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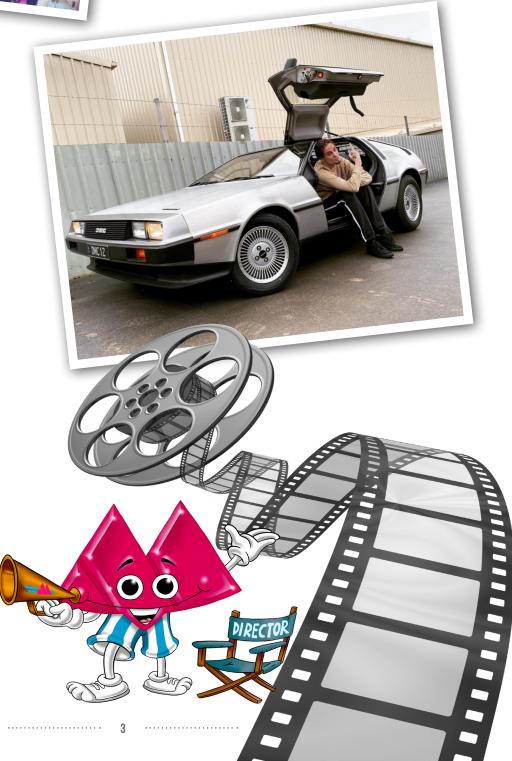
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My name is Shawn, I am an enthusiastic movie reviewer/promoter / tapehead / movieland fan from Adelaide, South Australia! Movieland was my favorite place to go every weekend, I grew up across the street from a massive store that I spent countless hours browsing and renting video tapes. In 2023, I decided to reach out to the owners and create a memorial for the store, instead they handed me the keys to continue the legacy and do what Movieland did best, Promote new releases!

I'd call this a parody, however, I'm doing everything by the book to keep the franchise alive professionally. I am running a website, magazine, and merchandise and helping distribute and promote movies in any way I can.

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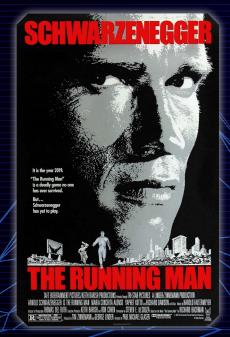


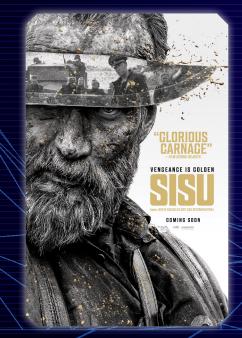
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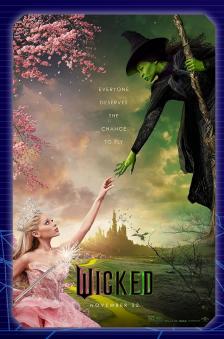












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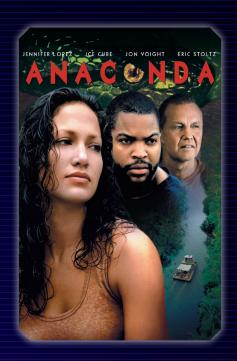




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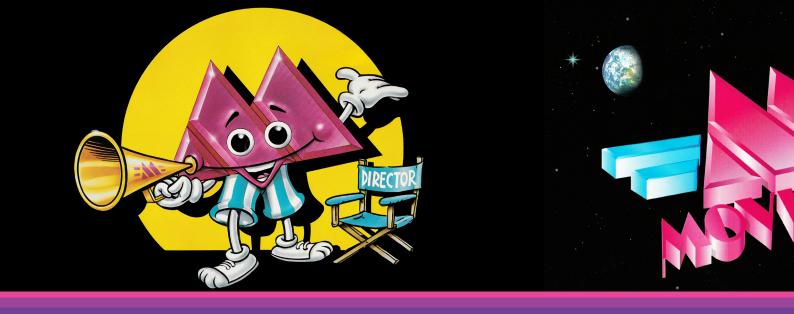
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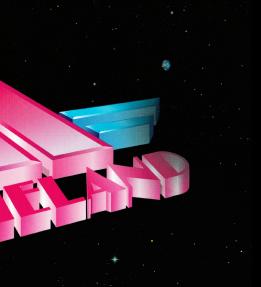


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MOVIE NEWS



RENTAL FAMILY

Brendan Fraser delivers what critics are calling an Oscar-worthy performance in Rental Family, a heartfelt and deeply human comedy-drama directed by Hikari, who cowrote the screenplay with Stephen Blahut.

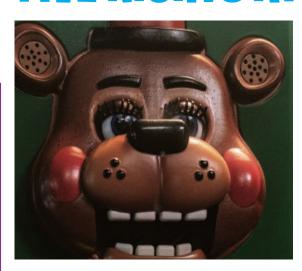
Set against the vibrant yet isolating backdrop of Tokyo, the film follows a lonely American actor (Fraser) who takes a peculiar job working for a Japanese "rental family" service, an organisation where people can hire stand-ins to play missing roles in their lives. As he steps into the shoes of fathers, friends, and even strangers, he begins to rediscover a sense of belonging and purpose that has long eluded him.

Rental Family explores the complexities of connection, identity, and emotional healing through a uniquely cross-cultural lens. Hikari balances humour and heartache with sensitivity and wit, creating a story that feels both profoundly intimate and universally resonant.

Already receiving glowing praise on the festival circuit, the film has been described as a "heartwarming crowd-pleaser with surprising depth", with Fraser's moving portrayal of vulnerability and renewal standing as one of his most powerful performances to date

In Cinemas Dec 26

FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S 2



Blumhouse returns to the terrifying world of animatronic horror with Five Nights at Freddy's 2, directed by Emma Tammi and written by series creator Scott Cawthon.

Set one year after the horrifying events at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza, the story finds former security guard Mike (Josh Hutcherson) and officer Vanessa (Elizabeth Lail) hiding the truth from Abby (Piper Rubio) about what really happened. When Abby sneaks out to find her old mechanical friends, she triggers a chilling chain of events that uncover long-buried secrets.

Featuring returning stars Matthew Lillard and Theodus Crane, along with newcomers Freddy Carter, Wayne Knight, Mckenna Grace, and Skeet Ulrich, this next chapter promises to amplify the suspense and lore of the global phenomenon.

Five Nights at Freddy's 2 is produced by Jason Blum and Scott Cawthon, continuing their reign in horror cinema.

In Cinemas December 4

ETERNITY

In the upcoming 2025 romantic fantasy film Eternity audiences follow Joan as she arrives in a liminal afterlife where she has exactly one week to decide whom she will spend forever with.

Her two choices are Larry, the man she shared a full life with, and Luke, her first love who died young and has waited decades for this moment.

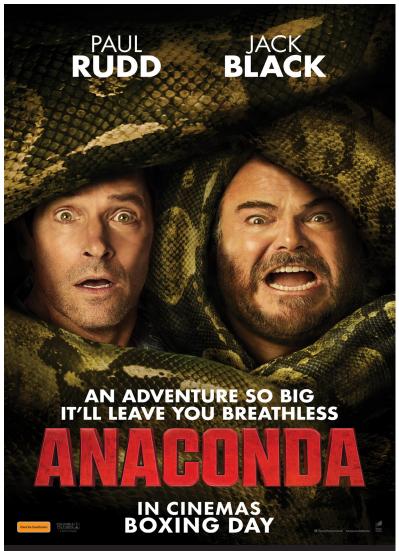
Set against a vivid and whimsically surreal world directed by David Freyne, the film blends emotional stakes with sharp humour and a stylish visual palette. Elizabeth Olsen plays Joan with heartfelt nuance, while Miles Teller and Callum Turner embody the two men whose love defines her choice.

With its imaginative conception of the afterlife and a storyline that examines memory, loss and the idea of committing to one destiny, Eternity promises to be a thought-provoking escapade into what it means to truly choose forever.

In Cinemas December 4







SPOTLIGHT:

repare for laughs, chaos and colossal snakes as Anaconda makes its outrageous return to the big screen. The upcoming American action comedy horror, co-produced and directed by Tom Gormican (The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent) with a script by Kevin Etten and Gormican, promises a wild blend of nostalgia and absurd adventure.

Serving as a full-scale reboot of the 1997 cult classic, this marks the sixth instalment in the Anaconda film series, this time with a clever meta twist. The film stars Jack Black, Paul Rudd, Steve Zahn, Thandiwe Newton, Daniela Melchior and Selton Mello, bringing together an ensemble of comedic and dramatic heavyweights for a deadly romp in the jungle.

The story: A midlife crisis inspires Doug (Jack Black) and Griff (Paul Rudd) to head into the Amazon rainforest to remake their favorite film from their youth, but everything changes when a real giant anaconda shows up, turning the comically chaotic set into a deadly situation. The movie they're dying to make? It might just kill them.

Packed with sharp humour, biting satire and high-octane thrills, Anaconda (2025) reimagines the monster classic for a new generation.

SLITHERING INTO CINEMAS BOXING DAY



AVATAR: FIRE & ASH

ames Cameron returns to Pandora with Avatar: Fire and Ash, the highly anticipated 2025 chapter in his groundbreaking saga. Set one year after The Way of Water, the story follows Jake Sully, Neytiri and their family as they face a new and fiery threat from a clan known as the Ash People. Led by the fierce Varang, this fire-adapted Na'vi tribe challenges everything the Sullys have fought to protect.

The film explores powerful themes of anger, grief and survival, contrasting the beauty of Pandora's landscapes with the devastation of war. Blending cutting-edge visual effects with emotional storytelling, Avatar: Fire and Ash pushes the boundaries of science fiction cinema once again. James Cameron promises an unforgettable experience filled with spectacle, emotion and the enduring question of how far one will go to defend their home.

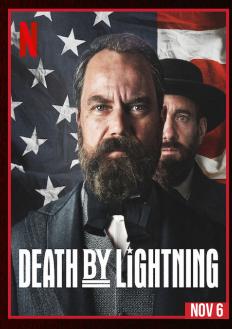
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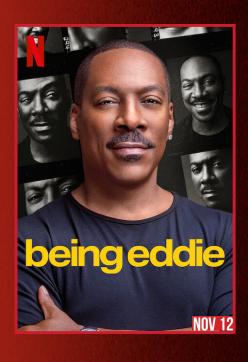
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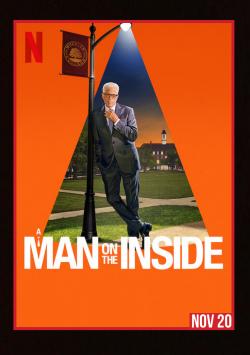




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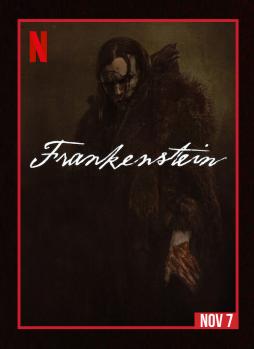






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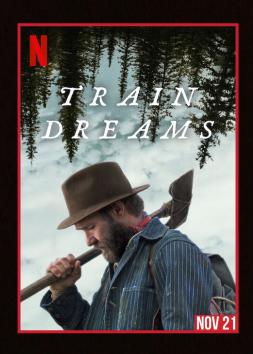
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Few actors can shift so effortlessly between menace, mystery, and heartfelt depth as James Remar. Known for his unforgettable performances in The Warriors, Dexter, Mortal Kombat: Annihilation, and Sex and the City, Remar now joins the chilling world of Stephen King in the HBO Max prequel series, IT: Welcome to Derry.

Speaking exclusively with Movieland, Remar dives deep into the origins of Pennywise, the eerie energy of Derry, and his experience working under visionary director Andy Muschietti.

Remar explains that Welcome to Derry doesn't just retread familiar ground—it expands the mythology behind Pennywise the Clown. "It's about what Pennywise is and where he comes from," he says. "The show goes far beyond just the clown—it's about the entity itself and its cycle of terror that stretches back generations."

Set in 1962, the story follows the sinister awakening of Derry's curse decades before the events of IT. "This thing emerges every twenty-seven years to feed on fear," Remar adds. "We're exploring that pattern, its origins, and the people who have unknowingly been part of it for a long, long time."

When asked whether prequels risk losing suspense since audiences already know what happens, Remar compares Welcome to Derry to timeless tragedies: "We know how Hamlet or Romeo and Juliet end, but we still tell those stories because new performers bring fresh energy. It's not just about what happens—it's how we get there."

That energy is what makes Welcome to Derry so engrossing. Visually cinematic and emotionally layered, it carries the weight of a feature-film production.

"They spent a fortune—twice," Remar laughs. "After the strike shutdown, they brought us all back. That shows you how much faith Andy and Barbara Muschietti had in their vision."

Remar's admiration for IT director Andy Muschietti runs deep.

"He's a cinematic genius," says Remar. "Andy knows how to compose a frame that's always beautiful, but he also knows how to speak to actors. That's rare. He gives you trust, and you want to give him everything in return."

The result is a production that feels both intimate and epic—a full-blown horror spectacle filled with psychological dread and haunting performances from its young cast. "Those kids gave it everything," he says proudly. "You feel their terror."

Remar plays General Shaw, a complex figure whose past with Derry is darker than it first appears.



"He's been to Derry before," Remar teases. "There's a realisation and a homecoming to his story—a confrontation with deep-seated fears that have been driving him all along."

Without revealing too much, he describes the role as emotionally taxing: "You live those moments as if they're real. At the end of some takes, I was sweating and out of breath."

Of course, no story in Derry is complete without Pennywise.

"Bill Skarsgård is extraordinary," Remar says. "Watching him transform is like seeing Leonardo da Vinci paint.

Off-camera, he's this kind, beautiful man—but when he becomes Pennywise, it's pure appetite. No emotion, just hunger. It's terrifying."

Remarrecalls seeing Skarsgård shift into the clown before his eyes: "It's mesmerising—like watching an angel turn into a demon."

As a lifelong fan of Stephen King, Remar speaks with reverence.

"It feels like being invited to the palace," he says. "King's writing is vivid—when I read his work, it comes alive in my mind like a movie. That's why it translates so well to screen."

Remar reflects on his earlier horror role in Tales from the Darkside, which, though not strictly horror, carried emotional weight.

"That story was heartbreaking," he says. "It's about love, secrets, and consequences—classic themes that make the genre powerful when done right."

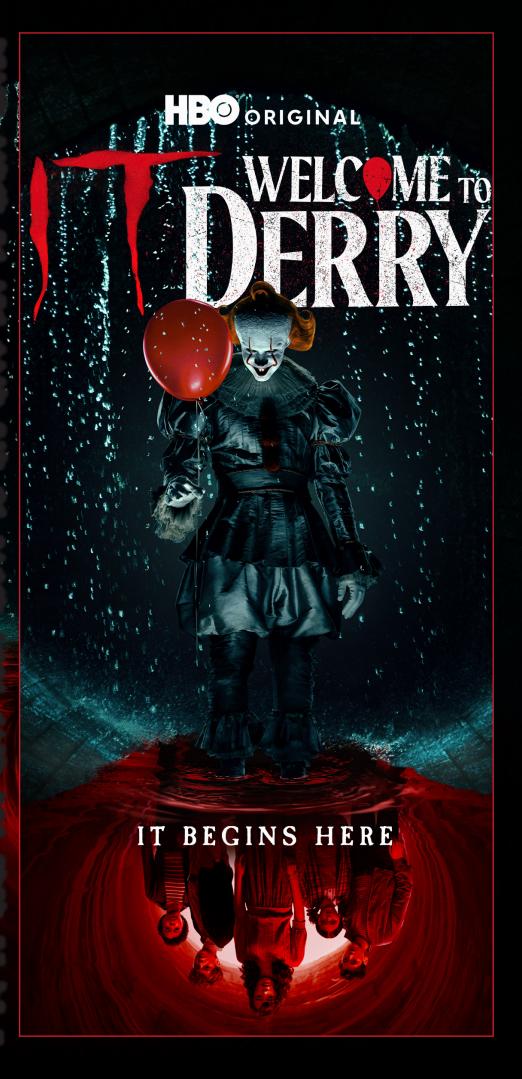
As the conversation winds down, Remar hopes fans of IT will find Welcome to Derry both familiar and refreshingly new.

"I hope they feel entertained and that this world they love has been honoured," he says. "It should feel seamless—like it's always been part of the King universe."

He smiles when the chat wraps with a nod to his Warriors days:

"Can you dig it?" Interview by Shawn Montague

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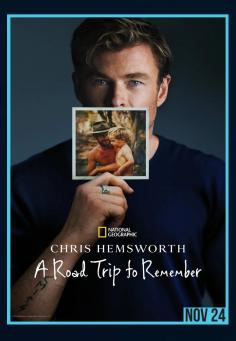


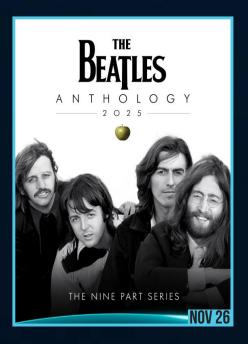




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It: Welcome to Derry is an American supernatural horror television series based on Stephen King's 1986 novel It. Serving as a prequel to the films It (2017) and It Chapter Two (2019), the series was developed by Andy Muschietti, Barbara Muschietti and Jason Fuchs, all of whom were involved in the It films.

In 1962, a couple with their son move to Derry, Maine just as a young boy disappears. With their arrival, very bad things begin to happen in the town.

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>> Alien Earth



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Alien: Earth is a chilling sci-fi horror series on Disney+ It's set two years before the original Alien (1979), around the year 2120—when a mysterious spaceship crash-lands on Earth, unleashing deadly alien creatures and sparking a fight for survival.

The story centers on Wendy (Sydney Chandler), the first dying girl whose consciousness is transferred into a synthetic hybrid body. She joins a ragtag crew to confront Xenomorphs and corporate greed.

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>>> Monster: Ed Gein Story



AVAILABLE ON NETFLIX

Monster: The Ed Gein Story is the third season of the American biographical crime drama anthology television series Monster, created by Ian Brennan for Netflix. The season focuses on convicted murderer, graverobber, and suspected serial killer Ed Gein (Charlie Hunnam).

The season incorporates meta commentary on the cultural obsession with true crime, exploring Gein's influence on Hollywood and pop culture.

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>>> The Last Frontier



ON APPLE TV+

The Last Frontier is an American thriller drama television series created by Jon Bokenkamp and Richard D'Ovidio. It premiered on Apple TV+ on October 10, 2025

A U.S. Marshal in the outskirts of Fairbanks, Alaska must protect his town while he investigates the plane crash that set free multiple fugitives, now on the loose.

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>>> The Chair Company



AVAILABLE ON HBO MAX

The Chair Company is an American comedy thriller television series that premiered on HBO. The eight-episode series debuted on October 12, 2025, and is expected to run weekly through November 30, 2025.

Created by Tim Robinson and Zach Kanin, it follows Ron Trosper (Robinson) as a man who investigates a far-reaching conspiracy after an embarrassing workplace incident. The cast also includes Lake Bell, Sophia Lillis, Will Price, and Joseph Tudisco.

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THIS MONTH ON







PREDATOR: BADLANDS November 6

Cast out from its clan, an alien hunter and an unlikely ally embark on a treacherous journey in search of the ultimate adversary.

DIE MY LOVE November 6

Grace, a writer and young mother, is slowly slipping into madness. Locked away in an old house in Montana, her increasingly agitated and erratic behaviour leaves her companion, Jackson, worried and helpless.

THE RUNNING MAN November 13

In the near future, "The Running Man" is the top-rated show on television, a deadly competition where contestants must survive 30 days while being hunted by professional assassins.











NOW YOU SEE ME, NOT YOU DON'T November 13

The Four Horsemen and a new generation of illusionists try to bring down a worldwide criminal network.

WICKED: FOR GOOD November 20

Now demonized as the Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba lives in exile in the Ozian forest, while Glinda resides at the palace in Emerald City, reveling in the perks of fame and popularity.

SISU: ROAD TO REVENGE November 20

A man returns to dismantle his family's house, where they were murdered in war, to rebuild it elsewhere. When the killer, a Red Army commander, tracks him down, a brutal cross-country pursuit begins.









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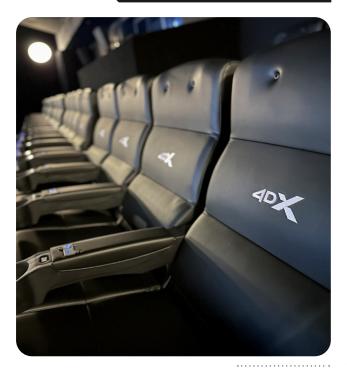
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EVENT C I N E M A S



Australasia's largest full-immersion 4DX auditorium has launched at Event Cinemas Marion, providing a premium cinematic experience that stimulates all five senses.

Officially opening October 2nd 2025, the brand-new 4DX auditorium features 172 high-tech moving seats and over 21 motion and environmental special effects, including wind, fog, water, vibration and scents, that synchronise perfectly with the on-screen action. Ensuring full film immersion, 4DX takes things to a whole other level, guaranteeing a truly unique cinema experience.

Cinemagoers of all ages will delight in the feeling of the banshee's flight in Avatar: The Way of Water re-release, the vibrations from the quick-fire action in The Bad Guys 2, and the neon lighting effects of Tron: Ares.

The opening of the largest 4DX at Event Cinemas Marion provides even more premium cinema experiences for Adelaide locals, alongside its Original, V-Max and Gold Class offerings.

Daniel McCabe, General Manager, Cinema Operations Australia at Event Cinemas, said: "Event Cinemas are thrilled to launch the biggest 4DX screen in Australasia. There's no denying that the 4DX experience is one of a kind — being able to smell and feel the spray of the ocean or the wind from a sword slashing, you are right there, part of the action. Event Cinemas are committed to delivering the best experiences to our customers and this new 4DX auditorium, alongside our other great experiences, ensures there is something for everyone when they head to Event Cinemas Marion."

Tickets are on sale now for 4DX at Event Cinemas Marion, including Avatar: The Way of Water re-release (3D for one week only from today), The Bad Guys 2, Him, and coming soon Tron: Ares, Wicked: For Good and Avatar: Fire and Ash.

To learn more or book 4DX, visit EventCinemas.com.au



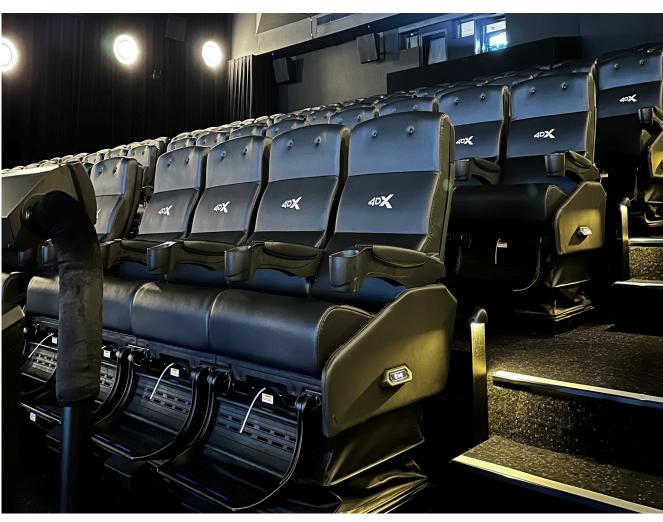
Opening day of the all-new 4DX auditorium at Event Cinemas Marion was one of the most anticipated cinema experiences of the year for us at Movieland. A massive thank you to Event Cinemas for their generosity in offering us a complimentary double pass to witness this groundbreaking addition to South Australia's entertainment scene.

The launch program featured three films: The Bad Guys 2, Avatar: The Way of Water 3D, and HIM. Having already seen the first two, we selected "HIM" - At first glance, the auditorium resembles a delux cinema, with its vast screen and star ceiling, but it's the seats that command attention. Styled like racing chairs, they look ready for take-off. I almost expected to find a seatbelt, and in hindsight, I might have needed one.

Before the main feature, the 4DX demo trailer kicked off, a full sensory teaser that instantly transported me into the action. The seats roared to life, air blasted past my face, snow and bubbles filled the theatre, and water effects splashed at just the right moments. It felt more like a theme park ride than a movie preview.

Throughout HIM, I experienced every crash, fall, and heartbeat. The football tackles hit hard, the car rides spun me sideways, and even blood splatter was felt through precise water sprays. Though HIM wasn't the perfect match for 4DX's full potential, it was still unforgettable.

I'm already looking forward to revisiting 4DX with blockbusters like Tron: Ares, Twister, and Back to the Future. Event Cinemas have given Adelaide a truly unique reason to return to the big screen, an experience you simply can't replicate at home. 4DX delivers the future of cinema, immersive, thrilling, and proudly South Australian





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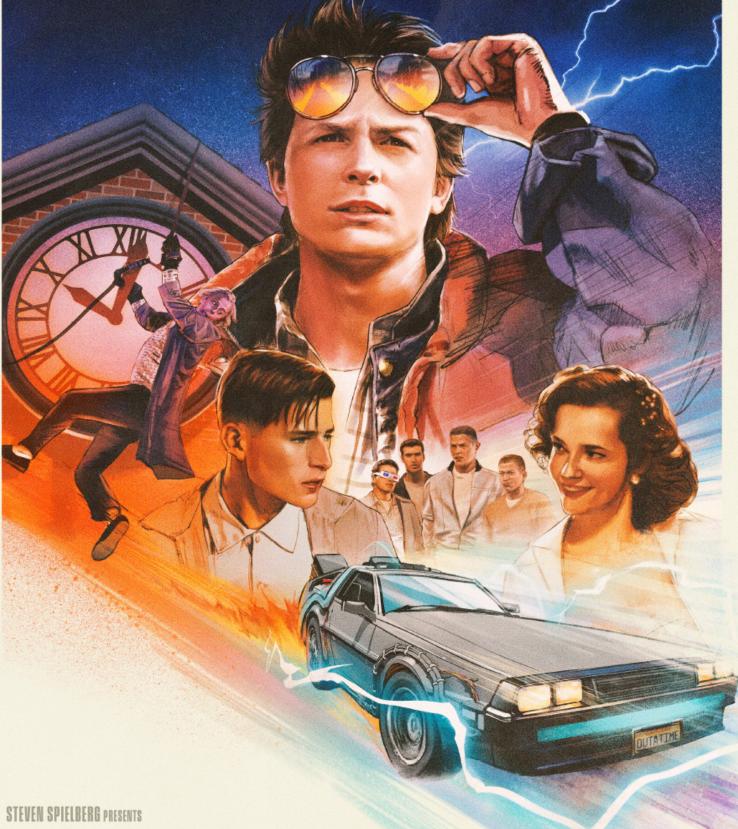
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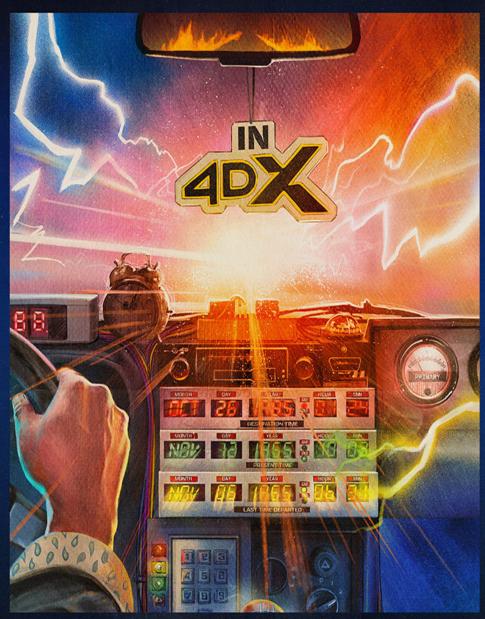
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he hunt has evolved once more in Predator: Badlands, an unrelenting new chapter in the legendary science fiction franchise. Directed by Dan Trachtenberg (Prey, 10 Cloverfield Lane), the film takes audiences deep

into the heart of Yautja lore, following a young Predator outcast named Dek (Dimitrius Schuster-Koloamatangi) as he battles to prove his worth on a savage alien planet known as Genna.

Exiled by his clan and forced to survive the galaxy's most hostile terrain, Dek forms an unexpected bond with Thia (Elle Fanning), a half-destroyed yet spirited robot companion. Together, they face monstrous creatures, hostile landscapes and a deadly culture built on strength, honour and survival. PREDATOR: BADLANDS IS A VICIOUS RETURN TO PRIMAL HORROR AND SURVIVAL - RELENTLESS, BLOOD-SOAKED, AND VISUALLY STUNNING.
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Trachtenberg's vision delivers the first Predator film told from the hunter's perspective, transforming the iconic creature into a layered protagonist while expanding the mythos of the Yautja. Shot across New Zealand's striking wilderness, the film blends visceral action with emotional depth, powered by breathtaking visuals from Wētā FX and creature designs by Alec Gillis.

With a soaring score by Sarah Schachner and Benjamin Wallfisch, Predator: Badlands is both a brutal survival epic and a thrilling redefinition of an enduring cinematic monster. Prepare for a high stakes, heart pounding spectacle where the hunted becomes the hero and the legend of the Predator begins anew.

Predator: Badlands pays fierce tribute to the legacy that began in 1987, reigniting the primal fear, adrenaline and raw intensity that defined the original classics. Fans will recognise echoes of Schwarzenegger's jungle warfare, the code of the hunt and the spirit of survival, reborn for a new era of cinematic carnage.

In Cinemas November 6.









In a world where entertainment and violence collide, Directed by Edgar Wright, The Running Man promises a thrilling, socially charged reimagining of Stephen King's novel.

SYNOPSIS

In a near-future society, The Running Man is the top-rated show on television—a deadly competition where contestants, known as Runners, must survive 30 days while being hunted by professional assassins, with every move broadcast to a bloodthirsty public and each day bringing a greater cash reward. Desperate to save his sick daughter, working-class Ben Richards (Glen Powell) is convinced by the show's charming but ruthless producer, Dan Killian (Josh Brolin), to enter the game as a last resort. But Ben's defiance, instincts, and grit turn him into an unexpected fan favorite—and a threat to the entire system. As ratings skyrocket, so does the danger, and Ben must outwit not just the Hunters, but a nation addicted to watching him fall.

Wright, who first voiced his desire to adapt the story back in 2017, has described this version as a "much more faithful" interpretation than the 1987 cult classic.

Powell revealed he reached out to Arnold Schwarzenegger, who starred in the original, and received his "full blessing" to take up the mantle. Expect a pulse-pounding, thought provoking spectacle that questions the price of entertainment and the humanity behind the hunt.

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he spellbinding saga of the witches of Oz reaches its breathtaking conclusion in Wicked: For Good, the final chapter of Jon M. Chu's two-part adaptation of the beloved Broadway musical. Following

last year's record-breaking global hit Wicked, this emotional finale reunites Academy Award nominees Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande as Elphaba and Glinda, two women whose friendship changed the course of Oz forever.

Now estranged, Elphaba (branded as the Wicked Witch of the West) lives in exile, continuing her crusade for Oz's silenced Animals, while Glinda basks in fame and influence under the watchful eye of Madame Morrible (Michelle Yeoh). As Glinda prepares to marry Prince Fiyero (Jonathan Bailey), her lingering guilt over Elphaba fuels a desperate attempt at reconciliation that will alter Oz's destiny.

Featuring a stellar cast including Jeff Goldblum, Ethan Slater, Marissa Bode, and Bowen Yang, Wicked: For Good promises stunning visuals, unforgettable music, and heart-stirring emotion. With a score by Stephen Schwartz and screenplay by Winnie Holzman and Dana Fox, this finale delivers magic, friendship, and redemption—uniting two powerful forces one last time to change Oz... for good.

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Joining us in the Movieland Spotlight is one of Australia's boldest genre filmmakers, Kiah Roache-Turner, the mind behind Wyrmwood, Sting and the shark-infested sensation Beast of War. Known for his fearless blend of horror, humour and old-school cinematic flair, Kiah sat down with us to talk monsters, mayhem and the magic of Australian filmmaking.

"Most shark movies are pretty crap," Kiah laughs. "There's one masterpiece, a couple of good ones, and then a big drop-off." Determined not to add to that pile, he set out to craft a film that was not only terrifying but visually stunning. Beast of War quickly became his best-reviewed film to date — a rare feat for an independent action-horror.

Inspired by true wartime events like the 1942 sinking of the HMAS Armidale, Kiah created a story that mixed historical grit with cinematic spectacle. "I wanted to make something old-school — Spielberg and Hitchcock vibes — but with a monster movie twist," he says.

Unlike many modern shark films drowning in CGI, Beast of War champions practical effects. "Anytime the shark breaches the water, it's real," Kiah reveals. "We built a half-ton puppet shark on tracks and another submarine-sized section for underwater movement. Sure, it looked a bit puppety at times, but it felt real. You could feel the weight."

That handcrafted detail paid off. Fans and critics alike have praised the film's slow-motion shots, eerie tension and explosive shark attacks — all achieved on a modest Australian budget. "You're up against Marvel and Nolan," he adds. "If you want people to see your little action-horror, it's got to be good."

Affectionately dubbed Shaza, the monstrous female shark was designed by Queensland's Formation FX. "I told them I wanted a shark that looked like it had been in bar fights," Kiah laughs. "Eventually they said, 'So you want a zombie shark?' and I was like, yeah — I quess I do!"

The creature's haunting screech — created by an air-raid siren lodged in its fin — became one of the film's signature sounds. "It's completely unrealistic, but it works," he grins. "I wanted her to scream like a banshee as she circles in the fog."

or audiences with arachnophobia, Sting is nightmare fuel — but even Kiah shares that fear. "Like you, I hate spiders," he admits. "I just thought, what's the scariest thing I could possibly make? A giant spider movie in the style of Alien."

Set in a claustrophobic apartment building, Sting spins the tale of a young girl who unknowingly raises an alien spider. Filmed in Sydney's old ABC studios, it's a sleek, beauti-

fully shot creature feature. "I wanted to prove I could make a studio-looking film," Kiah says. "It's probably my most elegant movie."

The film stars Alana Brown, whom Kiah praises as "one of the best actors I've ever worked with." Her performance, alongside Australian legends like Noni Hazelhurst and Robin Nevin, grounds the spectacle in heart and humanity.

Kiah's next project, Dogs of War, continues his streak of blending history with horror. "It's set on the Eastern Front during World War II," he explains. "Wolves start attacking both the Russians and Germans, forcing them to join forces to survive. Think Beast of War with wolves and Nazis." Filming is expected to begin next year.

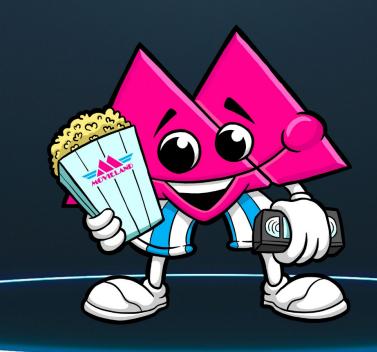
With Beast of War now available on digital, Kiah Roache-Turner proves that Australian filmmaking is alive, ambitious and unafraid to get its hands bloody. For those craving cinematic chaos with brains and bite, Beast of War is one of the best shark movies since Jaws — and we'll happily put that in bold.

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When it comes to dark, unflinching storytelling, few independent filmmakers push boundaries like Chad Ferrin. From Pig Killer to Nightcrawler, Ferrin has built a cult reputation for exploring the disturbed psychology behind true crime and horror. His latest project, Ed Kemper, known in Australia as The Co-Ed Killer, dives deep into the story of one of history's most notorious serial murderers.

Growing up on a small Midwest farm, Ferrin's first taste of the macabre came from late-night reruns of The Twilight Zone and Alfred Hitchcock Presents. "I was glued to a 13-inch black-and-white television," he recalled. "Those shows opened my imagination. I wanted to make movies before I even knew how."

After studying film and theatre, a family connection landed him a production-assistant job on The Prophecy. That was the moment he packed his car, left Minnesota and drove to Los Angeles, and he's been

there ever since. "I started at the bottom and worked my way up," he said. "By 1998 I'd sold my house to make my first film, Unspeakable, and I've never stopped."

Ferrin's fascination with horror comes from personal experience and escapism. "When you grow up around death on a farm, animals dying, sometimes having to kill them, it stays with you," he said. "Cinema became my escape from real-world trauma."

That drive pushed him to learn every craft in filmmaking, writing, editing, production design, especially when budgets were tight. "If a movie turns out bad, it's on me," he said bluntly. "You can't blame the budget. You just work harder."

Ferrin's friendship with producer Mike Muscow (who worked on Ed Gein and The Hillside Strangler) led to the script for Ed Kemper, written by Stephen Johnston. "It was originally a two-million-dollar film," Ferrin said, "but I knew I could

make it happen for a fraction of that. I rewrote it to strengthen the motherson dynamic and shot it in ten days."

Authenticity was crucial. "The script was incredibly accurate, names, dates, even the detail of Kemper locking his keys in the car before killing a victim," Ferrin explained. "I cross-checked everything online and watched hours of interviews. Kemper was intelligent, articulate, terrifying, and that made him fascinating."

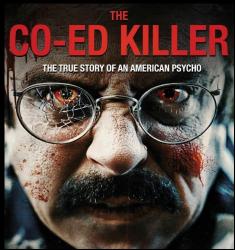
For Ferrin, the goal wasn't just horror but humanity. "You can't just paint him as a monster. His abusive mother and upbringing shaped who he became. I wanted audiences to understand and fear him in equal measure."

Ferrin's upcoming slate is stacked: Dorothea Puente, about a grandmotherly murderer who poisoned tenants and buried them in her backyard; Sunset Strip Killers; and Richard Ramirez: The Night Stalker.







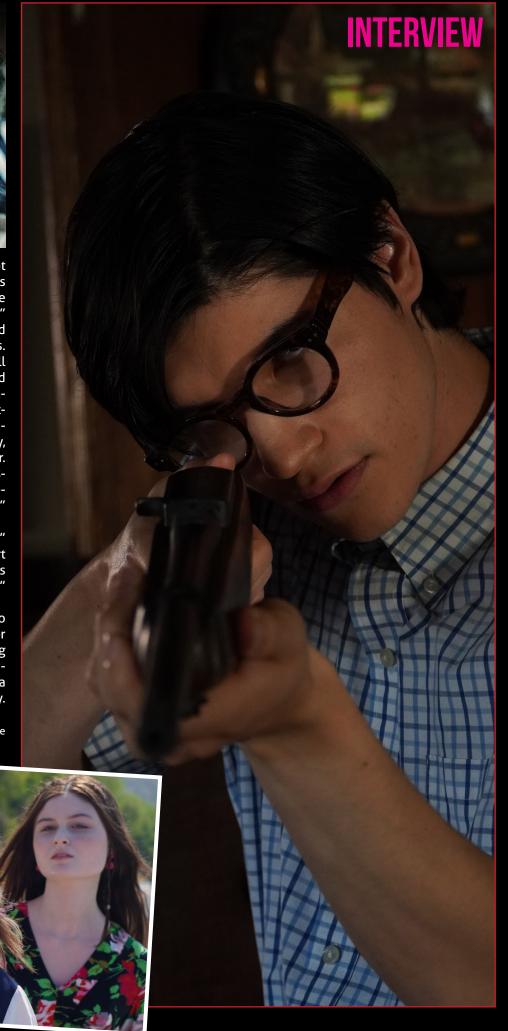


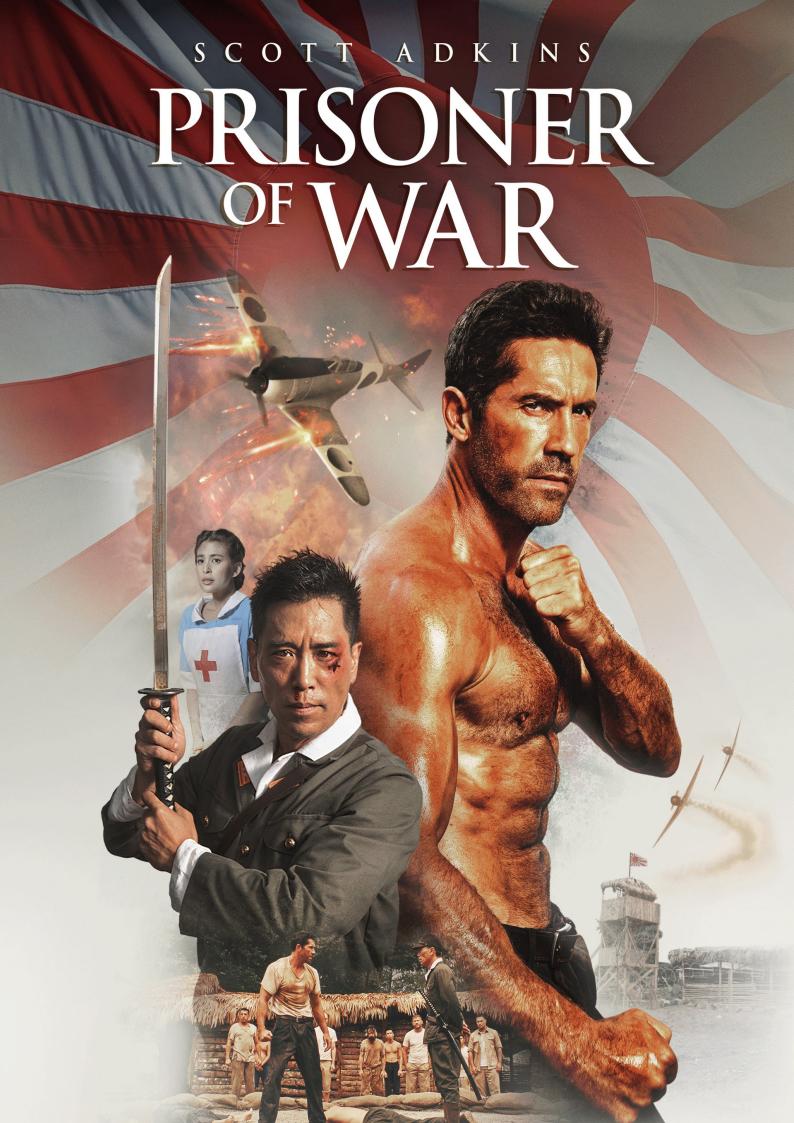
He admits the latter is his darkest script yet. "It's vile, gut-wrenching, there's no redemption in him. But if you're going to make it, make it truthful." The Netflix Monster series (Dahmer, Ed Gein) helped boost interest in his films. "When Dahmer blew up, we were still editing Ed Kemper," he said. "We sold it to Dread in 24 hours after mentioning the trend. Now they're distributing my next two films." Ferrin's previous hit Pig Killer, starring Jake Busey, showcased another real-life murderer. "Jake was incredible, fearless, professional, and all-in," Ferrin said. "He deserves far more credit than he gets."

"Every film is a learning experience," Ferrin concluded. "I put my heart and soul into each one, but once it's done, I move on. That keeps me sane."

Ed Kemper (The Co-Ed Killer) is set to release in Australia this November on digital, DVD, and VOD - a chilling dive into the mind of one of America's most unsettling killers, told by a filmmaker who refuses to look away.

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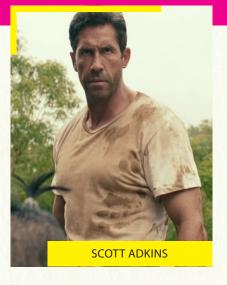
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We sat down with Australian actor and filmmaker Louis Mandylor, best known for his beloved role as Nick in My Big Fat Greek Wedding. From growing up in Melbourne to working alongside icons like Sylvester Stallone and Jean-Claude Van Damme, Mandylor's career has spanned continents and genres — and his passion for cinema remains as strong as ever.

"I was fascinated by the old classics," Mandylor recalls. "Films like Cool Hand Luke and A Clockwork Orange grabbed me when I was young. I don't know how I ended up doing what I do now, but I'm grateful."

After his breakout role in My Big Fat Greek Wedding, Mandylor appeared in The Quest, Rambo V, and Doom: Annihilation, before stepping behind the camera as director. His latest project, Prisoner of War, marks a major milestone. "It all started from a phone call with Scott Adkins," he says. "He pitched me the story, and I knew instantly I wanted to direct it.



A year and a half later, we'd written, shot, and delivered the film."

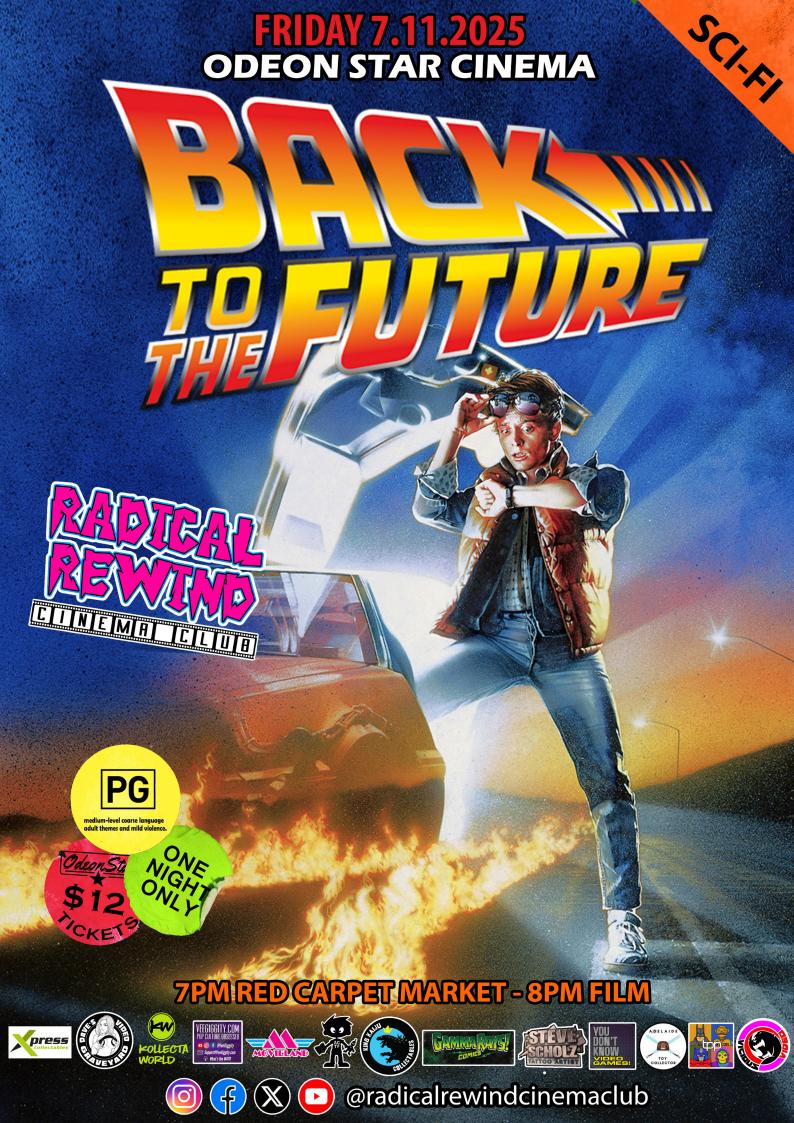
The production, however, wasn't without its trials. "Typhoon season destroyed our set two days before shooting," Mandylor reveals. "Then Scott tore his hamstring on day one. But every setback turned into a blessing. It forced us to think creatively and make the action more authentic."

Prisoner of War, now available on digital platforms, is a brutal yet beautifully shot tribute to the courage and sacrifice of soldiers. "We wanted to show the honour, the pain, and the horror of war," Mandylor explains. "It's not a cheesy action flick — it's a cinematic story with heart, truth, and grit."

While still acting, Mandylor's focus has shifted to directing. "It suits my energy," he admits. "It's relentless, but it's exhilarating. You're responsible for everything — and I love that challenge."

Mandylor's future looks bright, with upcoming projects including Skyline: Warpath and the shark thriller Above and Below alongside Antonio Banderas. As he puts it, "I'm just getting started. And I'm proud to bring some of that journey home to Australia."

Prisoner of War is available on DVD and on demand to stream now.





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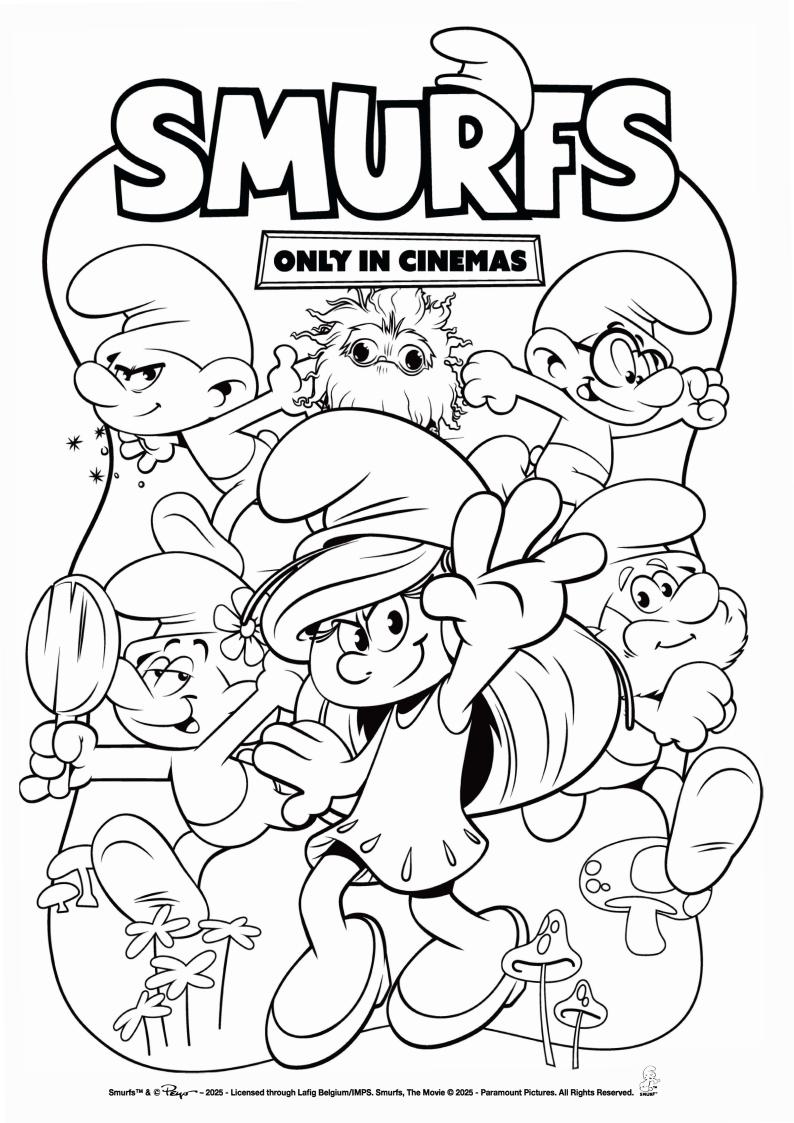


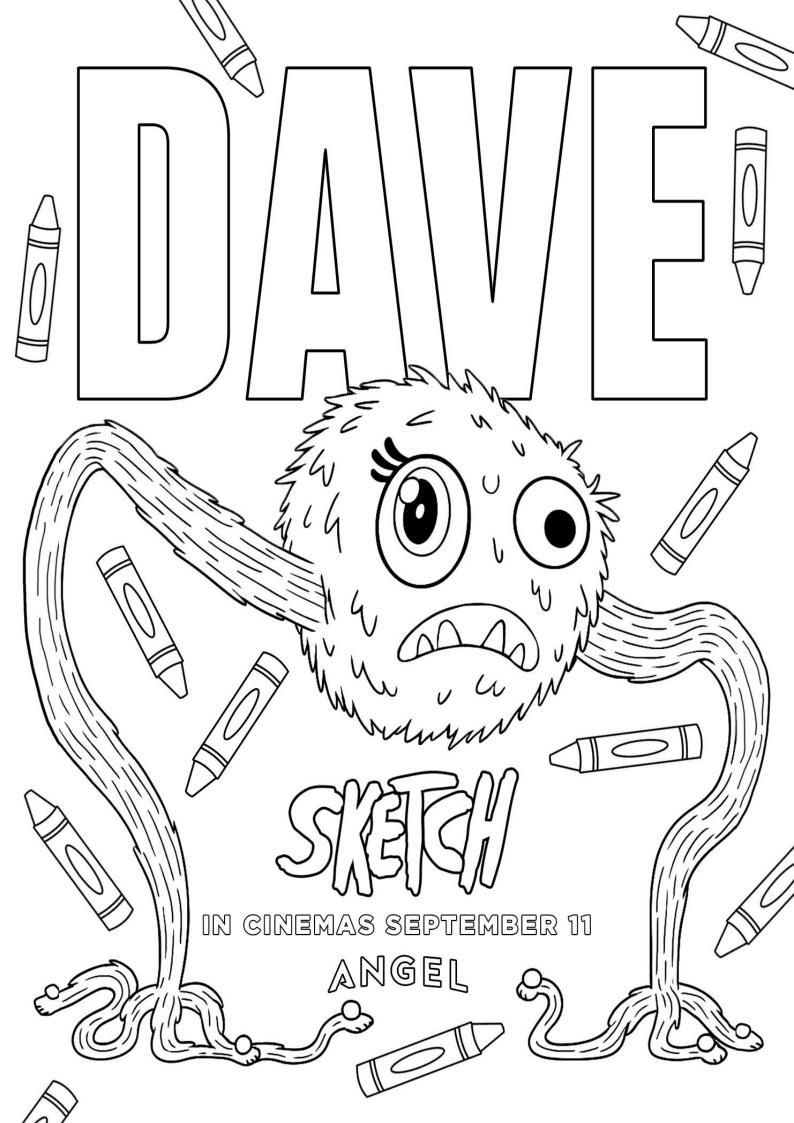
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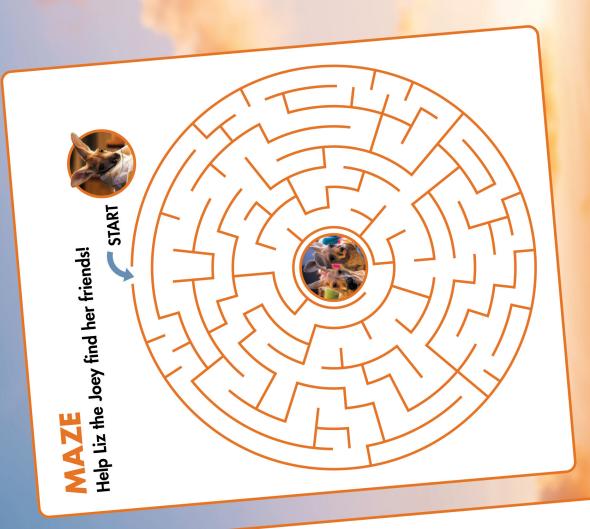


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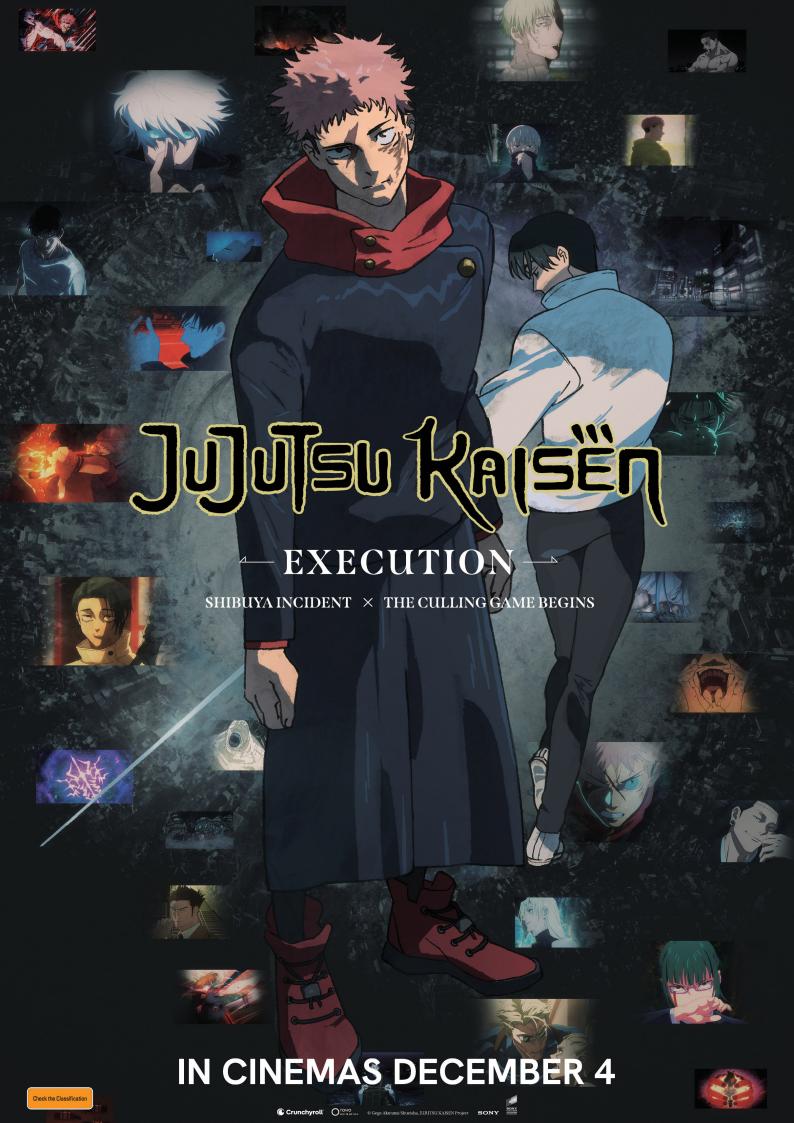
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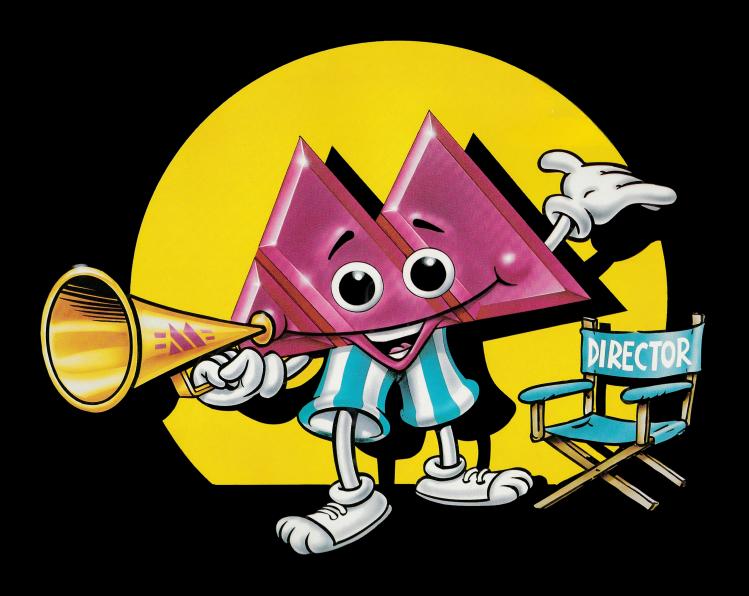
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