

THE BIG HITTERS!

2024's Big Hitters include some of cinema's most popular characters and franchises returning to the big screen. We've got 16-34 blockbusters, feel-good family films, and musical adaptations. Don't miss out.

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Migration

► 2 February

This charming animation is perfect for the main shopper with children audience across February half-term. A family of ducks try to convince their overprotective father to go on the vacation of a lifetime.

Did you know? *Illumination Entertainment released the biggest animated title of 2023 and the two biggest of 2022.*

Dune Part II

► 1 March

Dune was an eye-popping sci-fi spectacular and this sequel promises to be even more jaw-dropping. Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while seeking revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family.

Did you know? *The first film was nominated for 10 Oscars, winning six.*



The Fall Guy

► 3 May

Two of Hollywood's most likeable leads play ex-lovers working on a film together. An ex-stuntman (Gosling) is drafted back into service when the star of a blockbuster movie, directed by his ex (Blunt), goes missing.

Did you know? *Lee Majors, who played the lead in the original 1980s The Fall Guy series, is set to make an appearance.*

Furiosa

► 24 May

Mad Max: Fury Road was an action film hit, and director George Miller returns with this origin story of renegade warrior Furiosa, played by Charlize Theron in *Fury Road* but by Anya Taylor-Joy in this film.

Did you know? *Mad Max: Fury Road was named the second best film of the decade (2010s) by Time Out.*

Inside Out 2

► 14 June

Inside Out is one of Pixar's very best films, showcasing their unrivalled ability to bring to life high concept ideas that illuminate life and pull on the heartstrings. This sequel follows Riley in her teenage years as she encounters new emotions.

Did you know? *The first film is the highest grossing non-sequel Pixar film in the UK.*



Despicable Me 4

► 12 July

Illumination Entertainment's second film of 2024 is the fourth film in the hugely popular *Despicable Me* series. Steve Carell returns as Gru in what is a good bet to be the year's biggest animation.

Did you know? *Minions: The Rise Of Gru delivered 19 16-34 adult TVRs.*

Deadpool 3

► 26 July

Different to anything else in the comic book landscape, *Deadpool 1 & 2* have been huge hits in the UK. This sequel sees Hugh Jackman return as Wolverine, which is sure to pique the interest of the casual comic book fan.

Did you know? *The film marks Hugh Jackman's tenth time in the role of Wolverine.*

Joker: Folie à Deux

► 4 October

Joker was a sensation. Oscar winner, Venice Golden Lion winner, \$1.1bn worldwide. Joaquin Phoenix returns for this sequel, joined by the sensational Lady Gaga as Harley Quinn. Having lit up the screen in *A Star Is Born* and *House Of Gucci*, this could be a big screen pairing for the ages.

Did you know? *Joker delivered 25 16-34 adult TVRs.*

Paddington In Peru

► 8 November

Everyone loves the *Paddington* films. That's not an opinion, just a fact. Two of the most charming, funny and re-watchable films of the 21st century, a third film is set to be welcomed with open arms. This time, Paddington and the Brown family visit Aunt Lucy in Peru.

Did you know? *Paddington 2 has a score of 99% on Rotten Tomatoes!*

Gladiator 2

► 22 November

After the success of *Napoleon*, Ridley Scott returns to one of his most famous films, Oscar Best Picture winner *Gladiator*. This sequel follows Lucius, the son of Maximus' love Lucilla, after Maximus' death and the impressive cast includes Paul Mescal, Pedro Pascal and Denzel Washington.

Did you know? *Gladiator 2 no. 36 on the IMDB top 250.*

Wicked

► 29 November

One of the biggest of all stage musicals makes the leap to the big screen and Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo make up a powerful pairing in the lead roles. It's the story of how a woman framed by the Wizard of Oz becomes the Wicked Witch of the West.

Did you know? *In September Wicked celebrated its 6,500th performance in London.*



Mufasa: The Lion King

► 20 December

The live-action *The Lion King* is one of Disney's biggest films ever. This new story is all about Simba following in his father's footsteps whilst also exploring Mufasa's origins. It's directed by a great American filmmaker in Barry Jenkins (*Moonlight*).

Did you know? *The Lion King live-action grossed over £76m in the UK & Ireland and \$1.7bn worldwide.*

THE HIDDEN GEMS!

There are a huge variety of Hidden Gems on offer this year! Look forward to rom-coms, horror, sci-fi, and revivals of some of the most-loved franchises of all-time. There's something for everyone.

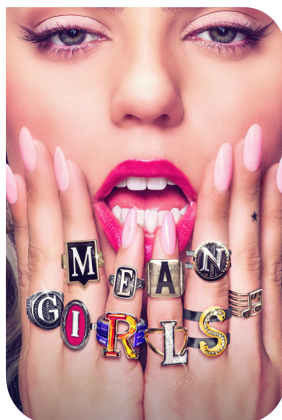
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Mean Girls

- ▶ Release Date: 17 January
- ▶ Director: Samantha Jayne, Arturo Perez Jr.
- ▶ Cast: Angourie Rice, Reneé Rapp, Tina Fey

The best teen comedy of the 21st century has been adapted into a hit Broadway musical and now it's coming to the big screen. Tina Fey returns as Ms. Norbury and Jon Hamm joins the cast as Coach Carr.



Argylle

- ▶ Release Date: 2 February
- ▶ Director: Matthew Vaughn
- ▶ Cast: Bryce Dallas Howard, Dua Lipa, Henry Cavill, Sam Rockwell, Samuel L. Jackson

A brand new original action thriller from Matthew Vaughn (the *Kingsman* series, *Kick-Ass*), this features Bryce Dallas Howard as an introverted spy novelist who is drawn into the activities of a sinister underground syndicate.

Bob Marley: One Love

- ▶ Release Date: 14 February
- ▶ Director: Reinaldo Marcus Green
- ▶ Cast: Kingsley Ben-Adir, James Norton, Lashana Lynch

Produced in partnership with the Marley family and starring Kingsley Ben-Adir as the lead, *Bob Marley: One Love* celebrates the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity.

Wicked Little Letters

- ▶ Release Date: 23 February
- ▶ Director: Thea Sharrock
- ▶ Cast: Jesse Buckley, Olivia Colman, Timothy Spall

When people in Littlehampton, including conservative local Edith (Colman), begin to receive letters full of hilarious profanities, rowdy Irish migrant Rose (Buckley) is charged with the crime. Suspecting that something is amiss, the town's women investigate.

Mickey 17

- ▶ Release Date: 29 March
- ▶ Director: Bong Joon Ho
- ▶ Cast: Robert Pattinson, Toni Collette, Mark Ruffalo, Steven Yeun, Naomi Ackie

Oscar winner Bong Joon Ho (*Parasite*) is back. His follow-up stars Robert Pattinson as a disposable employee, who is sent on a human expedition to colonize the ice world Nifheim. After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact.

Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire

- ▶ Release Date: 12 April
- ▶ Director: Adam Wingard
- ▶ Cast: Rebecca Hall, Brian Tyree Henry, Dan Stevens

They were at loggerheads last time around but this time *Godzilla* and *King Kong* are allies as they face a terrifying monster that threatens the entire planet. Expect spectacular action that needs to be seen on the biggest screen you can find.

Challengers

- ▶ Release Date: 26 April
- ▶ Director: Luca Guadagnino
- ▶ Cast: Zendaya, Josh O'Connor, Mike Faist

A sparkling love triangle from the director of *Call Me By Your Name*, *Challengers* follows three players who knew each other when they were teenagers as they compete in a tennis tournament to be the world-famous grand slam winner, and reignite old rivalries on and off the court.



IF

- ▶ Release Date: 24 May
- ▶ Director: John Krasinski
- ▶ Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon, Steve Carell

Like a live-action Pixar film, *IF* follows a young girl who goes through a difficult experience and then begins to see everyone's imaginary friends who have been left behind as their real-life friends have grown up. It should be a treat for all ages in summer 2024.

Ballerina

- ▶ Release Date: 7 June
- ▶ Director: Len Wiseman
- ▶ Cast: Ana de Armas, Keanu Reeves, Anjelica Huston, Lance Reddick

Set in the world of *John Wick*, Ana de Armas stars as a young female assassin who seeks revenge against the people who killed her family. Expect stylish action and spectacular choreography, like we've come to expect from *John Wick*.

Beetlejuice 2

- ▶ Release Date: 6 September
- ▶ Director: Tim Burton
- ▶ Cast: Michael Keaton, Winona Ryder, Jenna Ortega, Catherine O'Hara, Willem Dafoe

Beetlejuice is one of the most memorable comedies of the 80s and Tim Burton returns to direct this sequel that sees most of our favourite cast members return, and a few new ones join, including *Wednesday*'s Jenna Ortega.



Smile 2

- ▶ Release Date: 18 October
- ▶ Director: Parker Finn
- ▶ Cast: TBC

Smile seemingly came from nowhere to become one of the biggest horror films of the 21st century. This sequel is set to be a smash across Halloween in and there won't be many better films in 2024 to hit at 16-34 audience.

The Lord Of The Rings: The War Of The Rohirrim

- ▶ Release Date: 13 December
- ▶ Director: Kenji Kamiyama
- ▶ Cast: Brian Cox, Miranda Otto, Shaun Dooley

The Lord of the Rings stories are as popular as ever and this brand new animation tells the untold story behind Helm's Deep, hundreds of years before the fateful war, telling the life and bloodsoaked times of its founder, Helm Hammerhand (Cox), the King of Rohan.