becomes the planet's last line of defense when an alien species called The Regents attempts to invade Earth.

But Berg views the story in a simpler manner. "The movie gets quite big but at its core it's a story of this young man moving from an absolute fool to a real leader," Berg said in an interview with IGN.com. "A guy who assumes responsibility and literally saves the planet."

The man in question is none other than actor Taylor Kitsch, whose character Alex Hopper is caught in the middle of the alien assault. While initially accused of not living up to his potential by his brother Stone (Alexander Skarsgård) and by his fiancée's father, Admiral Shane (Liam Neeson), Hopper will have to find the power within himself to repel the invaders before it is too late.

"It's that whole thing of Hopper looking up to his clean-cut big brother but being scared of journeying into the potential that he has in himself," Kitsch told UGO.com.

Berg's own journey was part of the reason he decided to direct this film. His father, a naval historian, would often take him to museums and encourage him to study the ships and battles.

His familiarity with the Navy, tied in with his desire to film a big blockbuster, made him the perfect fit for the board game adaptation.

"I love the global reach those kinds of movies have, so I wanted to make one," Berg said. "*Battleship* was the first opportunity to take my love of naval history and naval warfare and go meet the modern Navy."

Battleship marks Rihanna's film debut. The pop singer plays Raikes, a character she describes as "badass." "She's a weapons officer, she's not afraid of anything," Rihanna told the *Daily Express*. "She loves weapons, she knows them."

It was the screenplay written by Erich and Jon Hoeber that attracted her to the project. "After I read the script, I was really, really impressed and I wanted to be a part of it," Rihanna said to UGO.com. "It was a role I felt I could handle for the first time I'm acting."

Rihanna had to undergo strenuous military training and acting classes to prepare for the experience, which was unlike anything she had done in her musical career. "It's completely different. It's night and day," she explained. "Being on stage, it's a whole new world that I'm a little more comfortable with. This is a whole different perspective."

So, will you hear her say, "You sunk my battleship!" when the movie hits theaters?

"No, that's not my line," Rihanna confirmed. "*No one* sinks my battleship."

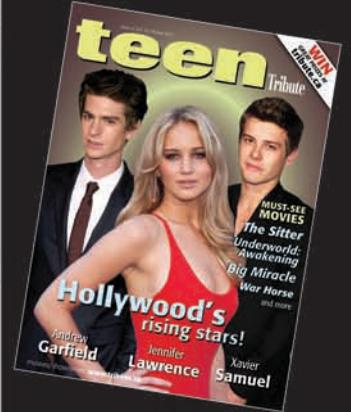


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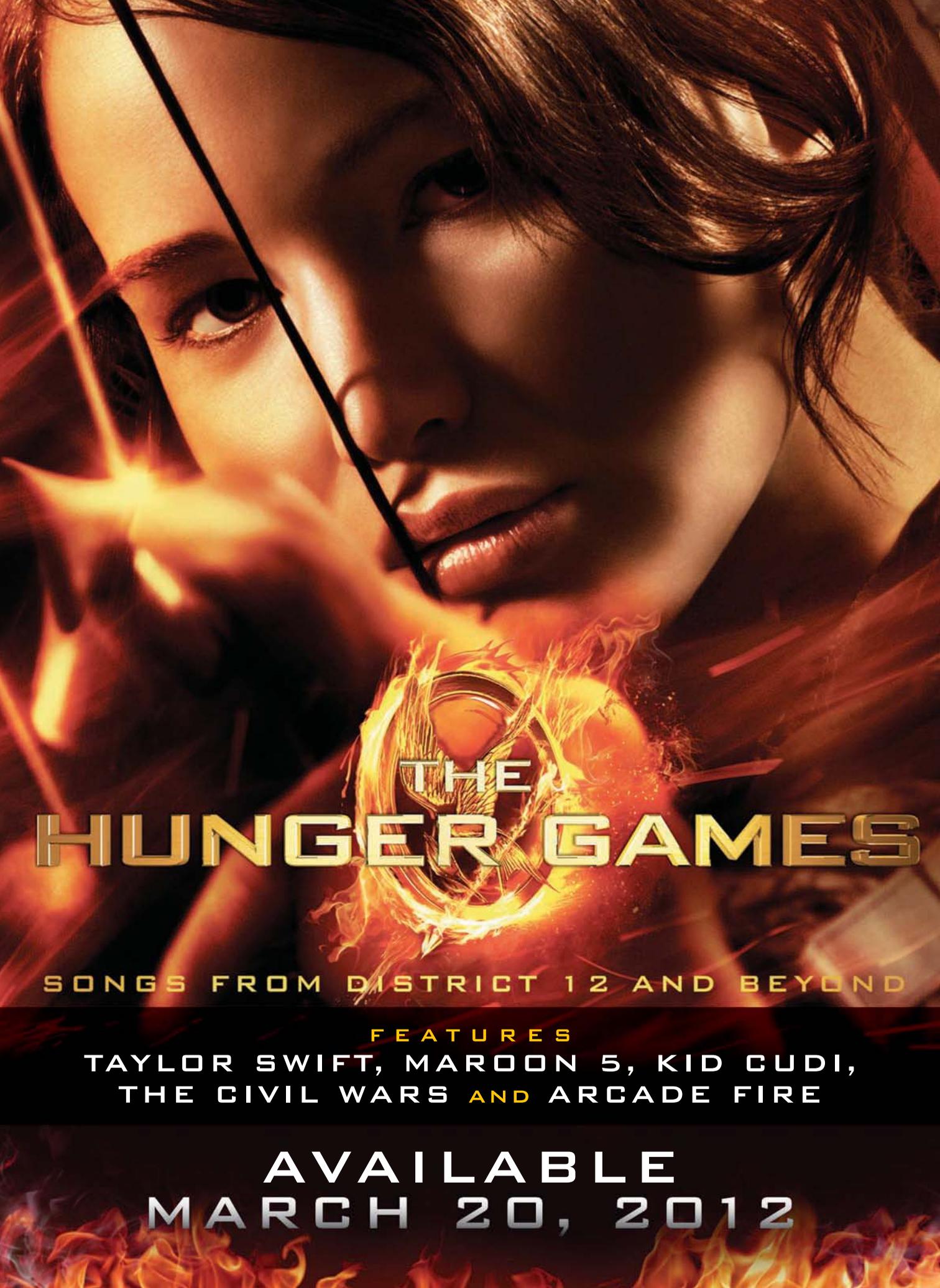
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March 16 Action

Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum, Brie Larson, Dave Franco, Rob Riggle, Ice Cube

Two rookie cops (Hill, Tatum) infiltrate a high school posing as students to take down a drug ring. Based on the gritty '80s TV show, the film adaptation pokes fun at the idea of adults pretending to be teens in the education system.

BUZZ: Jonah Hill was given the privilege of writing a cameo role for original *21 Jump Street* alumnus, Johnny Depp.

The Hunger Games

March 23 Action

Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, Woody Harrelson, Elizabeth Banks, Lenny Kravitz, Donald Sutherland, Stanley Tucci

In a dark dystopian future, two teens—Katniss Everdeen (Lawrence) and Peeta Mellark (Hutcherson)—are sent to fight to the death in the Hunger Games, a twisted televised punishment to remind the people of Panem of their attempts to overthrow their government.

BUZZ: Liam Hemsworth and Jennifer Lawrence, both natural blondes, dyed their hair brown for their roles in the film while Josh Hutcherson, naturally dark-haired, dyed his hair blond for his part.

Mirror Mirror

March 30 Comedy

Lily Collins, Julia Roberts, Armie Hammer, Nathan Lane, Mare Winningham, Jordan Prentice

A hip, edgy retelling of the classic Snow White fairy tale for today's teens. The story takes place in a kingdom run by an evil queen (Roberts) who banishes her beautiful stepdaughter princess (Collins) to the forest to shack up with seven vagabond dwarves.

BUZZ: Julia Roberts' costumes were so heavy and cumbersome that she reportedly pulled a muscle when she moved her head too quickly.

The Lucky One

April 20 Drama

Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner, Adam LeFevre

A U.S. Marine (Efron) finds a picture of a smiling young American woman while on tour in Iraq and makes it his mission to discover her when he comes home.

BUZZ: Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks, this will be his seventh story to be brought to life on the silver screen!

Chimpanzee

April 20 Documentary

Shot over three years in the jungles of the Ivory Coast and Uganda, the movie takes an intimate look at the world of chimpanzees. When young Oscar's family is confronted by a rival band of chimps, he is left to fend for himself until a surprising ally changes his life forever.

BUZZ: Part of the film's profits will be donated to the Jane Goodall Institute for the "See Chimpanzee, Save Chimpanzees" program to help protect chimps and their habitats.

Men in Black III

May 25 Action

Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, Emma Thompson, Nicole Scherzinger

Agent J (Smith) travels back in time to the '60s and must uncover mysteries of the universe to save a young Agent K (Brolin) from an alien assassination attack. The future of the agency and humankind are at stake in the first 3D film of the series.

BUZZ: Yuri Lowenthal, who voices Knuckles the alien, also voiced Ben Tennyson from the TV series *Ben 10*. The Tennyson family is connected to the Plumbers, an organization like the MIB.

Rock the Look



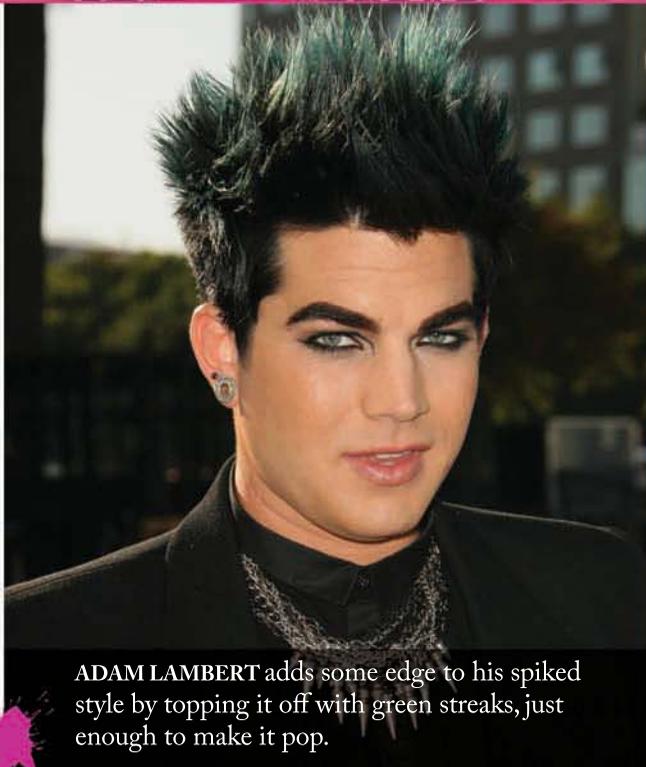
Rapper **NICKI MINAJ**'s eccentric personality shows up in her unique hairdos, like blue and green peacock spots or rainbow-colored tips. Try mixing shades to create your own unique design.

What better way to welcome spring than by perking up your hair with a splash of color? Whether you're looking for a bold change or just something minor, find your style with these celeb-inspired trends.

By Soriyya Bawa



If you're going to go all one color, like **KATY PERRY**'s bright blue, pair it with a classic, simple hairstyle for the perfect combination of funky and chic.



ADAM LAMBERT adds some edge to his spiked style by topping it off with green streaks, just enough to make it pop.



RIHANNA looked smoking hot with her fire engine red hair. The all-over shade is bright enough to make heads turn, without being too over the top.

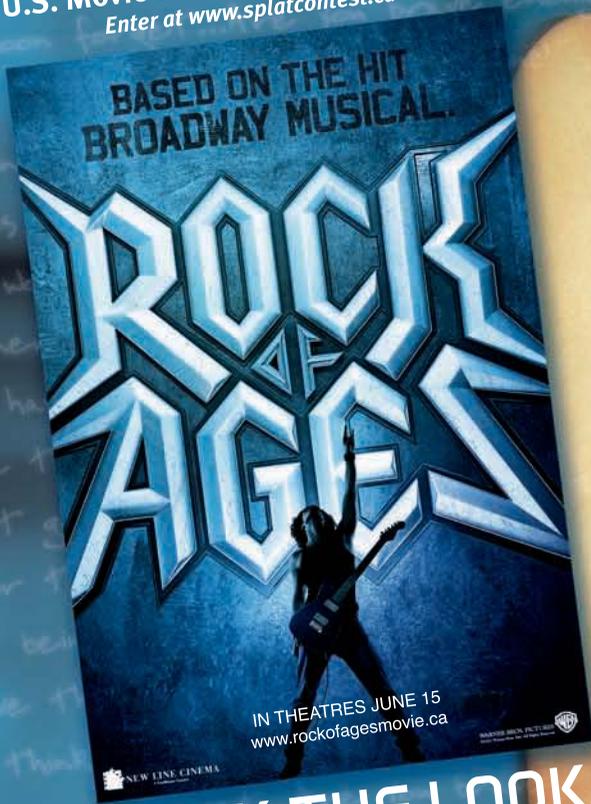


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STARS of *THE HUNGER GAMES*



JENNIFER LAWRENCE

Plays: 16-year-old Katniss Everdeen, who volunteers herself to be a “tribute” (participant) in the Hunger Games in place of her younger sister, Prim.

Age: 21

Place of Birth: Louisville, Kentucky

Priors: Former cheerleader and model

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2011 Oscar and Golden Globe nominations for *Winter's Bone*
- Played Raven/Mystique in *X-Men: First Class*
- Won the starring role in *The Hunger Games* over younger stars such as Chloë Grace Moretz, Hailee Steinfeld, Abigail Breslin and Emma Roberts

Quote: “I don’t really diet or anything. I’m miserable when I’m dieting and I like the way I look... I’d rather look a little chubby on camera and look like a person in real life, than look great on screen and look like a scarecrow in real life.” – *Flare*



JOSH HUTCHERSON

Plays: Peeta Mellark, the baker’s son who is also chosen in the annual lottery to be a “tribute” in the televised Hunger Games.

Age: 19

Place of Birth: Union, Kentucky

Priors: Made his TV debut at the age of nine

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two 2008 Young Artist Awards for *Bridge to Terabithia* – Leading Actor and Ensemble cast
- 2006 Young Artist Award for *Zathura*
- Was cast as Peeta despite competition from actors such as Alex Pettyfer, Lucas Till, Alexander Ludwig (who was cast as Cato instead) and Hunter Parrish

Quote: “This business hasn’t changed me... the most important thing is that at night when you lay there by yourself, all you have is you and if you’re not true to yourself, what else matters?” – *IGN Movies*



LIAM HEMSWORTH

Plays: Gale Hawthorne, Katniss’s best friend and hunting partner.

Age: 22

Place of Birth: Melbourne, Australia

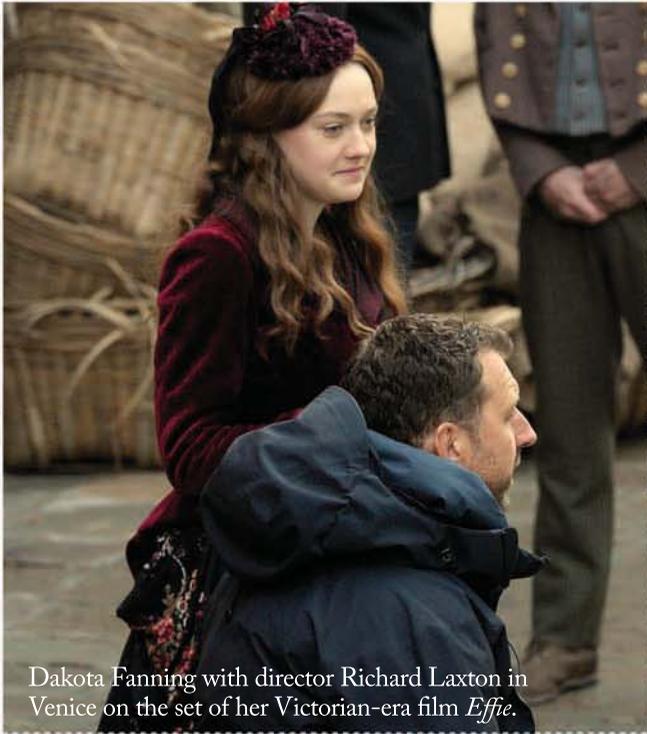
Priors: Came to the U.S. to audition for the role of *Thor*, but the part went to his older brother Chris.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- His first American role was playing Miley Cyrus’s love interest in *The Last Song*
- 2010 Teen Choice Award for *The Last Song*
- Beat out actors such as David Henrie, Robbie Amell and Drew Roy for the role of Gale

Quote: “Hopefully this movie does turn out as great as everyone wants it to be, and hopefully we don’t disappoint anyone.” – *Vanity Fair*

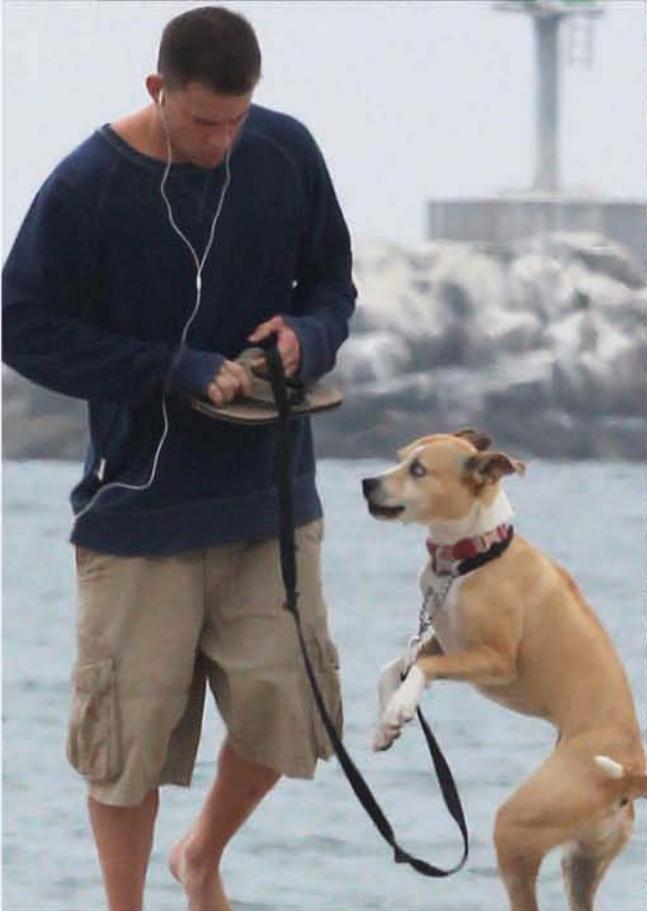
Young **HOLLYWOOD** on set



Dakota Fanning with director Richard Laxton in Venice on the set of her Victorian-era film *Effie*.



Saoirse Ronan films a scene for the vampire movie *Byzantium* in Dublin, Ireland.



Channing Tatum takes a break from filming on the set of *Magic Mike* in Los Angeles to take his dog for a walk.



Evan Rachel Wood and Justin Long were spotted on the set of *A Case of You* in Brooklyn, New York.



Zac Efron posed with fans on the Chicago set of his new movie *Heartland*.

Photos: Keystone Press



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The film festival, presented by *Tribute Entertainment*, returns with its fifth annual installment, taking place **March 21 to 25**. The festival highlights an eclectic mix of movie premieres, special screenings, retro rarities, and limited engagements at three different venues, including TIFF Bell Lightbox, the NFB Cinema and Toronto's newest independent, The Toronto Underground Cinema.

This year's film selection features everything from drama to comedy to documentaries to special appearances and Q&As with some of the films' stars, directors and more. Highlights include a screening of the original *The Muppet Movie* (1979) featuring a Q&A with one of the film's original composers, Paul Williams. Also making its Canadian premiere is *Girl Walk // All Day*, a music video-turned-feature-length movie (77 min.) by the controversial activist/DJ/mashup artist, Girl Talk.

The Canadian International Comedy Festival will also be making its debut launch as part of CMW. Funnymen like *30 Rock*'s Tracy Morgan (March 23), Reggie Watts (March 22) (known for his appearances on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon* and *Conan*), Chris Kattan of *Saturday Night Live* (March 24), and Steve-O of *MTV's Jackass* (March 24) will all be performing exclusive one-night shows.



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WEDNESDAY

TIFF Bell Lightbox | Reitman Square | 350 King Street West

7:00 PM **UNDER AFRICAN SKIES** 2012 | 102 MINUTES | USA
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: JOE BERLINGER
MUSIC: PAUL SIMON, LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO, AND MORE

9:45 PM **ANDREW BIRD: FEVER YEAR** 2011 | 81 MINUTES | USA
TORONTO PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: XAN ARANDA | MUSIC: ANDREW BIRD



THURSDAY

TIFF Bell Lightbox | Reitman Square | 350 King Street West

7:00 PM **SOUND IT OUT** 2011 | 75 MINUTES | UK
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: JEANIE FINLAY | MUSIC: SAINT SAVIOUR,
THE CHAPMAN FAMILY, DETECTIVE INSTINCT, DAS WANDERLUST AND MORE

9:15 PM **LAST DAYS HERE** 2011 | 90 MINUTES | USA
DIRECTORS: DON ARGOTT AND DEMIAN FENTON | MUSIC: PENTAGRAM



FRIDAY

NFB Cinema | 150 John Street

7:00 PM **KEVIN** 2011 | 40 MINUTES | USA
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: JAY DUPLASS | MUSIC: KEVIN GANT

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LAST MUSIC MAN 2011 | 9 MINUTES | CANADA
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: DAVID KALINAUSKAS

AND

MAN & MACHINE: A NAKED ROBOTIC LOVE STORY
2011 | 21 MINUTES | U.S.A.
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTORS: JESSE ROESLER & JONATHAN NOWAK

9:00 PM **HIT SO HARD** 2011 | 103 MINUTES | USA
CANADIAN PREMIERE | DIRECTOR: P. DAVID EBERSOLE | MUSIC: HOLE, AND
RODDY BOTTUM (FAITH NO MORE, AND IMPERIAL TEEN)



SATURDAY

NFB Cinema | 150 John Street

4:00 PM **THE MUPPET MOVIE** 1979 | 95 MINUTES | USA
POST-FILM Q&A WITH COMPOSER, PAUL WILLIAMS.
DIRECTOR: JAMES FRAWLEY | MUSIC: PAUL WILLIAMS, KENNY ASCHER,
AND THE MUPPETS

7:00 PM **PARALLAX SOUNDS** 90 MINUTES | FINLAND / FRANCE / GERMANY / USA
WORK IN PROGRESS SCREENING 2012 | DIRECTOR: AUGUSTO CONTENTO
MUSIC: KEN VANDERMARK, DAVID GRUBB, STEVE ALBINI, AND MORE.

9:15 PM **GIRL WALK // ALL DAY** 2012 | 77 MINUTES | USA | CANADIAN PREMIERE
DIRECTOR: JACOB KRUPNICK | MUSIC: GIRL TALK (AKA GREGG GILLIS)



Toronto Underground Cinema | 186 Spadina Avenue

7:00 PM **NO ROOM FOR ROCKSTARS: THE VANS WARPED TOUR**
2012 | 100 MINUTES | USA | CO-PRESENT
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Spring **Movie** Preview



TITANIC 3D

WRATH OF THE TITANS

March 30 Action

Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike, Toby Kebbell, Bill Nighy, Ralph Fiennes

Ten years after defeating the monstrous Kraken, Perseus (Worthington) is enjoying family life. He's called back to his monster slaying duties on a quest to save his father, Zeus (Neeson), from the underworld and enlists warrior Queen Andromeda (Pike), Poseidon's demigod son, Agenor, and fallen god Hephaestus (Nighy) to join him on his mission.

Buzz: The screenwriters for this movie have already signed on to co-write the treatment for a third Titans movie.



WRATH OF THE TITANS

TITANIC 3D

April 4 Drama

Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Kathy Bates, Bill Paxton, Bernard Hill

The world's beloved and acclaimed film about the ship of dreams returns to theaters in stunning 3D. Watch Jack Dawson (DiCaprio) and Rose DeWitt Bukater (Winslet) as they fall in love all over again.

Buzz: To celebrate reaching over 10 million fans of the movie on Facebook, James Cameron released a personalized thank you message to accompany an exclusive preview trailer.

THE THREE STOOGES

April 13 Comedy

Will Sasso, Sean Hayes, Chris Diamantopoulos, Jane Lynch, Larry David, Sofia Vergara, Craig Bierko, Stephen Collins, Jennifer Hudson

While on a mission to save The Sisters of Mercy Orphanage where they were raised, the three stooges—Larry (Hayes), Curly (Sasso), and Moe (Diamantopoulos)—somehow become involved in a bizarre murder plot, and along the way, find themselves featured on a successful reality TV show. Based on characters first seen on the big screen in the 1930s.

Buzz: Sean Penn, Jim Carrey and Benicio Del Toro were originally cast as Larry, Curly and Moe respectively, but dropped out for various reasons.



THE FIVE-YEAR ENGAGEMENT

THINK LIKE A MAN

April 20 Comedy

Chris Brown, Kevin Hart, Regina Hall, Meagan Good, Gabrielle Union

Act like a lady, but think like a man becomes the motto for a group of friends in this urban dating comedy that prominently features Steve Harvey's bestselling self-help book *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man*. Let the mind games begin!

Buzz: Comedian-turned-author Steve Harvey not only serves as the film's narrator but also makes a cameo appearance.

SAFE

April 27 Action

Jason Statham, Chris Sarandon, Catherine Chan, James Hong

A cage fighter (Statham) loses everything when he blows a rigged match. But when an orphaned 12-year-old prodigy enters his life, he finds himself stuck in the middle of a war between the Russian mob, the NYPD and the Triads.

BUZZ: Action star Jason Statham is proficient in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and performed his own stunts and fights.

THE FIVE-YEAR ENGAGEMENT

April 27 Comedy

Jason Segel, Emily Blunt, Chris Pratt, Kevin Hart

Tom (Segel) and Violet (Blunt) just can't seem to nail down their wedding date. There's always something that keeps getting in the way in this movie that chronicles the ups and downs of the five years leading up to their wedding.



THE DICTATOR

DARK SHADOWS

May 11 Drama

Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Helena Bonham Carter, Eva Green, Jonny Lee Miller, Chloë Grace Moretz

Based on the cult soap opera of the same name, this modern version directed by Tim Burton follows the vampire Barnabas (Depp), who is released from his coffin after 200 years and returns to his ancestral home of Collinwood to find the manor in ruins. Resident family psychiatrist Dr. Julia Hoffman (Bonham Carter) suspects Barnabas may be hiding a secret.

Buzz: Stars of the original series—Lara Parker, David Selby and Jonathan Frid—have cameos in this new production.

THE DICTATOR

May 11 Comedy

Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris, John C. Reilly, Ben Kingsley, Megan Fox

Admiral General Aladeen (Cohen), dictator of the fictional Republic of Wadiya, is on a "heroic" quest to protect his country from the "evils" of democracy at the United Nations in New York, in this spoof that lifts actual newscasts from world leaders.

Buzz: The movie was inspired by the controversial novel *Zabibah and the King*, penned by former real life Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein.



THINK LIKE A MAN



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—Sorriya Bawa

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Treat yourself to an at-home manicure with the new summer-inspired **Revlon Limited Edition Nail Enamels**. Available in four new colors, \$5.95 each.

Heidi Klum Summer Shine Eau de Toilette is the A-lister's limited edition signature fragrance, featuring fresh citrusy top notes that settle into a warm musk and sandalwood scent, \$35 for 30 mL.



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AXE launches its first ever female fragrance with **Anarchy for Her**, a mix of sparkling fruity notes, soft florals, sandalwood, amber and vanilla, to go with the male scent **Anarchy for Him**, \$6.99 each.



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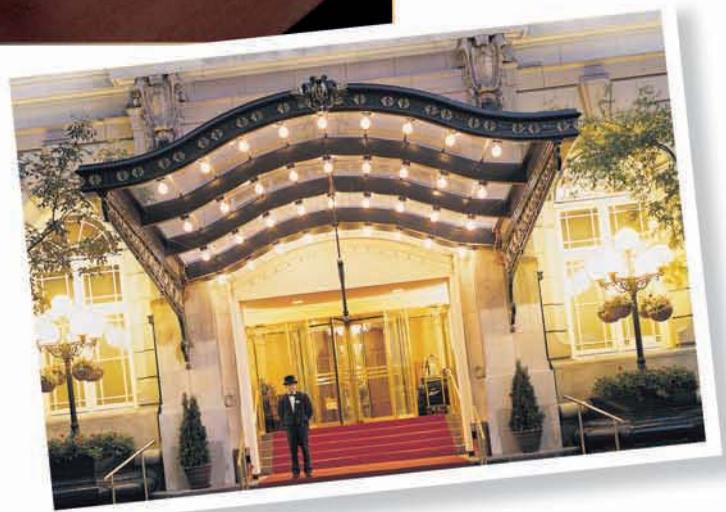
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March 20

A punky young computer hacker (Rooney Mara) helps a disgraced journalist (Daniel Craig) find a woman who has been missing for 40 years. Together, they uncover a dark world of brutality, deception and ritualistic murder. Based on the Swedish novel by Stieg Larsson, this is the first in a trilogy.

tribute.ca ★★★★★

*"Wow! Aside from some really gross and horrific scenes, this movie was amazing."
"Having not read the book, I didn't know what to expect, but it was very good."*



A DANGEROUS METHOD

March 27

Based on real events that occurred between two of the greatest minds of the 20th century, Carl Jung (Michael Fassbender) and Sigmund Freud (Viggo Mortensen). Their friendship is ripped apart and history is made when a young Sabina Spielrein (Keira Knightley) comes between them.

tribute.ca ★★★★★

*"If you're fascinated with Freud's and Jung's works, go see this movie."
"Good acting but the guy playing Freud did not look like him."*

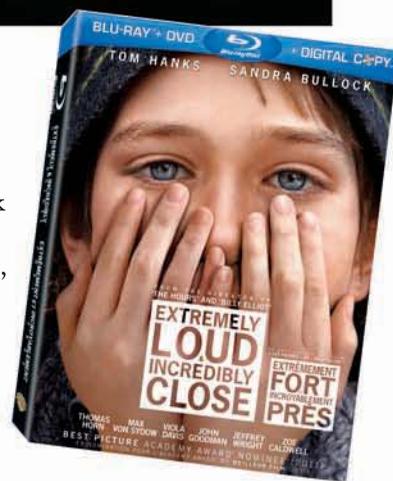
EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE

March 27

A young boy (Thomas Horn) goes on a quest to find the lock that matches a mysterious key left by his father (Tom Hanks), who perished in the World Trade Center on 9/11. His journey through New York's five boroughs takes him beyond his own loss to an understanding of the world around him.

tribute.ca ★★★★★

*"This is a powerful movie about grief, sorrow, joy and recovery."
"It would have been better without the child actor, he was hard to identify with."*



TITANIC MINI-SERIES

April 24

To remember the 100th anniversary of the Titanic, this epic mini-series is an extraordinary retelling of the doomed voyage, weaving action, mystery and romantic plots before coming together in an explosive finale. The story unfolds through the eyes of a host of characters, offering a captivating insight into the world of 1912 and the tragic events leading up to the deaths

of 1,517 passengers.

tribute.ca ★★★★★

*"Captures what happened brilliantly."
"Saw this on TV and it was awesome. It's a different perspective from the movie, which was fiction. I think this one was based more on reality."*

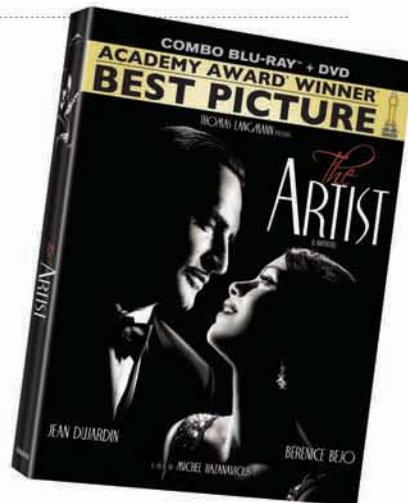
THE ARTIST

April 24

Set in 1927 on the eve of the talking films explosion, a silent film star (Jean Dujardin) fears for his career and sparks up a passionate relationship with a background dancer (Bérénice Bejo). Shot in black and white, just like the real thing, *The Artist* is a tribute to Hollywood's Golden Age.

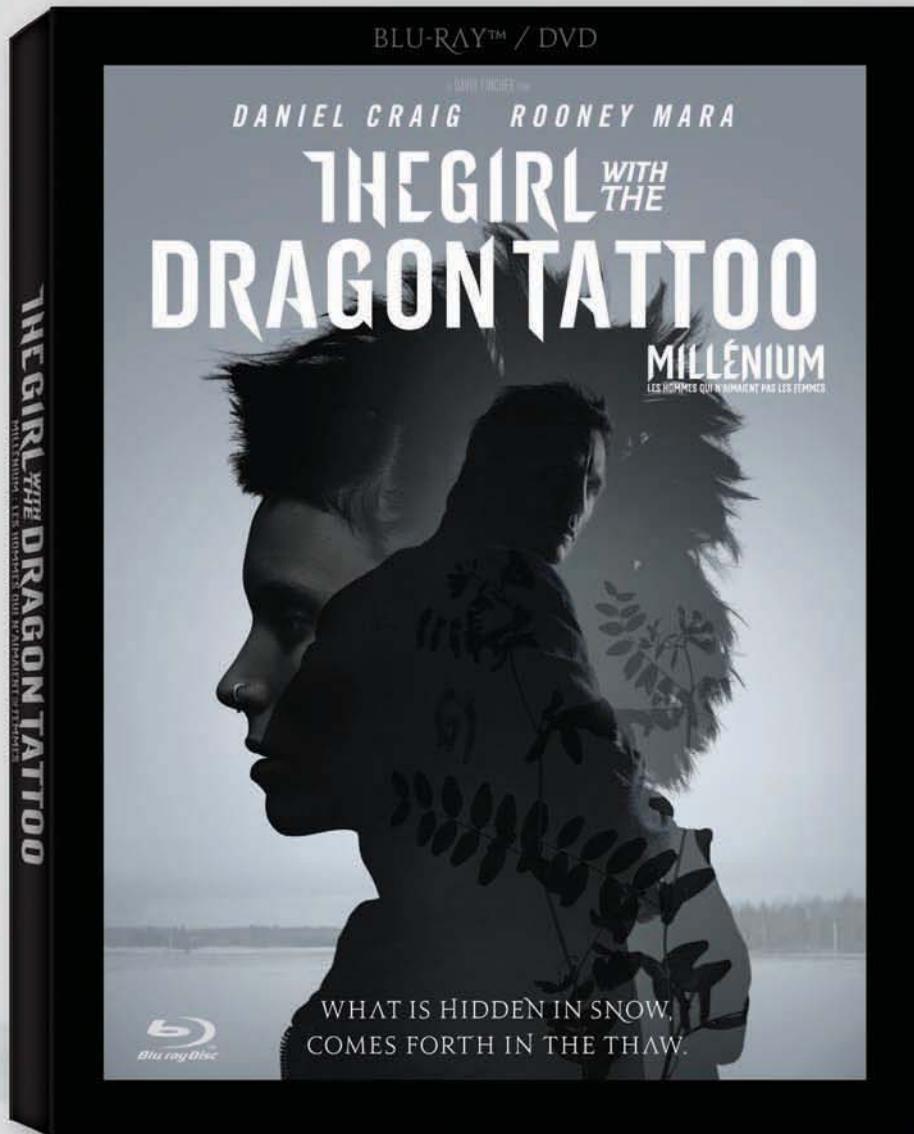
tribute.ca ★★★★★

*"Being in black and white, it's a must see. Brilliant movie – I thoroughly enjoyed."
"You might think this movie would be dull being a silent movie but it is very intriguing. LOVED IT!!!"*



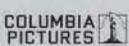
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Stifler, Jim and the rest of the gang are all grown up... or are they?

By Jesse Ship

Take a look through your Facebook page. Can you count how many of your high school friends you haven't seen in over a decade? Do you ever wonder how things have changed and where their lives have gone beyond their occasional status updates and birthday wall posts? That's how the cast of *American Reunion*, the fourth official instalment in the *American Pie* series, felt.

Shooting the film was very much a reunion, for not just the characters but the actors involved, as all original 19 are back on board. However, this time the producers put Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg of *Harold & Kumar* fame into the directors' seats.

"It's really true to how real life would be, where everybody, they've all gone in different directions, but of course when you get back together again, it's as if no time has passed," Alyson Hannigan, who plays Michelle, told *The Huffington Post*. "You'll be able to catch up with all the characters, see what they're

doing, where are they now—when they all come back together."

The movie picks up exactly eight years after *American Wedding*, in which Jim (Jason Biggs) and Michelle tied the knot. They are both still happily married and delighting in the joys (and frustrations) of parenthood with their two-year-old son, Evan.

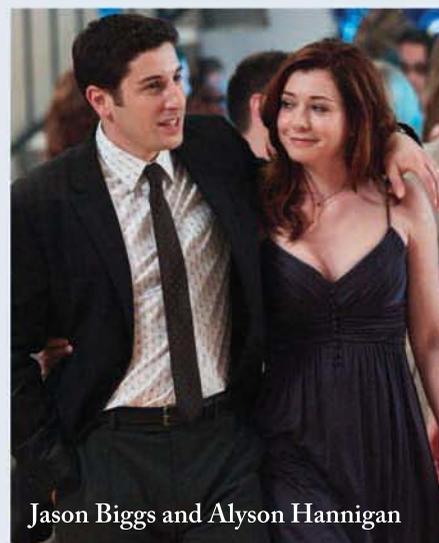
Chris "Oz" Ostreicher (Chris Klein), whom fans might remember as the "virgin" of the bunch, has taken a 360 and is now a Hollywood hot shot living in a beach house in Malibu. His current gig as a sportscaster on an NFL show has helped him land his obsessive and inappropriate girlfriend, who of course, comes along to the reunion, much to the chagrin of Heather (Mena Suvari), Oz's conquest in the original *American Pie*.

Steve Stifler (Seann William Scott) is still doing what he does best, but is now working for corporate America. "Stifler is older, and weirder now that he's into his 30s. He's actually regressed," said Scott in an

interview with *Digital Spy*. Concur's Klein, when talking to *The Hollywood Reporter*, "Seann works harder than any of us being Stifler...running and gunning. We find Stifler back in East Great Falls, doing his thing. He's just trying to find his way in the world as this crazy guy."

And who knows what sparks might fly when two worlds collide and lovable, wisdom-dispensing Jim's dad (Eugene Levy) meets Hollywood's original MILF, Stifler's mom (Jennifer Coolidge)? Now that he's been single for three years, will he steal her away from the mysterious, Harley-riding bad boy Finch (Eddie Kaye Thomas), who still pines for her love?

In an interview with *Complex Magazine*, Thomas confessed he had doubts at first when coming back to the set. "At first I think it was a little awkward because it was like this is the moment that everyone's asked us about and it's going to be talked about and here we are. It really didn't take long before we were all hitting each other in the balls and making fart jokes and just reverting to the way we were acting when we were 17 years old. If there's any place you have a license to act like an immature, adolescent boy, it's on the set of *American Pie*. So we all just took that and ran with it."



Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan

To watch the hilarious *American Reunion* trailer go to www.tribute.ca.

The Dark Knight Rises

Christian Bale suits up for his final run as Batman in *The Dark Knight Rises*.

By Soriyya Barwa



Anne Hathaway in the role of Catwoman.

Batman has descended into darkness, silenced by his decision to be branded a fugitive. But a true hero will rise again. “We were in this together, and then you were gone. Now this evil... rises. The Batman has to come back,” Commissioner Gordon says to Bruce Wayne. And so begins the final chapter of Christopher Nolan’s Batman legacy.

Christian Bale dons his mask and cape one last time for *The Dark Knight Rises*, the final instalment of Nolan’s epic superhero trilogy. The story picks up eight years after the events that unfolded in 2008’s *The Dark Knight*. Batman has slipped into the shadows after taking the fall for District Attorney Harvey Dent’s crimes. But Gotham City is experiencing a new breed of evil, a terrorist mastermind who only goes by Bane (Tom Hardy), and the only way for the people of Gotham to save themselves from complete destruction is to call upon their fallen hero. Batman is forced to resurface and embrace his destiny for one last fight to the finish.

The film sees the return of some familiar faces, including Michael Caine reprising his role as Alfred and Morgan Freeman as Lucius Fox. It also introduces

new characters like Anne Hathaway as Catwoman and Marion Cotillard as Miranda Tate, a Wayne Enterprises board member trying to help Bruce Wayne fulfill his father’s philanthropic duties. Nolan has also brought in his *Inception* star, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, to play the role of John Blake, a Gotham cop working under the command of Commissioner Gordon (Gary Oldman).

Although Gordon-Levitt was first rumored to play a bad guy, the role of the lead villain, Bane, ultimately went to Tom Hardy, who will have some big shoes to fill considering the last archenemy, Heath Ledger’s Joker, garnered not only lavish critical praise, but an Academy Award. According to Nolan, however, Bane is a different kind of villain altogether. “The Joker is obviously a particular archetype of diabolical, chaotic anarchy and has a devilish sense of humor. Bane, to me, is something we haven’t dealt with in the films,” Nolan said in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times*. “He’s a classic movie monster in a way—but with a terrific brain. I think he’s a fascinating character and people are going to get a kick out of what we’ve done with him.”

Although the film means the end of Bale as Batman on screen, could it also mean the birth of a new hero? Many have pegged Gordon-Levitt as a likely choice for a spin-off. Is this really the end or will there be a new heir to the Batman legend? Go to Tribute.ca for the trailer, news and more on *The Dark Knight Rises*.

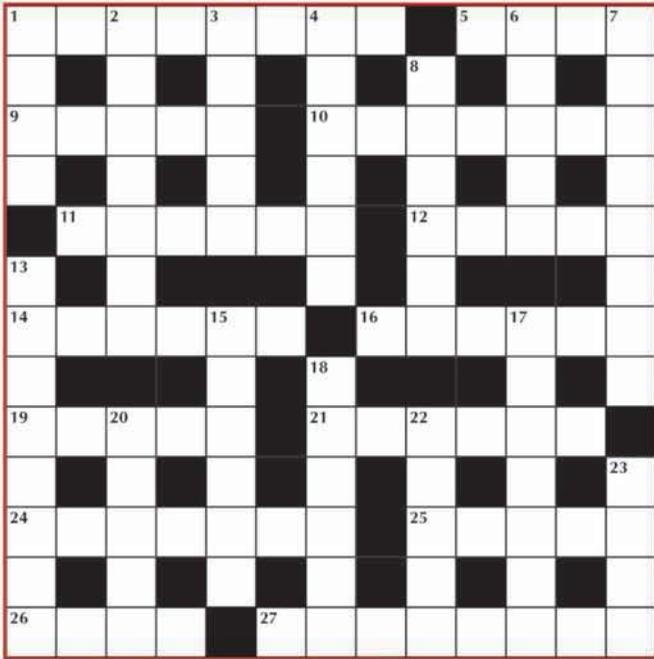


Christian Bale as Batman.

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- 1 Johansson among the all-star cast of *The Avengers*
- 5 Bettany who's the voice of J.A.R.V.I.S. the robot
- 9 Chris ___ is another member of *The Avengers* cast
- 10 9 Across plays Captain ___
- 11 Lucas of the *Star Wars* films
- 12 Robert Downey Jr. plays billionaire industrialist Tony ___
- 14 Tasteless gas that goes by the symbol O
- 16 Bettany was an ___ monk in *The Da Vinci Code*
- 19 Cobie Smulders is Maria Hill, a S.H.I.E.L.D. ___

- 21 Joss ___ wrote and directed *The Avengers*
- 24 Ready to defend or protect: 2 wds.
- 25 Bruce Banner became a monster because of exposure to ___ radiation
- 26 Nick ___ is the director of S.H.I.E.L.D.
- 27 Natural tendency or ability

- 17 Downey Jr. transforms into this Avenger when things heat up
- 18 Where Stellan Skarsgård, who plays Professor Erik Selvig, hails from
- 20 Leonardo DiCaprio isn't much into superhero flicks, but did play a lawman in the recent film *J. ___*
- 22 A decade ago, Johansson appeared in the comedy horror ___ *Legged Freaks*
- 23 *The Avengers* is distributed by ___ Disney Pictures

DOWN

- 1 Killed or destroyed, especially in battle
- 2 Many of *The Avengers* cast have been up for ___ Awards
- 3 Victim
- 4 Combined forces like Thor, Hawkeye and the rest of the Avengers have ___ up
- 6 One's soul or inner self
- 7 Samuel ___. ___ plays 26 Across
- 8 Sly, sneaky person, like many a movie villain
- 13 Johansson plays Natasha ___, also known as Black Widow
- 15 Those who make up crowd scenes in *The Avengers* and other films



1 ACROSS

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— Larry Humber

Music news

HAMMER'S MUSIC BLOG



The Winter Music Conference (WMC) in Miami is almost here. As a Music Director, I have had the chance to experience this amazing event for the last decade. Every year, I get to hear the new dance music first and bring it back to the Z103.5 airwaves.

Songs like David Guetta feat. Kelly Rowland – “When Love Takes Over,” Armin van Buuren – “Going Wrong” and Swedish House Mafia – “Save the World” are just some of the hits I was

able to be the first in Canada to play.

I will be one of the over 100,000 electronic dance music fans in Miami from March 16th to March 25th where the biggest DJs in the world will be showcasing their latest productions.

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CHANNING TATUM – Taurus, born April 26, 1980, Cullman, Alabama
Channing seems a typical Taurus: laid-back and smooth à la George Clooney and with natural dancing chops like Fred Astaire (both of whom share his sign). And a moon in Libra provides an extra dose of charisma to fuel his modeling career and romantic lead roles. But his chart also shows he is an ultra-versatile actor with varied creative gifts and a lot of drive. Jupiter in his sign has helped him land no fewer than four movies slated for release in 2012. He's on a creative roll that should continue through 2013 as he expands his repertoire.

STAR STRUCK

What the stars have planned for you

By Susan Kelly, astrologer

March/April ●

 **ARIES** (March 21 – April 20)

Answer all casting calls now, in both love and career. Circulate your resumé and be patient. Your big break is due in May, so now is the time to lay the groundwork. Whatever your situation, you're ready to star in your own true-life romance in April. Fortunately, your other half is on the same page when it comes to the relationship.

 **TAURUS** (April 21 – May 21)

Travel is off the agenda, but who cares? It's party central chez vous, with only A-listers on the guest list. And there also are helpful sorts who support you in unexpected ways, including one special someone. With spring's arrival, you're revved for action. Attend a brainstorming session or two, and prepare to make big changes in April.

 **GEMINI** (May 22 – June 21)

You're busy like a bee, and wish you could buzz off. With Mercury offside from March 12 to April 3, there may be delays and do-overs on the work front. At least the cash is flowing in the right direction. In April you begin work on a whole new script on the romance front. Your social life will make for some interesting sub-plots.

 **CANCER** (June 22 – July 22)

Spring fever strikes! You're all fired up, but where to go? Travel is not favored, so it's best to stick close to home base. But there's a lot of action on the set, and plenty of social life as an outlet. More than one friend needs your assistance and you come through. Home projects are best delayed until mid-April.

 **LEO** (July 23 – August 23)

Fresh horizons entice you, but a big trip isn't in the budget. Anyway, you wouldn't want to miss an enticing offer of the professional kind. You can always sign up for a new class; it will broaden your view nicely. And there's always a new or rekindled romance to keep it fresher than springtime come April.

 **VIRGO** (August 24 – September 23)

Money matters, especially how you hang on to it. File your taxes before March 12 or after April 3, if you can. Be wary of a loophole that seems too good. You definitely need a spring break! Despite a few mix-ups, travel is favored throughout this period. A getaway à deux in April provides space for love to bloom.

 **LIBRA** (September 24 – October 23)

The Oscars may be over, but people around you turn in statue-worthy performances. Resist the urge to add to the drama and things will soon be back on an even keel. Meanwhile, spiff up your image and launch new projects after April 3 – you're pure gold now. A close relationship is ready to go to the next level.

 **SCORPIO** (October 24 – November 22)

Your love life takes on a soap-opera quality, with many turns of plot. One sizzling romantic twist can help you live up to your passionate reputation. Misunderstandings can occur on other fronts, though. It may take until mid-April, with Mars finally onside, for your career to pick up speed. After that, the sky's the limit.

 **SAGITTARIUS** (November 23 – December 21)

Recent changes to the love scenario prove to your liking. You're getting both more support and autonomy – just the kind of plot twist you like. There's work to be done, but you can find inventive ways to break the routine in April. Sidestep any disagreements at work. You'll only make matters worse by pointing out who's at fault.

 **CAPRICORN** (December 22 – January 20)

Last-minute demands at work put an extra burden on you. You may have to do some rewrites or bring work home. Put your shoulder to it and rewards will be substantial. A growing bond with someone close is fulfilling and so is your home life. By mid-April a major roadblock is removed.

 **AQUARIUS** (January 21 – February 18)

There's a strong sense of starring in your own movie, with a social scene that feels like one big Hollywood premiere! Remember to keep your options open with someone new on the scene, though. By the end of April you're wondering how to put old alliances to work for you. A tip points you towards an enticing travel bargain.

 **PISCES** (February 19 – March 20)

Make a March break for it. Short trips are favored as is spending quality time with your pals. Just don't max the credit card. By April, and on cue, you can move ahead at work and get relationships on track. You attract people who want to help you succeed, but many do it through tough love. Expect to make solid gains.

INTO THE HOBBIT HOLE



It's been eight years since we dove into J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* fantasy world, and next year the much-anticipated story of *The Hobbit*, the prequel to the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, will hit the big screen as the first in what is to be a two-part movie series.

Starring Martin Freeman as Bilbo Baggins and directed by Peter Jackson, the film boasts an all-star cast including *Lord of the Rings* alums Cate Blanchett as Galadriel, Elijah Wood as Frodo, Orlando Bloom as Legolas and newcomer Evangeline Lilly as Tauriel.

If you haven't read the beloved novel, the story follows Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, as he journeys to the Lonely Mountain to reclaim a treasure taken by the dragon Smaug. Approached out of the blue by the wizard Gandalf the Grey (Ian McKellen), Bilbo finds

himself joining a company of thirteen dwarves led by the legendary warrior, Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage). Their journey takes them through treacherous lands swarming with Goblins and Orcs, deadly Wargs and Giant Spiders, Shapeshifters and Sorcerers.

One thing that *Hobbit* purists will find different in the movie version is the addition of new characters, particularly female ones. "Upon reading *The Hobbit* again as an adult, I can see why additional characters were needed to round out the story as an adaptation — especially female characters!" said Evangeline Lilly to *Total Film*. "*The Hobbit* didn't include female characters at all and was a very linear story, a book for children, really. What [they've all] done is perfect in keeping with Tolkien's world, while adding a third dimension to an otherwise very two-dimensional story."

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A TRIBUTE TO AN UNABASHED SCENE STEALER

Uggie, who played “Jack” in *The Artist*, stole not only scenes but our hearts.

By Alexandra Heilbron



“He was a crazy, very energetic puppy. And who knows what would have happened to him if he’d gone to the dog pound.”

—Uggie’s owner



The Artist star Jean Dujardin with Uggie



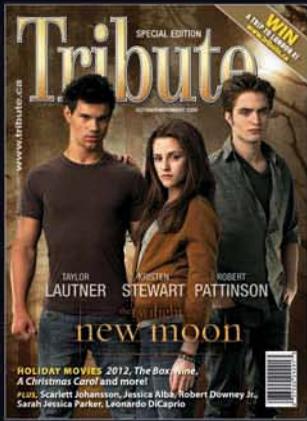
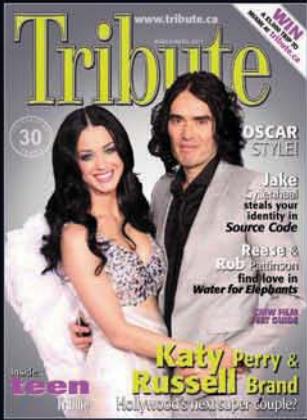
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Rarely has a movie canine received as much attention as Uggie, the Jack Russell terrier from *The Artist*—especially when, unlike dogs such as Lassie or Benji, he wasn’t even the main star of the film. That hasn’t stopped Uggie from tagging along with the cast to award shows such as the Golden Globes, where he stole the spotlight when he joined them on stage to help accept the award for Best Picture, and at the Made in Hollywood Awards when he couldn’t stop kissing his co-star Jean Dujardin’s face while sitting on his lap in the audience.

Uggie has also won a slew of

awards of his own for his role in the film, including a “Golden Collar Award,” the “Palm Dog Award” at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival and a special mention at the Prix Lumière Awards, the French equivalent of the Golden Globes.

His trainer/owner Omar von Muller adopted him just as the energetic puppy was about to be sent to the pound after his first two owners rejected him for being “too wild.” Although Omar recently announced that Uggie, now 10, would be retiring from movies, he was willing to let him put in an appearance at the Academy Awards, looking very dapper in a bow tie.



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