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MUST-SEE FILM RELEASES FOR SUMMER 2018

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Spring has sprung, and with it comes the promise of some of the year's biggest films – from March to August, here's what's going to be taking over our silver screens and streaming lists over the next few months...



MARY MAGDALENE
(16TH MARCH)

Billed as a sympathetic portrait of one of history's most enigmatic spiritual figures, Mary Magdalene will tell the story of how the eponymous lead (Rooney Mara) defied her family and found a place for herself amongst the followers of the enigmatic Jesus of Nazareth. Joaquin Phoenix and Chiwetel Ejiofor also star.

A WRINKLE IN TIME
(23RD MARCH)

Starring Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling, A Wrinkle in Time has been tipped as the film that could change Hollywood. Based on an acclaimed 1962 novel, it promises to celebrate independence and goodness through its tale of a teenage girl travelling across dimensions to save her scientist father.

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR
(27TH APRIL)

Avengers: Infinity War will be the apogee of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, bringing together all the characters presented in the past decade. The heroes will face Thanos, already present at the end of Avengers Assemble, signalling a new beginning for Marvel. Can't wait for April? Us neither.



**JURASSIC WORLD:
FALLEN KINGDOM**
(7TH JUNE)

More dino-fun is on the horizon as the Jurassic Park franchise continues. The theme park is no more, but the animal reserve that takes its place is far from safe, leaving Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas-Howard on a rescue mission. AND Jeff Goldblum makes a cameo - life, uh, finds a way!

LEAN ON PETE
(4TH MAY)

Telling the story of a homeless teen and racehorse destined for the slaughterhouse and with a cast including Chloë Sevigny and Steve Buscemi, Lean on Pete garnered rave reviews after debuting at Venice Film Festival in the autumn. Get ready to use up all your tissues.

DEADPOOL 2
(16TH MAY)

Ryan Reynolds' wise-cracking 'merc with a mouth' is back to wreck more R-rated havoc in this highly anticipated sequel. Having defeated Ajax and got his girlfriend back, Deadpool must now face Cable (Josh Brolin) - a time travelling mutant soldier who, we assume, will not take his meta gags in good humour.

SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY
(25TH MAY)

The latest offering from a galaxy far, far away sees Han Solo (Alden Ehrenreich) meet his future co-pilot Chewbacca, and encounter Lando (Donald Glover) years before joining the rebellion. This new adventure grasps Han's never-seen past, giving audiences an exciting depth to the smuggler we know and love.

ISMAEL'S GHOSTS
(1ST JUNE)

As the film to open Cannes Film Festival last year, Ismael's Ghosts promises to be your must-watch foreign film this season. Desplechin's latest work follows a haunted filmmaker who life is sent into a tailspin when his missing wife returns after 20 years. The French drama stars Mathieu Amalric, Marion Cotillard and Charlotte Gainsbourg.



ON CHESIL BEACH
(15TH JUNE)

Saoirse Ronan and Billy Howle star in this scrupulously sensitive adaptation of Ian McEwan's decade-old novella. It's a wistfully beguiling character study centring on the struggles with intimacy faced by a young newly married couple whilst on their honeymoon, set in the dying embers of an era cloaked in innocence.



SICARIO 2: SOLDADO

(29TH JUNE)

The CIA's Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) and former undercover cop Alejandro Gillick (Benicio del Toro) return for another dose of high octane, cartel-busting action in the second instalment of Taylor Sheridan's Sicario saga. With Gomorrah's Stefano Sollima taking the helm this time around, it promises to be one helluva ride.



OCEAN'S 8

(22ND JUNE)

The Ocean's Eleven series was great, but this all-female spin-off looks just like a dream come true. Strong women taking the screen is what we want to see, and it only gets better with a cast that includes Sandra Bullock, Anne Hathaway, Cate Blanchett and Helena Bonham Carter.

THE ENDLESS

(29TH JUNE)

DIY filmmakers Justin Benson & Aaron Moorhead prove, once again, that you don't need a bottomless pit of studio cash to produce something really rather extraordinary, that will undoubtedly stay with audiences long after they leave the cinema. This intricately spun Lovecraftian nightmare is one certainly not to be missed.



MAMMA MIA: HERE WE GO AGAIN! (27TH JULY)

The sequel to 2008's musical rom-com, Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again sees a pregnant Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) struggling without Donna's (Meryl Streep) support. Her mother's friends recount the story of Donna's island romance and pregnancy - all set to classic Abba songs, of course. Expect glitter, go-go boots, and Cher.



MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE 6
(27TH JULY)

Though the franchise has kept its momentum going by constantly switching up its creative team, the return of Rogue Nation's Christopher McQuarrie is a welcome one. Under his deft hand, hopefully the breeziness and clockwork spy-movie mechanics of the previous entry can be refreshingly replicated without losing their zing.

INCREDIBLES 2
(13TH JULY)

It has been a whopping 14 years since *The Incredibles* was released: the brilliant, hilarious Pixar animation about a family of superheroes. After waiting literally over half our lives for this sequel, we have very high expectations for when it graces our screens in July.

CHAPPAQUIDDICK
(6TH APRIL, USA)

In July 1969 a car driven by U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy crashed in Massachusetts, killing his 28-year-old female passenger. *Chappaquiddick* tells the story of the incident, and Kennedy's actions in the aftermath. At the time of going to press there's no set UK release date, but it's expected in US cinemas in early April.

ANT-MAN AND THE WASP
(3RD AUGUST)

Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes, especially when they're Ant-Man (Paul Rudd) and The Wasp (Evangeline Lilly). It may not be the biggest superhero movie this year, but par for the course with Marvel, it sure looks fun – and having Lawrence Fishburne, Michelle Pfeifer and Michael Douglas doesn't hurt either.

UNTITLED CHRISTOPHER ROBIN PROJECT (17TH AUGUST)

There's no title confirmed for Disney's foray into the adult life of Winnie-the-Pooh's human friend, but what we do know is that Christopher Robin (Ewan McGregor) has lost his way somewhat after leaving the Hundred Acre Wood – and it's up to our bear hero to pull him out of his funk. Hayley Atwell also stars.

DISOBEDIENCE
(24TH AUGUST)

Based on the novel by Naomi Alderman and directed by Sebastián Lelio, *Disobedience* is a poignant and powerful arthouse film that explores the interplay of faith and sexuality. Rachel Weisz stars as Ronit Krushka, a woman who returns to her orthodox hometown community and reignites a passionate affair with her childhood friend, now the Rabbi's wife, played by Rachel McAdams.

THE CHILDREN ACT
(31ST AUGUST)

Starring Emma Thompson and Stanley Tucci, with a screenplay by Ian McEwan, we already know this is going to be a class act. High Court Judge Fiona finds her marriage to Jack disintegrating as she takes on a medical emancipation case - a young Jehovah's Witness with leukaemia.