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The Road (cert 15)

Fri 5 March at 7.30pm (111 mins)

Drama starring Kodi Smit-McPhee, Viggo Mortensen, Guy Pearce, Charlize Theron, Garret Dillahunt, and Robert Duvall. A man and his young son make their way through a decimated American landscape, two of the last survivors of some terrible disaster to befall mankind. Those that remain have depleted almost all fuel, food and water supplies so many survivors now band together and hunt down stragglers as food.

The father's only means of protection is a gun containing two bullets: one for himself and one for his boy.

Directed by John Hillcoat.



It's Complicated (cert 15)

Sat 20 March at 7.30pm (120 mins)

Comedy film starring Steve Martin, Meryl Streep, John Krasinski, Rita Wilson, Alec Baldwin, Hunter Parrish, and Daryl Sabara. During a trip to New York to celebrate her son Luke's college graduation, bakery owner Jane Adler gets drunk at the bar with attorney ex-husband Jake and the pair end up in bed. The tumble beneath the sheets ignites old desires but Jane struggles with her attraction since Jake is married to a younger woman. Regardless of the dangers, Jane and Jake continue the affair behind the backs of family and friends. Directed by Nancy Meyers.



Did You Hear About The Morgans? (cert PG)

Sat 6 March at 7.30pm (103 mins)



Comedy film starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Michael Kelly, Mary Steenburgen, Sam Elliott, Elisabeth Moss, and Hugh Grant. Real estate agent Meryl Morgan and her successful husband Paul are estranged after he cheated behind her back. Unable to forgive the man she once loved, Meryl leads a separate life to Paul and is now ready to ask for a divorce, via her trusty personal assistant Jackie. During a night out together, the Morgans stumble upon hit man Vincent shooting his latest target. As the sole witnesses to the crime, Meryl and Paul are rushed into protective custody.

Directed by Marc Lawrence.

Nine (cert 12A)

Wed 31 March at 2pm, and Wed 7 April at 7.30pm (120 mins)

Musical starring Stacy Ferguson, Nicole Kidman, Daniel Day-Lewis, Sophia Loren, Judi Dench, Penelope Cruz, Kate Hudson, and Marion Cotillard. Film director Guido Contini suffers a crisis of confidence a little over a week before he is due to start shooting his new film. Beset with worry, he seeks guidance from his elegant mother as well as various family and friends including his shamefully neglected wife Luisa, sultry mistress Carla, costume designer Lilli and his on-screen muse, Claudia. Directed by Rob Marshall.

Up In The Air (cert 15)

Wed 31 March at 7.30pm (109 mins)

Comedy film starring Jason Bateman, George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Danny McBride, Anna Kendrick, and Melanie Lynskey. Ryan Bingham spends almost his entire year ricocheting from one city to the next firing employees he has never met before, and will probably never see again. In an ironic twist, Ryan is threatened with redundancy from his globetrotting lifestyle when efficiency expert Natalie puts forward a plan to conduct the terminations via video conferencing. So Ryan drags the pretty young thing to real life consultations, where she witnesses the emotional devastation firsthand.

Directed by Jason Reitman.

The Book of Eli (cert 15)

Tue 16 March at 7.30pm (117 mins)

Action film starring Gary Oldman, Jennifer Beals, Mila Kunis, Ray Stevenson, and Denzel Washington. In the not too distant future, a cataclysmic war leads to the virtual destruction of mankind. A



messenger called Eli holds the secret to civilisation's rebirth - a secret he guards with pride. One man, a despot called Carnegie, knows of this secret mission and he covets the treasure for himself, enlisting his henchmen to bring down Eli. However, the underlings are no match for the wanderer with his trusty blade.

Directed by Albert Hughes and Allen Hughes.

The Princess and The Frog (cert U)

Wed 7 April at 2pm (97 mins)



Romance film starring John Goodman, Anika Noni Rose, Jim Cummings, Keith David, Oprah Winfrey, Bruno Campos, and Terrence Howard. Tiana dreams of the day she might open her own restaurant and serve up gumbo in New Orleans like her father. The dreams are put on hold when Tiana is approached

by a talking frog, who claims to be Prince Naveen of Malvania. He asks for one kiss to break the spell and she obliges, only to be transformed into a frog herself. Trapped in their

amphibious state and pursued by voodoo man Dr Facilier, Tiana and Naveen seek witch doctor Mama Odie.

Directed by Ron Clements and John Musker.

Edge of Darkness (cert 15)

Sat 10 April at 7.30pm (116 mins)

Thriller starring Caterina Scorsone, Danny Huston, Shawn Roberts, Ray Winstone, Denis O'Hare, Mel Gibson, and Bojana Novakovic. Homicide detective Thomas Craven is distraught when his 24-year-old daughter Emma is killed on the steps of the family home. The veteran cop fears he was the intended target but his guilt quickly turns to incredulity as he uncovers his daughter's secret life as an activist. Clashing with shady operative Darius Jedburgh, Thomas searches for answers and the identities of the men responsible for Emma's death. Directed by Martin Campbell.

The Last Station (cert 15)

Thu 15 April at 7.30pm (112 mins)

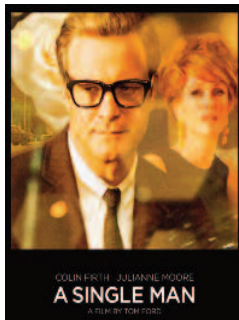


Drama starring Paul Giamatti, Helen Mirren, Anne-Marie Duff, Christopher Plummer, John Sessions, Patrick Kennedy, Kerry Condon, and James McAvoy. Valentin Bulgakov, the newly appointed private secretary to the great Leo Tolstoy, arrives at the writer's estate to find himself in the middle of a very public war. Tolstoy's devoted disciple Vladimir Chertkov intends to persuade the writer to sign over the rights to his works to the Russian people. Countess Sofya vehemently disagrees, determined that the considerable fortune belongs to her family. The tug of war over Tolstoy's legacy becomes increasingly heated. Directed by Michael Hoffman.

A Single Man (cert 12A)

Fri 16 April at 7.30pm (100 mins)

Drama starring Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Matthew Goode, and Nicholas Hoult. English professor George conceals the grief over the death of his lover Jim in a freak driving accident. After eight months of guilt and sadness have worn George down, he finally decides to end it all, placing a revolver from the desk drawer in his briefcase. Third-year student Kenny takes an obvious intense interest in the older man, and gives the teacher some pause for thought. Directed by Tom Ford.



Precious: Based on the novel 'Push' by Sapphire (cert 15)



Tue 20 April at 7.30pm (109 mins)

Drama starring Lenny Kravitz, Mo'Nique, Paula Patton, Gabourey Sidibe, and Mariah Carey. Sixteen-year-old Claireece Jones, aka "Precious", is summoned to the principal's office to answer rumours that she is pregnant for a second time by her sexually abusive father. Threatened with expulsion, Precious agrees to attend an alternative schooling project called Each One Teach One, run by literacy teacher Ms Rain. The tutor encourages Precious to believe in herself. However, the teenager must contend with her violent mother, Mary. Directed by Lee Daniels.

The Lovely Bones (cert 12A)

Sat 24 April at 7.30pm (135 mins)

Drama starring Susan Sarandon, Rachel Weisz, Mark Wahlberg, Jake Abel, Michael Imperioli, Nikki SooHoo, Stanley Tucci, and Saoirse Ronan. On her way home from school, 14-year-old Susie Salmon is lured to her death by neighbour George Harvey, who dismembers the girl and hides her remains in his cast iron safe in the basement. The police never find Susie, just her woollen hat in a cornfield. Susie's father Jack sacrifices his marriage to embark on a tireless campaign to track down his daughter's killer but there is no evidence to speak of. Directed by Peter Jackson.

Percy Jackson & The Lightning Thief (cert PG)

Mon 26 April at 4.30pm (119 mins)

Drama starring Sean Bean, Pierce Brosnan, Uma Thurman, Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, Rosario Dawson, Logan Lerman, Kevin McKidd, Brandon T Jackson, and Alexandra Daddario. During a visit to a museum, troubled teenager Percy Jackson learns a shocking secret: He is the son of Poseidon, god of the sea, and a war is brewing because Zeus believes - quite wrongly - that Percy has stolen his lightning bolt. Spirited away to Camp Half Blood by best friend Grover, Percy begins his training with centaur Chiron and the other demi-god children including Annabeth, daughter of Athena, and Luke, son of Hermes. Directed by Chris Columbus.



Crazy Heart (cert 15)

Fri 30 April at 7.30pm (111 mins)

Drama starring Gyllenhaal, James Keane, Anna Felix, Paul Herman, and Jeff Bridges. Fifty-seven years-old and still touring rundown motels and bowling alleys, country and western singer Bad Blake is a shadow of his former self. Constantly inebriated and liable to throw up in the middle of a gig, he plays bleary-eyed to his loyal fans. Before one performance, newspaper reporter Jean Craddock interviews Bad and catches his eye, sparking an unlikely romance. Directed by Scott Cooper.



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