

HIDDEN GEMS

With the disruption of the last 18 months, 2022 has an extraordinary selection of blockbusters, but outside the biggest films, there's still a huge selection of exciting titles that have the opportunity to really connect with audiences. These include prestige British dramas, original horror, lavish musicals, literary adaptations, star-powered comedy, and lesser-known superheroes. There really is something for everyone.



► The Duke

Release date: 25 February
Director: Roger Michell
Cast: Fionn Whitehead, Helen Mirren, Jim Broadbent

Two greats of British cinema star in this rapturously received comedy-drama. In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London.

► The Lost City

Release date: 22 April
Director: Adam Nee, Aaron Nee
Cast: Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe

Sandra Bullock stars as a reclusive romance novelist on a book tour with her cover model who gets swept up in a kidnapping attempt that lands them both in a cutthroat jungle adventure.



► Operation Mincemeat

Release date: 22 April
Director: John Madden
Cast: Colin Firth, Kelly Macdonald

This is a prestige British WWII drama that usually goes down a treat with older audiences. During WWII, two intelligence officers use a corpse and false papers to outwit German troops.

► Elvis

Release date: 24 June
Director: Baz Luhrmann
Cast: Austin Butler, Olivia DeJonge, Tom Hanks

Baz Luhrmann would be top of the list to direct many big music biopics, so the fact he's directing one about Elvis is hugely exciting.



► Bullet Train

Release date: 15 July
Director: David Leitch
Cast: Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt, Aaron Taylor-Johnson

A terrific cast has assembled for this action film from the director of *Deadpool 2*. Five assassins aboard a fast moving bullet train find out their missions are connected.



► Nope

Release date: 22 July
Director: Jordan Peele
Cast: Daniel Kaluuya, Steven Yeun, Keke Palmer

With *Get Out* and *Us*, Jordan Peele became one of the most exciting voices in horror to emerge in decades. His third film is another mysterious horror with another dynamite cast.

► Where The Crawdads Sing

Release date: 22 July
Director: Olivia Newman
Cast: Daisy Edgar-Jones, Harris Dickinson, Taylor John Smith

One of the most popular novels of recent years gets a big screen adaptation. Daisy Edgar-Jones plays a woman who raised herself in the marshes of the deep South who becomes a suspect in the murder of a man she was once involved with. This is perfect for fans of *The Girl On The Train*.

► Black Adam

Release date: 29 July
Directors: Jaume Collet Serra
Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Pierce Brosnan, Sarah Shahi, Aldis Hodge

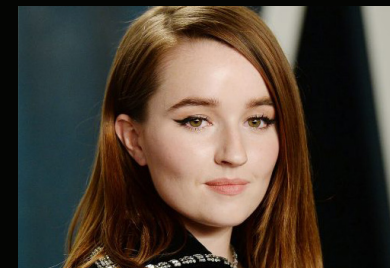
Dwayne Johnson joins the DC universe in this spin-off from *Shazam!* focussing on the film's anti-hero, *Black Adam*.



► Ticket To Paradise

Release date: 16 September
Director: Ol Parker
Cast: Julia Roberts, George Clooney, Kaitlyn Dever

The director of *Mamma Mia Here We Go Again!* helms this all-star romcom. A divorced couple teams up to travel to Bali to stop their daughter making the same mistake they think they made 25 years ago.



► Spider-Man: Across The Spider-Verse (Part One)

Release date: 7 October
Director: Justin K. Thompson
Cast: Oscar Isaac, Shamik Moore, Hailee Steinfeld

Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse is widely regarded as one of the best comic book and animated films of all time, so this sequel couldn't be more eagerly anticipated. Miles Morales joins forces with Gwen Stacy and a new team of Spider-People to face off with a villain more powerful than anything they have ever encountered.

► Halloween Ends

Release date: 14 October
Director: David Gordon Green
Cast: Jamie Lee Curtis, Kyle Richards, Andi Matichak

The saga of Michael Myers and Laurie Strode comes to a spine-chilling climax in this final installment of the franchise. David Gordon Green is back in the director's chair, recently revealing there will be a four year time jump between the two films, bringing the story into the present day.



► The Flash

Release date: 4 November
Director: Andy Muschietti
Cast: Temuera Morrison, Ben Affleck, Michael Keaton

Ezra Miller's *The Flash* has been a big part of previous DC movies but he gets his own film this Autumn. The big news is that Ben Affleck and Michael Keaton are set to reprise their roles as Bruce Wayne / Batman. In the film, *The Flash* travels back in time to prevent his mother's murder which brings unintended consequences.