

Coming Soon...

IMMINENT DVD RELEASES

FLIGHTPLAN ★★★

Directed by Robert Schwentke
Starring Jodie Foster, Peter Sarsgaard, Erika Christensen, Sean Bean
27th March Despite some of the most ludicrous twists and turns of any film in recent memory, Jodie Foster's high flying adventure makes for a fun night at the movies. This thriller is a good DVD rental for those who can forgive the occasional plot hole.



SAW 2 ★★★

Directed by Darren Lynn Bousman
Starring Tim Donnie Wahlberg, Shawnee Smith, Tobin Bell, Dina Meyer
27th March The first installment of this horror franchise worked primarily because it was able to keep us guessing. The second still has elements of surprise, but attentive audiences will be able to predict them before they happen.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE ★★★

Directed by Andrew Adamson
Starring Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, Jim Broadbent, Tilda Swinton, Rupert Everett
3rd April This film felt too much like a lighter version of the "Lord of The Rings" trilogy. Based solely on the rich source material, "Narnia" manages to be worthwhile entertainment for younger audiences and devoted fans, but it doesn't merit too much attention from anyone else.

DOOM ★★

Directed by Andrzej Bartkowiak
Starring Karl Urban, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Rosamund Pike
3rd April I will give this film some credit for at least trying to do something visually unique. However, the script is

rife with cheesy one-line dialogue that fails to impress. Best ignored in favor of watching paint dry.

KING KONG ★★★

Directed by Peter Jackson
Starring Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody, Andy Serkis, Colin Hanks
10th April Given the high expectations, it is no wonder that this great ape adaptation failed to fully win over the public or the critics. It doesn't will translate well on to DVD either as it loses the one thing it had going for it... the wow factor!

THE FAMILY STONE ★★★

Directed by Thomas Bezucha
Starring Claire Danes, Diane Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Dermot Mulroney, Sarah Jessica Parker
17th April A woman finds herself unwelcome by her boyfriend's dysfunctional family and desperately tries to fit in. The premise should contain dozens of laughs. The execution is rather more lean as it dwindles into a labored sit-com with minor hits and major misses.

WHERE THE TRUTH LIES ★★★

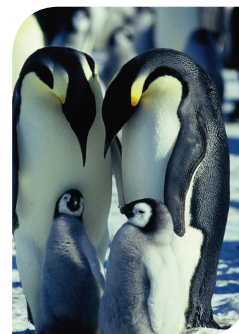
Directed by Atom Egoyan
Starring Kevin Bacon, Colin Firth, Alison Lohman, Rachel Blanchard
24th April Bacon and Firth are the Martin and Lewis-esque lounge act who find themselves suspected in a 1950's murder mystery told in flashbacks. The film looks gorgeous and is acted with style, although it occasionally ventures into melodrama. I can recommend this overlooked film.

THE PRODUCERS★★

Directed by Susan Stroman
Starring Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick, Uma Thurman, Will Ferrell
24th April The original is a classic that still holds up today. This remake is essentially a shot for shot screen adaptation of the hit Broadway musical. It even uses the same lead actors. However, it lacked the energy it needed to make the transition.

THE MARCH OF THE PENGUINS ★★★

Directed by Luc Jacquet
Starring James Morgan Freeman (narrator)
8th May Morgan Freeman's narration is sublime. The penguins are irresistibly cute. And the film tugs at the heartstrings more than almost any other from the past year. Virtually everyone will enjoy the journey of these funny looking creatures.



THE LIBERTINE ★★★★★

Directed by Laurence Dummore
Starring Johnny Depp, Samantha Morton, John Malkovich, Rosamund Pike
8th May Combine "Leaving Las Vegas" with "Dangerous Liaisons" and add a sprinkle of Marquis de Sade style debauchery, and you have this literate and poetic tragedy. It just may be Johnny Depp's best performance ever. Seek out the DVD.

MATCH POINT ★★★

Directed by Woody Allen
Starring Scarlett Johansson, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Brian Cox, Emily Mortimer
8th May Not a film where you will find likable characters... Hardly anyone comes out clean on the other side. More than anything, this film will have you questioning the bounce of a ball as the key to it all. Is life just a series of fortunate or unfortunate breaks?

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA ★★★

Directed by Rob Marshall
Starring Zhang Ziyi, Ken Watanabe, Michelle Yeoh, Gong Li
15th May This feels like it should be better than it actually is. Rob Marshall, director of recent Oscar winner, "Chicago", helms this adaptation but he allows it to dwindle toward melodrama all too often and it fails to carry the emotional impact one would expect.

