

BIG-SCREEN TREATS COMING YOUR WAY

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Every week, more than 3 million of us take a trip to the cinema to catch a movie where they always look, sound and feel their best. This week-by-week guide rounds up the pick of the season's new films, playing in cinemas for the February half-term and well beyond. Escape and enjoy!

MOVIE GUIDE

WWW.FOCUSONMOVIES.CO.UK

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST

www.nickandnorah.co.uk

From 30 January



The big picture: Fresh, character-driven romcom with a cool indie soundtrack. After a chance encounter in New York, complete strangers Nick (Michael Cera, below) and Norah (Kat Dennings) embark on a sleepless night of adventure that they'll never forget. With nothing in common except their taste in music, what starts as a quest to find the tape of a secret concert ends up changing their lives. Michael Cera, last seen in *Juno*, is in the running for a Rising Star award at this year's BAFTAs.



THE BROKEN

www.thebrokenmediagroup.com

From 30 January



The big picture: Chilling thriller set in London, from Brighton-born writer-director, Sean Ellis. This is the story of beautiful thirty-something Gina, played by Lena Headey, star of *The Sarah Connor Chronicles*. The day after a mirror falls from the wall and smashes, Gina sees herself drive past in her own car. Following the woman to her apartment, she makes the eerie discovery of a photo of her father with her double. Gina's world collapses totally and a disturbing nightmare begins...



LUCK BY CHANCE

www.adlabsfilms.com

From 30 January

The big picture: Romantic comedy exploring the humorous, dramatic world of the Bollywood film industry, and revealing the strange yet somehow attractive lives of the struggling actors, superstitious producers, flamboyant directors and established superstars. From the makers of *Rock On*, *Luck By Chance* is a smart story about two struggling actors brought together by Struggle, Ambition, Love and Redemption.



HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU

www.hesjustnotthatintoyou.com

From 6 February



The big picture: Ensemble comedy, part shot in London, with inter-connecting stories played out by a top-flight cast including Drew Barrymore, Jennifer Aniston, Scarlett Johansson, Jennifer Connelly and Ben Affleck. They're all complex people with complex emotions, navigating the tricky terrain of relationships. Along the way, some marriages will end while others begin; old habits will be broken and new ones formed; but one thing's clear – if a man's not calling you, if he's married to someone else or sleeping with someone else, then the chances are he's just not that into you!



DOUBT

www.thefilmfactory.co.uk

From 6 February



The big picture: The Bronx, 1964. Charismatic Father Flynn (Philip Seymour Hoffman), is trying to change the strict customs at a school that are fiercely guarded by Sister Aloysius (Meryl Streep). With the school accepting its first black student, Father Flynn and Sister Aloysius lock horns in a battle of wills that could have devastating consequences. This is a powerful mystery drama with the great Streep and Hoffman both on top form.



THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE WEIRD

www.thegoodthebadtheweird.co.uk

From 6 February



The big picture: Action-packed 'western' adventure complete with outlaws and treasure hunts. In the Manchurian desert of the 1930's, fate brings together three men: a bounty hunter, a bandit group leader and a train robber with nine lives. One train robbery later and all three begin a frantic chase across Manchuria to take possession of a secret map. With the Japanese army and Asian bandits on their tail, an unpredictable and escalating battle for the map unfolds.



VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA

www.optimumreleasing.com

From 6 February



The big picture: Woody Allen returns to peak form with his latest comedy. Just as New York was the backdrop for his 1979 film, *Manhattan*, Barcelona is the stunning setting for the romantic adventures of Vicky (Rebecca Hall, a BAFTA Rising Star nominee) and Cristina (Scarlett Johansson). Vicky is straight-laced and about to be married, while Cristina is a more adventurous free spirit. Spending a summer in Spain, the two friends meet a flamboyant artist (Javier Bardem) and his beautiful but tempestuous ex-wife (Penelope Cruz). The quartet's love lives soon become entangled with chaotic consequences.



NOTORIOUS

www.notorious-movie.co.uk

From 13 February

The big picture: Got into rap music? Get out to *Notorious*. This biopic celebrates the hip-hop legend, Notorious B.I.G., later known as Biggie, recounting the larger-than-life, rage-to-riches story of the man whose life and tragic death reshaped the music landscape forever. Follow Notorious B.I.G. as he rises from the streets and uses the power of his music to speak to an entire generation. Jamal Woolard stars.



THE PINK PANTHER 2

www.pinkpanther2.co.uk

From 13 February



The big picture: A new case for Clouseau! Set in Paris and Rome, this sequel to the 2006 comedy hit stars Steve Martin, stepping back into the fray as the intrepid if clueless French police inspector, Jacques Clouseau. When fabulous treasures from around the world are stolen, including the priceless Pink Panther Diamond, Chief Inspector Dreyfus (John Cleese) is forced to assign Clouseau to a team of international detectives charged with catching the thief and retrieving the valuable cache. Emily Mortimer also returns, while Andy Garcia and Aishwarya Rai join the cast.



HOTEL FOR DOGS

www.hotelfordogs.co.uk

From 13 February



The big picture: Big family comedy for half term. Andi (Wild Child's Emma Roberts) and her brother Bruce (Jake T Austin), who live in a strictly no-pets household, are fast running out of ideas to keep their dog Friday under wraps. When they stumble on an abandoned hotel that's already home to a couple of resourceful strays, they set about transforming it into a magical canine paradise, not only for Friday, but for every stray they can find! Now, suddenly, the out-of-work local dog catchers want to know, 'who let the dogs in?'



FRIDAY THE 13TH

www.13-02-09.co.uk

From 13 February

The big picture: A brand new version of the classic horror movie that's sure to give you a spine-tingling night out. If you – like the group of innocent young Americans in this film – ignore all the warnings and go down to the twisted woods of eerie Crystal Lake, you'd better not be surprised if you stumble across the crazed, machete-wielding killer, Jason Voorhees. Where else would you want to be on Friday the 13th?



GRAN TORINO

www.warnerbros.co.uk

From 20 February



The big picture: Great to see the one and only Clint Eastwood back on the big screen in a starring role. Here he plays Walt Kowalski, an embittered widower and war veteran who now lives in the past. When his shy, young Korean neighbour tries to steal his gleaming 1972 Ford Gran Torino, Walt's immediate reaction is to teach him a lesson – but it becomes apparent that the teenager was forced to act by local gangs who behave as if the neighbourhood belongs to them. Eastwood directs as well as stars in this instant classic.



BOLT

www.thefilmfactory.co.uk

From 6 February



The big picture: Computer-generated animation hits new heights – with great new characters. For super-dog Bolt (voiced by John Travolta), the canine star of a hit TV show, every day is full of danger and intrigue – until the cameras stop rolling. When he's accidentally shipped from his Hollywood studio to New York City, Bolt sets out on a cross-country return trek, armed only with the delusion that his amazing powers are real. Miley Cyrus (*Hannah Montana*) and Malcolm McDowell are among the other voice stars. Already a huge hit in the US, *Bolt* plays in cinemas everywhere and in digital 3D as available.

FRANKLYN

www.franklynthemovie.co.uk

From 20 February



The big picture: Fantasy thriller starring Eva Green, Ryan Phillippe, Sam Riley and Bernard Hill. Residing between the parallel worlds of contemporary London and the futuristic *Meanwhile City*, the lives of four lost souls become intertwined by fate, romance and tragedy. As the two worlds collide, a single bullet determines the destiny of all four characters. The film was shot on locations including Greenwich, South Kensington and Holborn.

DON'T MISS THESE OTHER GREAT MOVIES IN CONTENTION FOR THE BIG AWARDS THIS SEASON...