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When Star Wars opened May 25, 1977 no one but Steven Spielberg thought it would be a hit. George Lucas had been turned down by Universal, United Artists and Disney before pitching 20th Century Fox his sci-fi epic inspired by 1930's serials like Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers, the 1966 TV series Star Trek and Frank Herbert's 1965 novel Dune. Fox creative affairs chief Alan Ladd, Jr. greenlighted SW, but Fox's distribution arm never considered it a likely hit. Fox marketers wanted to change the title because moviegoers might think Star Wars was about the Vietnam War or, perhaps, superstars Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton's divorce.

When Lucas screened a rough cut for some director pals, they weren't impressed. Brian De Palma reportedly called it the "worst movie" ever made. Spielberg, however, predicted SW would be "the biggest movie of all time." Lucas thought SW was doomed and skipped its premiere to vacation with Spielberg in Hawaii where they heard SW was a boxoffice phenomenon and then came up with a new project to do together -- Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981), the first Indiana Jones blockbuster.

Exhibitors were reluctant to book SW, thinking only kids and sci-fi buffs would buy tickets, so it opened at just 32 theatres. Two days later, it was in 43 theatres and a week later in 157. It peaked in mid-August at 1,096, a very wide run then. Produced for \$11 million, its original release did \$461 million domestically and \$196 million abroad – huge numbers at the time. Fortunately for Lucas, after doing a modest deal with Fox for \$175,000 in fees, he gave up \$500,000 in additional compensation and asked for 40 percent of SW



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merchandising rights Fox agreed because its 1967 merchandising driven musical Doctor Dolittle had been a disaster. Lucas later obtained all SW merchandising rights – which brought him \$32 billion-plus over 40 years – and used them to build his Lucasfilm empire and control the SW franchise. In October 2012, Disney bought Lucasfilm for \$4.1 billion in cash and stock.

In 1977, before SW opened, Lucas visited Spielberg on his Close Encounters of the Third Kind set. Lucas thought Encounters would outgross SW, but Spielberg felt SW would do best. Lucas proposed an agreement where they'd pay each other 2 1/2 percent of their film's profits. Encounters did about \$307 million worldwide, but SW triumphed. Spielberg and Lucas reportedly are still trading profit participation payments from their 1977 boxoffice bet.

Roger Ebert: "It's just a never-ending visual delight. It's a movie that will last for years."

Gene Siskel: "The only thing that I'm worried about is that it's so successful, so mindless fun, that I hope Hollywood doesn't forget that there are people that like to see serious pictures too."



Theatrical Poster for Star Wars,
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look at WB/Atlas Entertainment's *The Suicide Squad*,
based on characters from DC Comics. Directed by David
Ayer ("FURY"), it stars Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot
Robbie, Joel Kinnaman & Viola Davis.



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Weekend Box Office Results... 5/21 – 5/23

With Comments by Paul Dergarabedian, [Comscore](#)

Rank	Title	Week	Theatres	Wknd \$	% Chg	Per Theatre Average \$	Total \$
1	Spiral (Lionsgate)	2	2,991	4,550,000	-48	1,521	15,827,700
2	Wrath of Man (UA Releasing)	3	3,007	2,935,000	-21	976	18,809,000
3	Those Who Wish Me Dead (Warner Bros.)	2	3,379	1,835,000	-35	543	5,537,000
4	Raya and the Last Dragon (Disney)	12	2,375	1,662,000	-2	700	48,301,545
5	Godzilla vs. Kong (Warner Bros.)	8	2,552	1,435,000	-6	562	96,910,000
6	Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train (FUNimation)	5	1,900	1,300,000	-33	684	44,507,141
7	Mortal Kombat (Warner Bros.)	5	2,386	935,000	-30	392	41,239,000
8	Dream Horse (Bleecker Street)	1	1,254	844,279	-	673	844,279
9	Finding You (Roadside Attractions)	2	1,447	670,330	-27	463	1,906,366
10	Profile (Focus Features)	2	2104	500,000	-32	238	1,507,000

- Universal Pictures' **F9** is the No. 1 movie in the world this weekend as it kicked off its international run in eight markets including Korea, Hong Kong, Russia, the Middle East and China. With this weekend's take of \$162.4M around the world, F9's international premiere pushed the Fast franchise past \$6 billion globally.
- The Fast & Furious franchise is one of only 6 franchises to reach \$6B and with the fewest number of films (10 including F9). The IMAX opening weekend is a pandemic era best \$14M and becomes IMAX's 2nd biggest international opening ever in May, opening in 26 fewer countries than current May record holder, Captain America: Civil War. It is Universal's 3rd biggest IMAX international opening weekend ever after Jurassic World and F8.
- Bleecker Street opened **Dream Horse** that grossed \$844,279 on 1254 screens for a PSA of \$673 this weekend.
- Neon opened **New Order** in 236 locations to a debut of \$130,000 for a PTA of \$551.
- IFC Films thriller **The Dry** starring Eric Bana opened in 186 theaters for an estimated weekend gross of \$129,000 and a per theater average of \$694. **The Dry** opened in Australia over the Christmas holidays and became a sensation, grossing over \$18M to date and ranking in the top 15 independent releases of Australia of all time.
- Spiral: From the Book of Saw** from Lionsgate and Twisted Pictures now in its second weekend scared up an estimated \$4.555M from 2,991 theaters in North America for a cume to date of \$15.827M. The suspense/horror film stars Chris Rock, Samuel L. Jackson, Max Minghella and is directed by Darren Lynn Bousman.
- United Artists Releasing's **Wrath of Man** starring Jason Statham now in its third weekend earned \$2.935M for a cume through Sunday of \$18.809M. The R-rated action suspense films also stars Holt McCallany, Scott Eastwood, Josh Hartnett, Laz Alonso, Deobia Oparei, Eddie Marsan and is directed by Guy Ritchie.
- Warner Bros. **Those Who Wish Me Dead** starring Angelina Jolie now in week 2 in 3,379 locations earned \$1.835M for a N.A. cume to date of \$5.537M. Jolie stars as Hannah, a smoke jumper still reeling from the loss of three lives she failed to save from a fire when she comes across a traumatized 12-year-old boy with nowhere else to turn.
- Disney's **Raya and the Last Dragon** now in weekend 12 earned \$1.662M in 2,375 theaters for a N.A. cume through Sunday of \$48,301,545.
- Warner Bros.' **Godzilla Vs. Kong** earned \$1.435M in this, its eighth weekend in 2,552 locations for a N.A. cume through Sunday of \$96.91M.
- On the international front, Lionsgate and Twisted Picture's **Spiral** grossed an estimated \$2.67M this weekend from 21 international territories. The international cume-to-date now stands at an estimated \$6.72M and worldwide the film has taken in more than \$22.5M. The UK is set to open at #3 this weekend, with a solid \$1.15M (Mon-Sun.). Spain will open at #1 with an estimated \$280K.
- Warner Bros.' **Those Who Wish Me Dead** produced an estimated \$2.0M this weekend from 38 markets now in release, which brings the international running cume to \$7.5M and the worldwide total is \$13.1M.
- Warner Bros.' **Godzilla Vs Kong** grossed an estimated \$1.8M for the weekend in 51 markets in release. The overseas running cume is \$335.4M and the global tally is \$432.3M.
- In Japan, **Jigoku No Hanazono** opened at an estimated ¥152.1M (\$1.3M) this weekend and ranking #2. A Jigoku-no-Hanazono - Office Royale- Film Partners Production, led by Fuji Television, theatrically distributed by Warner Bros. Japan
- Warner Bros.' **Mortal Kombat** produced an estimated \$1.1M this weekend from 47 markets, taking the international cume to \$38.5M and the worldwide running cume is \$79.7M.
- Universal's **Nobody** internationally earned \$241K in 27 territories for an international cume to date of \$20.56M. Combined with the N.A. weekend of \$315K, the global weekend took in \$556K for a running global cume of \$46.305M.
- Universal's **Spirit Untamed** started its international rollout in Russia/CIS (\$0.43M). The film rolls out Internationally across June and July with European markets reopening.
- Universal's **F9** fires on all cylinders to an IMAX pandemic era best \$14M opening weekend and becomes IMAX's 2nd biggest international opening ever in May, opening in 26 fewer countries than current May record holder, **Captain America: Civil War**.
- The latest installment of the Vin Diesel FAST & FURIOUS franchise's \$14M IMAX opening weekend from only 800 screens is now Universal's 3rd biggest IMAX international opening weekend ever after JURASSIC WORLD and FATE OF THE FURIOUS (F8).
- In China, **F9's** IMAX result of \$12.4M becomes the 3rd best May China opening weekend ever (after AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR and AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON) as well as Universal's 2nd best China opening weekend in IMAX after FATE OF THE FURIOUS. IMAX's over 9% indexing in China for **F9** from just 1% of the screens is a franchise best result.

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Notable Industry News and Commentary... 5/17 – 5/23

[AT&T's Discovery deal is about taking on Disney Plus](#) (The Verge)

Early Monday morning, AT&T dropped a bombshell on the entertainment industry by announcing a deal to spin off their WarnerMedia entertainment division and merge it together with Discovery. WarnerMedia includes Warner Bros. Pictures, Home Box Office with its cable TV channels and HBO Max Streaming service, and Turner Entertainment, as well as other media and sports networks. Discovery's roster of properties includes the Cooking Channel, Travel Channel, Food Network and its Discovery Plus streaming service. In merging these assets, the combined company will be able to offer a wide range of programming in a direct-to-consumer streaming service that can more effectively compete with those offered by Disney, Netflix and Amazon, among others. The new company pledged to invest \$20B per year in creating new content, topping Netflix's announced plans to spend \$17B annually and Disney's to spend \$14B–16B per year by 2024.



AT&T's CEO John Stankey and Discovery's CEO David Zaslav at Monday's announcement of the spin-off of WarnerMedia and its merger with Discovery

See also: [Inside the Discovery-AT&T Deal: Cute Emails, a Big Loan and Now, a Media Giant](#) (NY Times)



A recent screening at an Alamo Drafthouse theatre

[‘It’s Magic What We Do.’ Movie Theaters Get Starry-Eyed Once More](#) (NY Times)

This Wednesday, 13 of the largest movie studios and film distributors invited members of the Hollywood Press to an AMC Theatre in Los Angeles' Century City to present their upcoming slate of movies coming to theatres this summer, and beyond. A parade of studio execs, filmmakers and actors took over four hours to emphasize the magic of the theatrical experience and what makes it so important to them and their films. Dozens of new releases were highlighted, including big-budget blockbusters such as *Cruella*, *F9* and *Black Widow* to anticipated indie titles such as *Zola*, *New Order* and *The Green Knight*.

This comes at a time when measures indicate that the general public is increasingly comfortable with returning to cinemas to experience Hollywood entertainment once again. Results from a

recent survey by exhibition research firm NRG found that 70 percent of 1M people polled across 13 countries said that they were “comfortable” returning to theatres, compared with 23 percent when the same question was asked in April 2020. 55 percent indicated that they were “eager” to return. However, some from the industry doubt that exhibition will ever return to the best-ever attendance levels from 2018 and 2019, due to the widespread expansion of streaming. Still, the mood at Wednesday's event was hopeful on the eve of the exclusive theatrical debut of Paramount's *A Quiet Place Part 2* this Friday to kick off the summer movie season. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the infamous Terminator and ex-governor of California, said, “You need the big screen. If you have the movie and you don't have the theaters, then you have nothing.” Vin Diesel, the star and front man for Universal's upcoming action thriller *F9*, proclaimed “We're ready to make you believe again, because nobody does a comeback like the movies.”

See also: [Hollywood Spent Nearly 4 Hours Telling the Press It Wants Moviegoers Back in Theaters](#) (Indiewire)

California Announces Specifics About June 15 Reopening: No Capacity Limits, No Distancing, No Vaccine Passports, But Vax Verification Required For Big Indoor Events (Deadline)

Los Angeles and New York City are the number 1 and 2 box office markets in the U.S., and therefore are vital to the success of any movie release. Throughout 2020, studios delayed releasing most major titles because theatres in both cities had closed by order of local health authorities. Fast forward to spring 2021 and the success of the rollout of the vaccine across the U.S. has resulted in virtually all markets including LA and NYC reopening businesses, including cinemas. On Friday, California Health and Human Services Director Dr. Mark Ghaly spoke with reporters about the Golden State's plans to fully reopen all its businesses by June 15th. As of that date, there will no longer be any physical distancing requirements for any business, including cinemas. The state will continue to follow the CDC's making guidelines for indoor activities, which are expected to evolve over time. By allowing theatres to resume operation at full capacity, a major impediment to the recovery of exhibitors will be eliminated, allowing a return to "normal times", and profitability.



Amazon Said to Make \$9 Billion Offer for MGM (Variety)

Word on the street is that talks are heating up between MGM Studios and Amazon on a possible acquisition of the Hollywood studio by the e-Commerce giant. The price tag being discussed is said to be in the range of \$9B, which is a hefty premium compared its \$5.5B market value that industry analysts had estimated last December, at the height of the COVID pandemic, when [MGM made it clear that it was open to considering offers](#).



As for most media properties in 2021, MGM's value is predicated on its opportunity in streaming. Amazon Prime has over 200M members, and 175M of those have streamed content on the platform within the last year. With an acquisition of MGM, Amazon would gain access to its trove of repertory content, which includes iconic film franchises such *James Bond*, *Rocky/ Creed* and *Pink Panther*. The MGM library also includes hundreds of popular TV series, both past and present, including *Stargate*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, *American Gladiators*, *The Voice*, *Survivor*, *Shark Tank* and many, many others. All of this could be added to Amazon Prime's catalog to keep its subscribers on-line for binge watching.

Zack Snyder's 'Army of the Dead' and Other Netflix Movies Turn Up in Theaters (Wall Street Journal)

On Friday May 14th, Netflix's *Army of the Dead* opened at approximately 600 theatres across the U.S., including 300 Cinemark locations. The R-Rated zombie thriller directed by Zack Snyder opened on Netflix only one week later. Pre-COVID, Netflix and the nation's largest exhibitors had been unable to reach mutually acceptable terms under which Netflix titles would play in theatres. Netflix insisted on very short windows for its films to play in theatres prior to their streaming debut and exhibitors were unwilling to agree to those terms. However, COVID has upended the expectation of long, exclusive runs for theatres, with even traditional Hollywood studios such as Warner Bros. and Disney experimenting with simultaneous releases to theatres and on their own in-house streaming platforms.



As the pandemic lifts, theatres re-open and moviegoers return to theatres, exhibitors and studios are considering new models for how the industry will bring films to consumers, making them available both in theatres and on-line. This may open up opportunities for studios that made their name in streaming such as Netflix, Amazon, Hulu to become an additional source for feature films to play in theatres.

MARTIN GROVE'S *Hollywood Report*

When A QUIET PLACE PART 2 had its world premiere 3/8/20 at New York's Lincoln Center, no one dreamed it wouldn't actually open until Memorial Day 2021.

In those final pre-pandemic days, Paramount/Platinum Dunes' R rated horror thriller was arriving 3/18 (pictured – Emily Blunt at premiere). Then the world changed, and a new release date was set -- Labor Day (9/4) to end the summer of 2020. A 6 month delay sounded realistic but wasn't. By July, Paramount pushed it to 4/23/21, which certainly sounded safe, but wasn't. In January 2021, it went to 9/17.

AQP2, of course, wasn't the only now-you-see it-now-you-don't film. Everything was fleeing to better times. Finally, the tide turned. In early March, director John Krasinski revealed it would now open earlier – to start this summer Memorial Day weekend (5/28 at some 3,700 locations).

Now, with 5/28 fast approaching, AQP2's tracking great with an average first choice score more than 3 times the norm. Plus, advance ticket sales, per Fandango, are now twice as strong as they were back in March 2020. It points to a moviegoing recovery that until recently Wall Street was insisting we'd never see.



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CRUELLA, which launches the summer 5/28 with A QUIET PLACE 2, is the horror sequel's perfect companion.

Where Paramount/Platinum Dunes' R rated thriller had the last pre-pandemic premiere, Disney's live action PG-13 spinoff of 1961's animated 101 DALMATIANS had the first post-pandemic premiere (pictured – Emma Stone at Hollywood's El Capitan Theatre 5/19). Originally, CRUELLA was to open 12/23/20. But in August 2019, well before COVID, Disney made multiple release schedule changes and CRUELLA went to 5/28/21.



The two films are well suited to share Memorial Day weekend since AQP2 is resonating best with men while CRUELLA's strongest appeal is to women. Both films have tracked well for weeks and together send a strong message of hope to exhibitors just as pandemic restrictions are easing across the U.S.

Friday's tracking showed both titles with matching strong average first choice scores (more than 3 times norm). AQP2's strongest demos are -25M (4 times norm) & +25M (3 times norm). CRUELLA's top demos are -25F (more than 5 times norm) & +25F (more than 4 times norm). Between them, it should be clear that moviegoing is alive and well again.

Update – Studio Release Calendar

5/28-6/3: Memorial Day 5/31

(2020 Wk 22 Box Office: \$794,132)

2020 openings: N/A



A Quiet Place Part II (Paramount) Following the events at home, the Abbott family now face the terrors of the outside world. Forced to venture into the unknown, they realize the creatures that hunt by sound are not the only threats lurking beyond the sand path. Sci-Fi Horror. *Paramount+ will stream the film 45 days after release. Latest interest levels indicate an opening weekend in the \$40-\$50M range with 3500-4000 locations available. First opening show at 5pm on 5/27.*

PG13	97	Scope (2.39 : 1), IMAX, Dolby Cinema, Atmos, D-Box, 4DX, MX4D	Wide 45-day window
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Cruella (Disney/Disney+) A live-action prequel feature film following a young Cruella de Vil. Crime Comedy. The film is based on the character Cruella de Vil, introduced in Dodie Smith's 1956 novel The Hundred and One Dalmatians and Walt Disney's 1961 animated film "101 Dalmatians". *Audiences in all four quadrants showing a high interest in what appears to be a major box office hit.*

PG13	134	Flat (1.85 : 1), Atmos, Dolby Digital, D-Box	Wide/SVOD
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Endangered Species (Grindstone Entertainment) Jack Halsey takes his wife, their adult kids, and a friend for a dream vacation in Kenya. But as they venture off alone into a wilderness park, their safari van is flipped over by an angry rhino, leaving them injured and desperate. As two of them go in search of rescue, a bloody, vicious encounter with a leopard and a clan of hyenas incites a desperate fight for survival. Action Thriller. <i>Starring Rebecca Romijn (X-Men) and Jerry O'Connell (Showtime's "Billions") this gripping adventure tale unfolds beneath a brutal African sun.</i>	R	101	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited VOD on 5/29
American Traitor: The Trial of Axis Sally (Vertical Entertainment) Based on the true story of American woman Mildred Gillars and her lawyer, who struggles to redeem her reputation when she's accused of treason against the U.S. after WWII. Biography Drama. <i>Based upon the book Axis Sally Confidential, by William E. Owen. In April 2021, Vertical Entertainment and Redbox Entertainment acquired distribution rights to the film.</i>	R	109	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Limited
Moby Doc (Greenwich Entertainment) A surrealist biographical documentary about trailblazing electronic musician and animal rights activist Moby. <i>The film, directed by Rob Bralver, will be released in theatres and via digital platforms on the same day the punk rocker-turned-electronic music pioneer has a new record out.</i>	NR	92	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Select
Port Authority (Momentum Pictures) A 20-year-old Midwesterner arrives in New York City and catches eyes with a young woman (trans), leading to the two falling in love with issues. French Romance Drama. <i>The film's title refers to the Port Authority Bus Terminal, the arrival point of Paul in the film as he seeks a better life in New York. Leyna Bloom said that this reflected her own journey from the Midwest to the station in the city at seventeen. As well as being a black trans actress from the Midwest, Leyna Bloom is also a real-life drag ball house mother. Martin Scorsese serves as executive producer.</i>	R	101	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited VOD on 6/1
Funhouse (Magnolia) When 8 celebrities from around the globe are invited to compete in an online reality show, they soon realize that they are playing for their very lives, as those voted off suffer horrific consequences, broadcast live to the entire world. Horror. <i>Celebrity culture and the TMZ style media coverage that follows, plays out on the backdrop of a Saw style torture tournament.</i>	NR	106	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Blue Miracle (Netflix) To save their cash-strapped orphanage, a guardian and his kids partner with a washed-up boat captain for a chance to win a lucrative fishing competition. Jimmy Gonzales, Dennis Quaid, Anthony Gonzalez. Biography Drama. <i>The film was inspired by a true story: residents and caregivers from the Casa Hogar orphanage, which struggled financially after being hit by Hurricane Odile, won a Cabo San Lucas fishing tournament in 2014.</i>	NR	95	NA	SVOD on 5/27
New French Shorts 2021 (Kino Lorber) This annual showcase of some of the most exciting new cinematic voices from France includes the Oscar-nominated animated short Genius Loci and César Award winners And Then the Bear and So What if the Goats Die? <i>Haute Cuisine \$24M, So What If the Goats Die? \$23M, And Then the Bear \$14M, Sukar \$10M, Olla \$27M.</i>	NR	Various	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Virtual Cinema
6/4-10 (2020 Wk 23 Box Office: \$936,039) 2020 openings: N/A				
The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It (Warner Bros./HBOMax) A chilling story of terror, murder and unknown evil that shocked even experienced real-life paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren. One of the most sensational cases from their files, it starts with a fight for the soul of a young boy, then takes them beyond anything they've ever seen before, to mark the first time in U.S. history that a murder suspect would claim demonic possession as a defense. Horror Mystery Thriller. <i>SCREENING: One of the best of the series is well made with a solid scary Exorcist mode. Here are all the jump scares and great effects audiences like. A solid commercial summer hit.</i>	R	112	Scope (2.39 : 1), IMAX, Atmos, D-Box	Wide/SVOD
Spirit Untamed (Universal) Lucky Prescott's life is changed forever when she moves from her home in the city to a small frontier town and befriends a wild mustang named Spirit. Adventure Animation Family. <i>A computer-animated western adventure film produced by DreamWorks Animation based on the Netflix animated TV series Spirit Riding Free and the second theatrical release in the Spirit franchise after the traditional animation film Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (2002). SCREENING: An entertaining animated film with young female appeal.</i>	PG	88	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Wide/ SVOD as agreed by terms with exhibition

Bridesmaids 10th Anniversary (Fathom Events) Competition between the maid of honor and a bridesmaid, over who is the bride's best friend, threatens to upend the life of an out-of-work pastry chef. Romantic Comedy. <i>Bridesmaids was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture – Musical or Comedy. It received multiple other accolades. In 2012, the film was nominated for both the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for Melissa McCarthy and Best Original Screenplay.</i>	R	125	Scope (2.39 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/6, 6/9-10
Chasing Wonders (Gravitas Ventures) Set in the lush wine country landscapes of Australia and Spain, the heart-warming tale follows a 12-year boy who, encouraged by his maternal grandfather to live a life of hope and possibility, takes off on the adventure of a lifetime to find the magical Emu Plains. Drama. <i>A coming-of-age story set across the lush wine country of both Australia and Spain, a young man explores the nature of father-son relationships and the pathway toward understanding and forgiveness.</i>	NR	86	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Select Theatres/ VOD Platforms
Gully (Vertical Entertainment) Three teens living in LA, all victims of extreme childhoods, wreak a hedonistic riot across the city over the course of 48 hours, unbound by societal norms. They take us on a rip-roaring ride of drugs and murder across Los Angeles. Crime Drama. <i>It had its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival on 4/7/19. In September 2020, Vertical Entertainment and Paramount Pictures acquired U.S. distribution rights to the film.</i>	R	90	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
Flashback (Entertainment One) AKA: The Education of Fredrick Fitzell (original title) After a chance encounter with a man forgotten from his youth, Fred literally and metaphorically journeys into his past. Thriller. <i>Premiered at the 2020 Sitges Film Festival.</i>	R	97	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD DVD/Blu-ray on 6/8
Under the Stadium Lights (Saban Films) Formerly titled Brother's Keeper. Milo Gibson (Hacksaw Ridge) and Laurence Fishburne (The Matrix) star in this inspirational true story of a small town high school football team who beat all the odds to win their state championship. Drama. <i>Based on the nonfiction book Brother's Keeper by Al Pickett and Chad Mitchell.</i>	PG13	108	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Monuments (Row House Films/1091 Pictures) A grieving widower travels cross-country in a stolen pick-up truck, determined to scatter his wife's ashes in Chicago. Comedy Drama. <i>Premiered at the Nashville Film Festival, where it won an Audience Award for US Independent film.</i>	NR	94	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited, Virtual, Blu-Ray, Éclair 60-day window
Undine (IFC) Undine works as a historian lecturing on Berlin's urban development. But when the man she loves leaves her, the ancient myth catches up with her. Undine has to kill the man who betrays her and return to the water. <i>German-French drama film directed by Christian Petzold. It was selected to compete for the Golden Bear in the competition section at the 70th Berlin International Film Festival. At Berlin, Paula Beer won the Silver Bear for Best Actress.</i>	NR	91	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Hero Mode (Blue Fox Entertainment) With her indie video game business on the brink of bankruptcy, Kate throws a Hail Mary and puts Troy, her teenage coding genius son, in charge of creating a video game to save the company. It's a dream come true for Troy. But quite the opposite for the company's disgruntled coders and their rival CEO. Comedy. <i>Here is a fast-paced movie, which both video-game lovers and people who enjoy their co-workers will love. (dove.org).</i>	NR	88	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Super Frenchie (Greenwich Entertainment) Professional skier and BASE jumper Matthias Giraud pursues his passion for adventure while also starting a family. Documentary. <i>Super Frenchie - a title that comes from the nickname that Giraud has given himself. Matthias is known for combining BASE jumping with skiing and completed several first descents and ski BASE jumps across the globe including the first ski BASE jump off the Matterhorn in Switzerland.</i>	NR	77	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
6/11-17 (2020 Wk 24 Box Office: \$1,306,056) 2020 openings: N/A				
In the Heights (Warner Bros.) A feature version of the Broadway musical, in which a bodega owner has mixed feelings about closing his store and retiring to the Dominican Republic after inheriting his grandmother's fortune. Drama Music Romance. <i>Film adaptation of the Broadway musical. Lin-Manuel Miranda, producer. SCREENING: Great music, sets and excellent choreography, Anthony Ramos is excellent. Immensely enjoyable with great singing and dancing, the emotional and human story is the heart of a potential hit for all ages.</i>	PG13	143	Scope (2.39 : 1), IMAX, Dolby Atmos	Wide

Queen Bees (Gravitas Ventures) It's never too late to laugh with friends, fall in love again, and put the "mean girls" in their place. Comedy. <i>An all-star cast of Ellen Burstyn, James Caan, Ann-Margaret, Jane Curtain, Christopher Lloyd makes this pleasant comedy directed by Michael Lembeck (Tooth Fairy, Santa Clause 2 & 3) good all-around entertainment.</i>	PG13	100	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Moderate (500+)/ VOD Platforms
12 Mighty Orphans (Sony Pictures Classics) Haunted by his mysterious past, a devoted high school football coach leads a scrawny team of orphans to the state championship during the Great Depression and inspires a broken nation along the way. Sports History. Robert Duvall, Luke Wilson, Martin Sheen. History Sport. <i>Based upon the non-fiction book Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football by Jim Dent.</i>	PG13	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	NY/TX Limited 6/18 Expansion
GKIDS Presents: Children of the Sea (Fathom Events) Japanese: 海獣のこども When Ruka was younger, she saw a ghost in the water at the aquarium where her dad works. Now she feels drawn toward the aquarium and the two mysterious boys she meets there. <i>Children of the Sea is the latest feature from Japan's STUDIO4C (known for Tekkonkinkreet, MFKZ, Mind Game, Animatrix, Batman: Gotham Knight, and others), and is directed by Ayumu Watanabe, with a score by award-winning composer and longtime Studio Ghibli collaborator Joe Hisaishi (Spirited Away, Howl's Moving Castle).</i>	NR	115	Scope (2.39 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/13 Japanese with Subtitles 6/15
ASIA (Menemsha Films) This is a film about motherhood, sacrifice, and love. It's about the ability and the choice to take responsibility for another person's life. Even if it means ultimately letting go. <i>Winner of Ophir Prize for Best Picture . Awarded 9 Ophir Prizes including: Best Actress to Alena Yiv, Best Supporting Actress to Shira Haas Best Cinematography, Editing, Casting, Original Score, Production Design & Makeup • Israel's Official Selection to the Academy Awards for Best International Feature Film.</i>	NR	86	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Film Forum on 6/11
Final Frequency (Integrity Releasing) A student discovers an elitist cadre of scientists' plans to weaponize Nikola Tesla's inventions. Thriller. <i>The movie is based upon bleeding edge technologies that are currently kept top secret by world governments. So called "Psychotronic" technologies are said to affect human brain tissue in dramatic ways, including signs of concussion without subjects having received any blows to the head.</i>	NR	90	2K Full (1.90:1) Stereo	Select
A Father's Legacy (Fathom Events/Emagine Entertainment) On the run from the law, a young man searching for his father forces his way into the life of a secluded old man in the woods. As days pass and secrets about their past are revealed, they learn that they might not have been looking for each other but they may have been brought together for a reason. <i>The event features a conversation with director/star Jason Mac and Pastor Brannon Shortt from Bayside Church about the importance of fatherhood, how the choices you make have consequences and additional key takeaways from the film.</i>	PG13	95	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/17
My Fair Lady (Fathom Events) The film is a 1964 American musical drama adapted from the 1956 Lerner and Loewe stage musical based on George Bernard Shaw's 1913 stage play Pygmalion. <i>Audrey Hepburn starred as Eliza Doolittle and Rex Harrison as Henry Higgins, with Stanley Holloway, Gladys Cooper and Wilfrid Hyde-White in supporting roles. A critical and commercial success, it became the second highest-grossing film of 1964 and won eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Director.[4] In 1998, the American Film Institute named it the 91st greatest American film of all time. In 2006 it was ranked eighth in the AFI's Greatest Movie Musicals.</i>	G	170	Scope (2.39 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/13 & 6/16
UFC 263: Adesanya vs. Vettori 2 (Iconic Events) An upcoming mixed martial arts event produced by the Ultimate Fighting Championship that will take place on 6/12/21 at the Gila River Arena in Glendale, AZ. <i>A UFC Middleweight Championship bout between current champion Israel Adesanya and Marvin Vettori is expected to headline the event. The pairing previously met at UFC on Fox: Poirier vs. Gaethje, where Adesanya won via split decision.</i>	NR	NA	NA	Event Cinema 6/12
Occupation Rainfall (Saban Films) Bursting with spectacular special effects and exhilarating action sequences, Occupation: Rainfall unfolds two years into an intergalactic invasion of Earth, as survivors fight back in a desperate ground war. Science-Fi Action. <i>The highly anticipated follow-up to Sparke's 2018 alien invasion hit OCCUPATION, OCCUPATION: RAINFALL picks up two years into an intergalactic invasion of Earth where survivors are fighting back in a desperate ground war. The film features eye-popping visual effects with a top-line cast.</i>	NA	128	NA	Theatrical & VOD/ Digital
The House Next Door: Meet the Blacks 2 (HEFG Releasing) AKA: Meet the Blacks: The House Next Door. When author Carl Black moves his family back to his childhood home, he winds up battling his eccentric neighbor, a pimp who is actually a vampire. Horror Spoof. <i>This is a sequel to the 2016 horror spoof Meet the Blacks.</i>	R	80	Scope 2.39 : 1)	Limited

Awake (Netflix) After a devastating global event wipes out all electronics and eliminated people's ability to sleep, a former soldier may have found a solution with her daughter. Sci-Fi Action. <i>Directed by Mark Raso, from a screenplay he wrote alongside Joseph Raso.</i>	NA	95	2.1 TV aspect ratio & 18.9 common; Not used in film	SVOD on 6/9
Florida Georgia Line (Encore Drive-In Nights) Florida Georgia Line will perform all of your favorite hits for a night of amazing fun under the stars with family and friends! Plus, don't miss special guest appearances from Nelly and Chase Rice. Concert series. <i>Visit your local drive-in or select cinema on Saturday, 6/12 as they broadcast a brand-new concert experience recorded exclusively for this one night only! On sale special pricing of \$68 valid only through Thursday, 5/13 at 11:55pm PST. Not valid on previously purchased tickets.</i>	NA	NA	NA	6/12 one night only; Drive-Ins
Censor (Magnolia/Magnet) After viewing a strangely familiar video nasty, Enid, a film censor, sets out to solve the past mystery of her sister's disappearance, embarking on a quest that dissolves the line between fiction and reality. Horror. <i>The film had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival on 1/28 in the Midnight section. Reviews have been generally positive and a good move forward for British horror.</i>	NR	84	Flat (1.33 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Queen of Spades (Dread) According to legend, an ominous entity known as the Queen of Spades can be summoned by performing an ancient ritual. Those brave enough draw a door and a staircase on a mirror, in darkness, and say her name three times. What happens next must be experienced to be believed. Supernatural Teen Horror. <i>This Canadian horror film is about four teenagers who jokingly summon up an evil entity and soon regret their naivety.</i>	NR	91	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Select Theatrical VOD on 6/15 Blu-Ray on 6/29
Sublet (Greenwich Entertainment) A New York Times travel writer goes to Tel Aviv after a tragedy. The energy of the city and his relationship with a younger man bring him back to life. Romantic Comedy Drama. <i>"Structured around the passing days of his trip, the film has a walk-and-talk quality reminiscent of Before Sunrise, giving the viewer snapshots of the hedonistic vibe of the city. Eytan Fox has entertained us for 3 decades with gems like Yossi & Jagger and The Bubble, and now gifts us this significantly more personal film, a heartfelt and heartwarming ode to gay men and to aging." —Lucy Mukerjee</i>	NR	89	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Holler (IFC Films) To pay for her education, and the chance of a better life, a young woman joins a dangerous scrap metal crew. Drama. <i>Nicole Riegel makes her directorial debut with Holler, a familiar coming-of-age film about a young woman trying to find a way out of her hometown in Southern Ohio.</i>	R	90	Flat (1.66 : 1)	Limited/VOD
6/18-23: Father's Day 6/20 (2020 Wk 25 Box Office: \$931,155) 2020 openings: N/A 				
The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard (Lionsgate) Michael Bryce and Darius Kincaid join forces with an Interpol agent to prevent a cyberattack in Europe. Action Adventure Comedy. <i>The film is a sequel to the 2017 film The Hitman's Bodyguard and stars Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Frank Grillo, Richard E. Grant, Tom Hopper, Antonio Banderas and Morgan Freeman.</i>	NA	NA	Scope (2.39 : 1), IMAX, Atmos	Wide on 6/16
Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway (Sony) Thomas and Bea are now married and living with Peter and his rabbit family. Bored of life in the garden, Peter goes to the big city, where he meets shady characters and ends up creating chaos for the whole family. Adventure Comedy Family Fantasy. <i>Unlike the first film, the sequel will be released under the Columbia Pictures label, instead of Sony Pictures Animation. Early shows on Thursday 6/17 starting at 4pm Local Time.</i>	PG	85	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Wide
Jerry Maguire 25th Anniversary (Fathom Events) The film is a 1996 romantic comedy drama written, produced and directed by Cameron Crowe. The cast included Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr., Renée Zellweger, and Regina King. inspired by sports agent Leigh Steinberg, who acted as technical consultant on the crew, it was released in N.A. theaters on 12/13/96. <i>This was the ninth-highest-grossing film of 1996. The film was nominated for five Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Actor for Tom Cruise, with Cuba Gooding Jr. winning the Best Supporting Actor.</i>	R	139	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/20 & 6/24
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Love Spreads (Gravitas Ventures) Tensions rise when members of an all-female rock band gather to record their second album. Cast: Eiza Gonzalez (Godzilla v Kong, Baby Driver), Alia Shawkat (Arrested Development). Comedy. <i>The American/British film will premiere at the 2021 Tribeca Film Festival.</i>	NR	93	NA	Limited/VOD
Luca (Disney/Pixar) On the Italian Riviera, an unlikely but strong friendship grows between a human being and a sea monster disguised as a human. Animated Adventure Comedy. <i>7/30/20, Pixar announced a new film titled Luca as an "Italy-set coming-of-age story", directed by Enrico Casarosa who previously directed the 2011 Academy Award-nominated short movie La Luna.</i>	NA	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Disney+
The Sparks Brothers (Focus Features) Filmmaker Edgar Wright chronicles the 5-decade career of the enigmatic music duo Sparks. <i>A 2021 documentary directed by Edgar Wright. The film had its world premiere at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival on 1/30.</i>	R	135	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Moderate
Rita Moreno: Just a Girl Who Decided to Go for It (Roadside Attractions) A look at the life and work of Rita Moreno from her humble beginnings in Puerto Rico to her success on Broadway and in Hollywood. Documentary. <i>Over a career spanning more than 70 years, Rita Moreno defied both her humble upbringing and relentless racism to become a celebrated and award-winning actor.</i>	PG13	90	16:9 HD, Scope (2.35 : 1)	Moderate
Sweat (MUBI/USA) Three days in the life of fitness motivator Sylwia Zając, a social media celebrity surrounded by loyal employees and admirers, who is really looking for true intimacy. Drama. <i>Positive reviews from numerous critics. "Accomplished and satisfyingly hard-edged drama..." Wendy Ide (Screen International)</i>	NR	106	Scope (2.35 : 1)	NYC Exclusive Expansion 6/25 Streaming 7/23
Crack House of the Dead (Sunrayz International Films) On the dawn of a zombie outbreak an undercover drug deal goes wrong forcing the cop, the dealer, and others urban misfits to take refuge in the last safe place in the city - a Crack House. Action Horror. <i>This 90s VHS Grindhouse zombie movie is what happens then a band of urban misfits must work together to stay alive.</i>	R	86	Flat (1.90 : 1)	Limited
A Crime on the Bayou (DaDa Films/Shout Factory!) In 1966, 19-year-old Duncan faces the white supremacist court system in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for daring to touch a white boy's arm. Standing united, the pair takes Duncan's case all the way to the US Supreme Court to fight for the rights of all Americans to a fair trial. Documentary. <i>Filmmaker Nancy Buirski (The Loving Story) tells the story of a lasting bond formed between an unjustly arrested Black man, Gary Duncan, and Richard Sobol, his young Jewish attorney.</i>	NR	89	Flat (1.85 : 1)	NY/LA Limited 45-day window for VOD
Of Animals and Men (Fathom Events) In times of war, the most endangered species was the man. Under the Nazis' noses, about 300 people, mainly Jews, found shelter at the Warsaw Zoo during the Second World War. Documentary. <i>Recently, this story has been presented in the feature film "The Zookeeper's Wife." Now, we can learn more about its real-life protagonists – Antonina and Jan Żabiński. Before WWII, they ran the Warsaw zoo which, during the war, gave shelter to many people, mostly Jews.</i>	NR	70	NA	6/22 One night only
Truman and Tennessee (Kino Lorber) The brilliant work, personal struggles, and cultural impact of iconic American writers Truman Capote and Tennessee Williams explodes onto the screen in this innovative dual-portrait documentary. <i>Filmmaker Lisa Immordino Vreeland masterfully collages a wealth of archival material, including dishy talk show appearances with Dick Cavett and David Frost, with clips from some of the duo's most memorable movie adaptations: A Streetcar Named Desire, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, The Glass Menagerie, Breakfast at Tiffany's, and In Cold Blood.</i>	NR	86	Flat (1.85 : 1)	NY/LA & Virtual Cinema
Siberia (Lionsgate) Clint, an English speaker, has abandoned his former life and now runs a bar in Siberia where most of the few guests do not speak English. He suffers from hallucinations and embarks on a dog-sled journey to a nearby cave where he confronts his dreams and memories, including of his father, brother, former wife and son, trying to make sense of his life. <i>Mixed or average reviews. Guy Lodge on Variety called it a "beautiful, unhinged, sometimes hilarious trek into geographical and psychological wilderness that will delight some and mystify many others"</i>	R	92	Scope (2.39 : 1)	Limited
School's Out Forever (Central City Media) A 15-year-old boy flees to his school after an apocalyptic event. Drama Mystery Sci-Fi Thriller. <i>Lord of the Flies meets The Road in this ruthless, thrilling romp about posh boarding school kids fighting a deadly virus. Mixed though generally positive reviews.</i>	NR	105	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Fatherhood (Netflix) A single father raises his baby girl after the unexpected death of his wife who died a day after their daughter's birth. Drama. Kevin Hart, Alfre Woodard, Melody Hurd. Drama. <i>Delayed multiple times due to the pandemic, Netflix acquired the film from Sony Pictures Releasing and will be releasing it digitally on 6/18/21.</i>	PG13	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	SVOD

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(2020 Wk 26 Box Office: \$815,577)

2020 openings: N/A

F9: The Fast Saga (Universal) Cypher enlists the help of Jakob, Dom's younger brother to take revenge on Dom and his team. Action Adventure Crime Thriller. <i>Sequel to The Fate of the Furious (2017), the ninth main installment, and the tenth full-length film released overall in the Fast & Furious franchise. The first film since Fast & Furious 6 (2013) to be directed by Justin Lin. Early screenings are indicative of an incredible thrill ride that will appeal to all ages.</i>	PG13	143	Scope (2.35 : 1), IMAX, D-Box	Wide/ Early VOD
Blue Bayou (Focus Features) As a Korean-American man raised in the Louisiana bayou works hard to make a life for his family, he must confront the ghosts of his past as he discovers that he could be deported from the only country he has ever called home. Drama. <i>Written and directed by Justin Chon, starring Chon, Alicia Vikander, Mark O'Brien, Linh Dan Pham and Emory Cohen. In July 2020, Focus Features acquired distribution rights to the film</i>	R	117	Flat (1.65: 1)	Moderate/ Early VOD
I Carry You with Me (Sony Pictures Classics) AKA: Te Llevo Conmigo. Ambition and societal pressure propel an aspiring chef to leave his soulmate in Mexico and make the treacherous journey to New York, where life will never be the same. Drama. <i>The film is a co-production between Mexico and the United States, and was shot in Mexico City, Puebla City, Jilotepec, Zapotitlán, Lerma, and New York City. Well reviewed, critics said "A remarkable feature debut for director Heidi Ewing, I Carry You with Me finds universally resonant themes in a specific, richly detailed time and place. In Spanish with English subtitles.</i>	R	111	Scope (16:9 HD)	NY/LA
God Exists: Her Name is Petrunija (Strand/1844 Entertainment) (Macedonian: Господ постои, името ѝ е Петрунија, A Macedonian woman throws herself into a traditionally men-only ceremony, kicking up a ruckus and standing her ground. Drama. <i>The film is a 2019 Macedonian drama directed by Teona Strugar Mitevska. It was selected to compete for the Golden Bear award at the 69th Berlin International Film Festival, and won the LUX Prize and several other awards, as well as being nominated for others. Berlin Film Festival Award Winner.</i>	NR	100	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Limited/Virtual Cinema 90-day Theatrical Window
Too Late (Gravitas Ventures) A lonely assistant finally finds love and must escape her monster of a boss before she and her new love become his next meal. Horror Comedy. <i>In recent years, horror comedies have continued to increase in popularity. There are several movies in the sub-genre in the works as well, such as The Hills Have Eyes for You, a horror romantic comedy based on Wes Craven's The Hills Have Eyes.</i>	NR	80	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Select Theatres/ VOD Platforms
The Evil Next Door (Magnolia/Magnet) (Andra sidan, original title) Inspired by real events. Sarah, her boyfriend and his 5-year-old son move into a semi-detached house. But the other side is haunted by an evil – an evil that wants Lucas at any cost. International title: The Other Side. Horror (Sweden).	NR	105	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Werewolves Within (IFC Films) Feature adaptation of the video game where werewolves attack a small town. Horror Comedy. <i>It will have its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in June 2021. Based upon the video game of the same name from Red Storm Entertainment.</i>	R	97	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited VOD on 7/2
The Birdcage 25th Anniversary (Fathom/Big Screen Classics) A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents. Comedy. <i>The film opened on 3/8/96, and grossed \$18,275,828 in its opening weekend, leading the box office. The film was well received and remains a favorite.</i>	R	117	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Event Cinema 6/27-28, 6/30
Lourdes (Distrib Films US) The rock of the Grotto of Lourdes is caressed by tens of millions of people who left there the imprint of their dreams, their expectations, their hopes and their sentences. In Lourdes converge all the fragility's, all the poverty's. Documentary. <i>This 2019 film has received numerous positive reviews for the strong Christian influence on the production.</i>	NR	95	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Limited
Platform (Venera Films) Three Iranian sisters as they compete to become international champions of Wushu, a Chinese martial art. The sisters thrilling underdog story explores not only their dedicated training, but also their surprising place in society as they challenge traditional gender roles on the path to success. Documentary. <i>A ROCKY-esque tale of determination and grit.</i>	NA	87	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/Virtual
ASIA (Menemsha Films) <i>Expansion from exclusive NYC (Film Forum) run on 6/11</i>	NR	85	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Expansion

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Kenny Scharf: When Worlds Collide (Greenwich Entertainment) the film was made over 11 years and features interviews and rare archival footage with Kenny Scharf, Andy Warhol, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, Ed Ruscha, Dennis Hopper, Yoko Ono, Kaws, Marilyn Minter, and Jeffrey Deitch. Documentary. <i>Well reviewed specialized documentary about the life of Kenny Scharf.</i>	NR	77	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD
Lydia Lynch: The War is Never Over (Kino Lorber) The first career-spanning documentary retrospective of Lydia Lunch's confrontational, acerbic and always electric artistry. As New York City's preeminent No Wave icon from the late 70's, Lunch has forged a lifetime of music and spoken word performance devoted to the utter right of any woman to indulge, seek pleasure, and to say, "fuck you!" as loud as any man. In this time of endless attacks on women this is a rallying cry to acknowledge the only thing that is going to bring us together - ART...as the universal salve to all of our traumas.	NR	75	NA	Limited
7/2-8: Independence Day 7/4 (2020 Wk 27 Box Office: \$1,557,667) 2020 openings: N/A 				
The Forever Purge (Universal) Like basically every other major franchise in Hollywood, the Purge movies have been known to maintain a certain air of secrecy, not wanting to divulge too much information prior to release. Horror. <i>It is serving as a direct sequel to 2016's The Purge: Election Year.</i>	R	102	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Wide
Zola (A24) A stripper named Zola embarks on a wild road trip to Florida. Biography Comedy Drama. <i>The film is based on an infamous 148-tweet Twitter thread in which Zola meets a sex worker named Stefani at a restaurant where Zola waitresses, and the two immediately bond over pole dancing. Only a day after they exchange numbers, Stefani invites Zola on a cross-country road trip, where the goal is to make as much money as possible dancing in Florida strip clubs.</i>	R	90	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Wide on 6/30
Summer of Soul (Or, When the Revolution Could Not be Televised) (Searchlight Pictures) Feature documentary about the legendary 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival which celebrated African American music and culture and promoted Black pride and unity. <i>The Roots drummer's directorial debut delves into the little-known history of the Harlem Cultural Festival, dubbed "the Black Woodstock," which took place the same summer as Woodstock in 1969 over the course of six weeks at Harlem's Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). The lineup for those shows featured Sly and the Family Stone, Nina Simone, B.B. King, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Stevie Wonder, and more.</i>	NA	117	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Wide
Secret Agent Dinglehoff and His Trusty Dog Splat (Atlas Distribution/Integrity Releasing) Using quirky inventions from a spy backpack, young Bernie Dinglehoff, his dog, and two best friends, are the only ones who can save the world by facing bullies, thwarting circus clowns and destroying Dr. Chuckles evil laugh generator. Family Comedy. <i>Based on the best-selling book series, Secret Agent Dinglehoff, Secret Agent Dinglehoff and His Trusty Dog Splat is a riotous, non-stop action/adventure that hilariously weaves in today's nearly-forgotten theme of respecting one another.</i>	PG	92	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited to Moderate
Some of Our Stallions (Gravitas Ventures) When best friends Bill and Andy struggle to fit into regular society, Bill decides they need romantic love. This kicks off a years-long series of misadventures that challenge their friendship and their grasp on sanity. Cast: Mike Judge (Beavis and Butt-Head, Office Space), Olivia Taylor Hadley (The Magicians, Paranormal Activity). Comedy Drama. <i>Carson Mell is an up and coming filmmaker whose previous films were highlights at SXSW and Sundance. The film centers on two best friends struggling with mental illness while searching for the love of their lives.</i>	NR	NA	NA	Limited/VOD
The Tomorrow War (Amazon Prime) A man is drafted to fight in a future war where the fate of humanity relies on his ability to confront his past. Action Adventure Sci-Fi. <i>The film, which is set in the near future, focuses on humanity's war against an alien invasion, hoping to win it by using scientists' new ability to draft soldiers from the past to the war.</i>	PG13	140	Scope (2.39 : 1)	SVOD (Prime Video)
First Date (Magnolia/Magnet) After being conned into buying a shady '65 Chrysler, Mike's first date plans with girl-next-door Kelsey implode as he finds himself targeted by criminals, cops, and a crazy cat lady. Crime Comedy. <i>The film had its premiere in the 2021 Sundance Film Festival on 1/31 in the Next section. A month later, the film's US distribution rights were acquired by Magnet Releasing, Generally favorable reviews.</i>	NA	103	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Limited/VOD

America: The Motion Picture (Netflix) A chainsaw-wielding George Washington teams with beer-loving bro Sam Adams to take down the Brits in a tongue-in-cheek riff on the American Revolution. Adult Animation Comedy. <i>This movie is irreverent, goofy, and exciting. The R-rated animated film will take an irreverent approach to the founding of the country and features a voice cast that includes Channing Tatum as George Washington and Simon Pegg as King James.</i>	R	98	2.1 TV aspect ratio and 18.9 common; Not used in film	SVOD on 6/30
7/9-15 (2020 Wk 28 Box Office: \$901,825) 2020 openings: N/A				
Black Widow (Disney/Marvel) At birth the Black Widow (aka Natasha Romanova) is given to the KGB, which grooms her to become its ultimate operative. When the U.S.S.R. breaks up, the government tries to kill her as the action moves to present-day New York, where she is a freelance operative. Action Adventure.	PG13	133	(Scope 2.39 : 1), IMAX, D-Vision, Atmos, Screen X, 7.1 Surround, D-Box	Wide/Disney+
The Loneliest Whale: The Search for 52 (Bleecker Street) The documentary follows the quest to find the 52 Hertz Whale, which scientists believe has spent its entire life in solitude calling out at a frequency that is different from any other whale. <i>"The story of the 52 Hertz Whale resonates with so many of us right now, especially as we try to navigate our current issues of isolation and loneliness," says producer Joshua Zeman.</i>	NA	90	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
Casanova, Last Love (DaDa Films) Dernier amour (original title) London, 18th century. Casanova, famous for his taste of pleasure and gambling, arrives from Paris, forced into exile. In this city he knows nothing about, the libertine meets on several occasions a young prostitute, Marianne de Charpillon. She attracts him to the point he starts disregarding all other women. <i>Completely at ease as he sets about reconstructing the 18th century (as he already demonstrated in Farewell My Queen [+]) and in his portrayal of the two-faced English aristocracy, Benoît Jacquot looks to cloak the film in a veil of strangeness, which is amplified by the great work carried out by director of photography, Christophe Beaucarne.</i>	NR	98	Scope (2.39 : 1)	Limited on 7/14
UFC 264: Poirier vs McGregor 2 (Iconic Events) A lightweight trilogy between former interim UFC Lightweight Champion Dustin Poirier and former UFC Featherweight and Lightweight Champion Conor McGregor will headline the event. <i>The pairing has previously met twice before: their first fight was a featherweight bout that happened in September 2014 at UFC 178, where McGregor won by first-round technical knockout. They then ascended to lightweight for an eventual rematch in January 2021 at UFC 257, where Poirier prevailed via second-round technical knockout.</i>	NR	NA	NA	Event Cinema 7/10
Meander (Gravitas Ventures) A woman gets locked in series of strange tubes full of deadly traps. Cast: Gaia Weiss (Vikings). Horror Sci Fi Thriller. <i>"MEANDER is a high-stakes, tension filled ride, carried by Gaia Weiss' performance, that will have you on the edge of your seat." – Nightmarish Conjurations</i>	NR	87	NA	Limited/VOD
Summertime (Good Deed Entertainment) Over the course of a hot summer day in Los Angeles, the lives of 25 young Angelinos intersect. Comedy Drama Music. <i>Generally favorable reviews. Peter Debruge of Variety called the film "inspirational".</i>	R	95	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
7/16-22 (2020 Wk 29 Box Office: \$746,527) 2020 openings: N/A				
Space Jam: A New Legacy (Warner Bros.) NBA superstar LeBron James teams up with Bugs Bunny and the rest of the Looney Tunes for this long-awaited sequel. Adventure Animation Sport. <i>This is a sequel to Space Jam (1996), it will mark the first theatrically-released film to feature the Looney Tunes characters since Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003), and like the previous hybrid films, it will be a combination of live-action, traditional hand-drawn 2D animation, and 3D CGI effects.</i>	NA	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1), Dolby Digital, SDDS, Dataset, Atmos, DTS: X, D-Box	Wide/HBOMax
Escape Room 2 (Sony) The film is a sequel to 2019's Escape Room (\$57M domestic, \$98.3M international) on a reported \$9M budget. Psychological Horror. <i>In the first movie, it's revealed that the six players were picked because they were sole survivors of various incidents, including a plane crash and a carbon monoxide leak.</i>	PG13	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Wide

Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain (Focus Features) A documentary about Anthony Bourdain and his career as a chef, writer and host, revered and renowned for his authentic approach to food, culture and travel. <i>The Documentary will have its world premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival on 6/11/21. Anthony Bourdain died by suicide on 6/8/18 at the age of 61.</i>	NA	118	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
How it Ends (UA Releasing/Mister Lister Films/AIP) In this apocalyptic feel-good comedy, Liza (Zoe Lister-Jones) embarks on a hilarious journey through LA in hopes of making it to her last party before it all ends, running into an eclectic cast of characters along the way. <i>"It can feel more like a collection of skits than a cohesive story, but How It Ends is a comedic vision of the apocalypse with fleeting moments of brilliance." Critics consensus. Overall positive reviews.</i>	NA	82	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited on 7/20
How to Deter a Robber (DADA Films/Shout Factory!) During Christmas in a desolate Northern Wisconsin town, a stubborn young woman and her naïve boyfriend get more than they bargained for when they investigate the wrong cabin. They're soon forced to face off against a pair of amateur house burglars and protect themselves with Home Alone-style booby traps in this darkly comedic romp. Crime Comedy. <i>Mel Valentin of Screen Anarchy gave the film a positive review and wrote, "How to Deter a Robber will and should be remembered as the work of a talented, first-time filmmaker. Overall positive reviews.</i>	NA	85	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
7/23-29 (2020 Wk 30 Box Office: \$1,357,970) 2020 openings: N/A				
Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins (Paramount) A G.I. Joe spin-off centered around the character of Snake Eyes. Starring Henry Golding as Snake Eyes, a tenacious loner who is welcomed into an ancient Japanese clan called the Arashikage after saving the life of their heir apparent. Upon arrival in Japan, the Arashikage teach Snake Eyes the ways of the ninja warrior while also providing something he's been longing for: a home. But, when secrets from his past are revealed, Snake Eyes' honor and allegiance will be tested – even if that means losing the trust of those closest to him. Action Adventure. <i>Based on the iconic G.I. Joe character, Snake Eyes: G.I. Joe Origins.</i>	NA	NA	Scope (2.35 : 1), IMAX, Dolby Cinema, D-Box	Wide
Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (Sony) Drac's Pack is back, like you've never seen them before in the final chapter of the 'Hotel Transylvania' franchise. Animation Adventure Comedy Fantasy. <i>Produced by Sony Pictures Animation, intended to be the fourth and final installment in the Hotel Transylvania franchise and the sequel to Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (2018).</i>	NA	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1), Dolby Digital, Dolby Atmos, D-Box	Wide
Old (Universal) This summer, visionary filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan unveils a chilling, mysterious new thriller about a family on a tropical holiday who discover that the secluded beach where they are relaxing for a few hours is somehow causing them to age rapidly - reducing their entire lives into a single day. Thriller. <i>Written, directed, and produced by M. Night Shyamalan, inspired by the graphic novel Sandcastle by Pierre Oscar Levy and Frederik Peeters.</i>	NA	116 A	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Wide
Ailey (Neon) A documentary following the life of dance pioneer Alvin Ailey. <i>Director Jamila Wignot's resonant biography grants artful access to the elusive visionary who founded one of the world's most renowned dance companies, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. It had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival on 1/30/21.</i>	NR	82	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
Weathering with You (Fathom Events/Gkids) (Japanese: 天気の子) A high-school boy who has run away to Tokyo befriends a girl who appears to be able to manipulate the weather. Animation Fantasy. <i>The film won a number of awards, including being selected as the Japanese entry for Best International Feature Film at the 92nd Academy Awards. It received four Annie Award nominations, including for Best Independent Animated Feature, tying Spirited Away and Millennium Actress (both 2001) for the most nominations for an anime film at the Annies.</i>	PG13	113	Flat (1.78 : 1)	English dub and 4DX on 7/25 Japanese with Subtitles on 7/27
Settlers (IFC Midnight) Mankind's earliest settlers on the Martian frontier do what they must to survive the cosmic elements and each other in this science-fiction thrill ride. <i>IFC Midnight acquired the N.A. rights to Wyatt Rockefeller's feature narrative debut, "Settlers." Rockefeller wrote and directed the movie, which stars Sofia Boutella (CLIMAX, KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE, STAR TREK BEYOND).</i>	NR	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited/VOD

Fear and Loathing in Aspen (DADA Films/Shout! Factory) The true story of Hunter S Thompson's curious, bizarre and entertaining run to be sheriff of Pitkin County in the 1970s. Comedy. <i>Thompson's interest in politics was fueled by the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, where he witnessed police brutality against protesters and was even teargassed. The event greatly shaped his views.</i>	NA	81	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Limited
The Last Letter from Your Lover (Netflix) A pair of interwoven stories, set in the past and present, follow an ambitious journalist determined to solve the mystery of a forbidden love affair at the center of a trove of secret love letters from 1965. Romantic Drama. <i>From the #1 New York Times bestselling author Jojo Moyes of The Giver of Stars, a sophisticated, page-turning double love story spanning forty years and an unforgettable Brief Encounter for our times.</i>	NR	110	Flat/2.1 TV	SVOD on 7/23
Joe Bell (Roadside Attractions) The true story of a small town, working class father who embarks on a solo walk across the U.S. to crusade against bullying after his son is tormented in high school for being gay. Biography Drama.	NR	90	NA	Limited
7/30-8/5 (2020 Wk 31 Box Office: \$1,199,723) 2020 openings: N/A				
Jungle Cruise (Disney) Based on Disneyland's theme park ride where a small riverboat takes a group of travelers through a jungle filled with dangerous animals and reptiles but with a supernatural element. Action Adventure Comedy Family. <i>The film is loosely inspired by the theme park attraction of the same name. DNEG, Industrial Light & Magic, Rodeo FX, Rising Sun Pictures and Weta Digital providing the visual effects.</i>	NA	NA	Scope (2.35 : 1), IMAX, D-Box	Wide/Disney+ Premier Access
The Green Knight (A24) (Also known as David Lowery's The Green Knight) A modern fantasy re-telling of the medieval story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Drama Horror. <i>Written and directed by David Lowery.</i>	R	130	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Wide
Stillwater (Focus Features) A father travels from Oklahoma to France to help his daughter who has been arrested for murder. Drama Thriller. <i>The film's trailer has drawn high interest for both Matt Damon and the story. This will be the final Amblin Partners production to be produced under the Participant label for social justice content. Participant reportedly terminated the relationship.</i>	NA	NA	Flat (1.85 : 1)	Wide
Enemies of the State (IFC Films) An American family becomes entangled in a bizarre web of secrets and lies when their hacker son is targeted by the U.S. government, making them all ENEMIES OF THE STATE. Documentary. <i>Matt DeHart is targeted by the U.S. government after claiming to have documents alleging misconduct by the CIA. The film has multiple reviews and is regarded as generally favorable.</i>	NA	103	Flat (1.85 : 1), Color (HD/4K)	Limited
Nine Days (Sony Pictures Classics) A man interviews five unborn souls to determine which one can be given life on Earth. Fantasy Drama. <i>The film received two 2021 Film Independent Spirit Award nominations. The film had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival on 1/27/20. Well reviewed.</i>	R	124	Flat (1.85 : 1)	NY/LA Expansion 8/6
Never Gonna Snow Again (Kino Lorber) <i>Original Title: Sniegu juz nigdy nie bedzie.</i> A Ukrainian masseur uses his magic touch to change the lives of his wealthy but sad Polish clients. Polish-German Comedy Drama. <i>The film was selected as the Polish entry for the Best International Feature Film at the 93rd Academy Awards but failed to receive a nomination. The film garnered seven Polish Film Award nominations Positive reviews based on 20+ critics.</i>	NR	113	Scope (2.35 : 1)	Limited

Update – Studio Release Changes

Title	Runs	New	Former
Casanova, Last Love (DADA Films) In the eighteenth century, Casanova, known for his taste for fun and play, arrived in London after having to go into exile. In this city of which he knows nothing, he meets several times a young courtesan, the Charpillon, which attracts him to the point of forgetting the other women. Casanova is ready to do anything to achieve her ends, but La Charpillon always escapes under the most diverse pretexts. She challenges him, she wants him to love her as much as he wants. Drama History Romance.	Limited	7/14/21	NEW
White as Snow (DADA Films) When Claire, a beautiful but reserved young woman unwittingly provokes the furious jealousy of her evil stepmother, life as she knows it is over. Sent far away from home, Claire awakens, both figuratively and literally, in a small village in the French mountains. Comedy Drama.	Limited	8/13/21	NEW

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (Sony) First published in 1965, the venerable children's tale revolves around the title reptile who lives in a house on East 88th Street in New York City. Lyle enjoys helping the Primm family with everyday chores and playing with the neighborhood kids. He's the happiest crocodile any home ever had...until one neighbor insists that Lyle belongs in a zoo. Live-action hybrid film.	Wide	7/22/22	NEW
Beast (Universal) A father and his two teenage daughters find themselves hunted by a massive rogue lion intent on proving that the Savannah has but one apex predator. Thriller.	Wide	8/19/22	NEW
Blue Bayou (Focus Features) As a Korean-American man raised in the Louisiana bayou works hard to make a life for his family, he must confront the ghosts of his past as he discovers that he could be deported from the only country he has ever called home. Drama.	Moderate	9/17/21	6/25/21
Everybody's Talking About Jamie (Amazon Prime) <i>Formerly a 20th Century release.</i> Jamie New is a 16-year-old and doesn't quite fit in. Instead of pursuing a "real" career, he dreams of becoming a drag queen. Uncertain about his future, Jamie knows one thing for sure: he is going to be a sensation. Musical.	Streaming	9/17/21	NEW
Joe Bell (Roadside Attractions) The true story of a small town, working class father who embarks on a solo walk across the U.S. to crusade against bullying after his son is tormented in high school for being gay. Biography Drama.	Limited	7/23/21	NEW
Lydia Lynch: The War is Never Over (Kino Lorber) The first career-spanning documentary retrospective of Lydia Lunch's confrontational, acerbic and always electric artistry. As New York City's preeminent No Wave icon from the late 70's, Lunch has forged a lifetime of music and spoken word performance devoted to the utter right of any woman to indulge, seek pleasure, and to say, "fuck you!" as loud as any man. In this time of endless attacks on women this is a rallying cry to acknowledge the only thing that is going to bring us together - ART...as the universal salve to all of our traumas.	Limited	6/25/21	NEW

MPA Ratings

Title	Rating	Reason
Don't Breathe 2 (Sony) The sequel is set in the years following the initial deadly home invasion, where Norman Nordstrom lives in quiet solace until his past sins catch up to him. Crime Horror.	R	Strong bloody violence, gruesome images, and language
The Estate (Vertical Entertainment) When the spoiled son and newest wife of a billionaire patriarch plot to murder him, they form a psycho-sexual bond with their brutally handsome hitman as they kill in their quest for wealth and recognition. Comedy Thriller.	R	Sexual content and language throughout, some bloody violence, drug use and partial nudity
Hero Mode (Blue Fox Entertainment) A teenage coding genius has just 30 days to create the world's greatest video game, or his family loses everything. No pressure. Comedy.	PG	Suggestive references, language throughout and brief violence
The Hidden Life of Trees (MPI Media Group) When Peter Wohlleben published his book "The Hidden Life of Trees" in 2015, he quickly entered bestseller lists. The forester wrote vividly about his experience that trees are able to communicate with each other, a thesis explored here. Documentary.	PG	Some suggestive material, brief language and smoking
Jungle Cruise (Disney) Based on Disneyland's theme park ride where a small riverboat takes a group of travelers through a jungle filled with dangerous animals and reptiles but with a supernatural element. Adventure.	PG13	Sequences of adventure violence
Life After (Evolve Studios) Breast Cancer short.	R	Some language
Long Story Short (Saban Films) Teddy wakes up the morning after his wedding to discover that every few minutes he's jumping forward to the next year of his life. Romantic Comedy.	R	Language throughout
Mother/Android (Miramax) Georgia and her boyfriend go on a treacherous journey to escape their country, which is caught in an unexpected war with artificial intelligence. Sci-Fi Drama Thriller.	R	Violence and language
Secret Agent Digledorf and His Trusty Dog Spiat (Atlas Distrib./ Integrity Releasing) Using quirky inventions from a spy backpack, young Berni, his dog, and two best friends, are the only ones who can save the world by facing bullies, thwarting circus clowns and destroying Dr. Chuckles evil laugh generator. Family Comedy.	PG	Rude material and language
Stillwater (Focus Features) A father travels from Oklahoma to France to help his daughter who has been arrested for murder. Crime Drama.	R	Language
Night of the Animated Dead (WB Home Entertainment) No synopsis.	R	Bloody/gruesome zombie violence



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Dear Evan Hansen
(Universal)
9/24/21 - Wide
Official Trailer



The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It
(Warner Bros.)
6/4/21 - Wide
Chasing Evil Featurette



Respect
(UA Releasing/MGM)
8/13/21 - Wide
Official Trailer



The Batman
(Warner Bros.)
3/4/22 - Wide
Trailer #2



Jungle Cruise
(Disney/Disney +)
7/30/21 - Wide
Trailer #2