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THE POND



Horror - Thriller

THE POND follows a group of lifelong friends who gather at a remote lake house to celebrate a terminally ill friend — only to discover she has become a vessel for a predatory parasite that threatens to infect them all. Among the group are Jake and his wife Hope, a couple already hollowed out by grief: their son Raymond is dead, and Hope has never forgiven Jake. When she vanishes beneath the water and inexplicably returns, the retreat collapses into nightmare. As the parasite takes hold, the line between love, guilt, and survival begins to dissolve.

Director Jeff Renfroe (The Colony, Syfy's "Chucky")

Writers Ben Brooks and Jeff Renfroe

Cast Isabelle Fuhrman (Orphan franchise, The Novice, Wish You Were Here)
Douglas Smith (Horizon: An American Saga - Chapter 1, Die Alone)
Gil Bellows (Shawshank Redemption, Ally McBeal)
Brandon McKnight (The Flash)
Tattiawana Jones (Murderbot)

Producer Thomas Michael (Ballistic, Girl, Backcountry)

US Distribution Radial Distribution (Shout)

Production Status Post-Production

MARKET SCREENING THURSDAY 14 MAY at 5:45pm, Palais H

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS



Sensual - Thriller

At San Quentin State Prison, notorious inmate JB Mackey—a man the system has already written off—sits on death row as Warden Athena Davis pushes to secure the evidence needed to send him to the gas chamber. Brilliant prison psychiatrist Dr. Jessica Simmons is brought in to extract a confession from Mackey. What begins as a controlled psychological assignment quickly unravels as she uncovers unexpected layers of humanity beneath his violent reputation. As their sessions deepen, a dangerous and erotic entanglement forms between doctor and inmate, blurring the line between manipulation, truth, and desire. With Mackey's fate—and her own life—on the line, Jessica must choose between condemning the man she's come to desire or exposing a truth that could destroy them both.

Director Aziz Tazi (Night Walk)

Writers Lawrence Riggins (Assassin's Code)

Cast Luke Evans (Beauty and the Beast, Fast & Furious 6, Dracula Untold)
Nathalie Emmanuel (Game of Thrones, Furious 7, The Killer)

Producers Aziz Tazi, Kirk D'Amico, Gilles Thompson

Production Status Pre-Production

DECK & SCRIPT AVAILABLE

BIG GIRL FACE



Thriller-Comedy

When Phoebe learns her mother, Sherri's medical surgery is denied by her health insurance, she and her best friends, Alison & Naz, hatch an outrageous plan: seduce and blackmail celebrated surgeon, Dr. Richard Hopkins to perform the operation. With time running out and Sherri's condition rapidly worsening, Phoebe risks everything on an audacious heist to do the life-saving surgery in a veterinary hospital. As alarms blare and Sherri wakes mid-operation, Phoebe fights to keep her mother alive while dodging cops and catastrophe.

Director Daniel Zagayer

Writers Hunter Cope ("Gabby Duran & The Unsittables") and Adam Aseraf ("Blark & Son")

Cast Madelaine Petsch ("Riverdale," The Strangers)
Heather Graham (Boogie Nights, Killing Me Softly)
Christopher Mintz-Plasse (Superbad, Kick Ass)
Nicholas Braun (The Sheep Detectives, "Succession," How to be Single)

Producers Scott Reed (Gunslingers), Ron Singer (The Bronx Bull), Jason Daks (The Good Dark), and Christian Hall (Popular Theory)

Executive Producers Kirk D'Amico, Madelaine Petsch, Katherine Paige

Production Status Pre-Production

DECK & SCRIPT AVAILABLE

TOMBS



Thriller-Drama

Inspired by true events, TOMBS weaves together the story of three sisters and their mother who travel across the country for the promise of a better life. When the mother is unexpectedly killed after they arrive in Los Angeles, the sisters are abruptly separated tearing the family apart. After losing contact with each other for many years they somehow are drawn together to the place where they lost their mother and were originally separated....the old concrete waterways of Los Angeles known as the Tombs.

Director/Writer Marie Clements (Bones of Crows, Red Snow)

Cast Amber Midthunder (Novocaine, Opus)
Cara Jade Myers (Killers of the Flower Moon, Rutherford Falls)
Eric Johnson (Fifty Shades Freed, A Simple Favor)
Alyssa Wapanatâhk (Peter Pan & Wendy)
Isabel DeRoy-Olson (It: Welcome to Derry)
Gary Farmer (Reservation Dogs)
Gil Bellows ("Patriot," The Pond)

Producers Marie Clements, Trish Dolman (Bones of Crows, Mafia: Most Wanted), Christine Haebler (Bones of Crows, Monkey Man) and Steven Thibault (Monkey Man, Bombshell)

Production Status Post-Production

FOOTAGE AVAILABLE

KILLING ^{OF A} NATION



Action-Thriller

Anderson Toussaint, an American lobbyist chasing influence in Haiti, thinks he's found his golden ticket when he's welcomed into President Jovenel Moïse's inner circle. But beneath the polished handshakes and marble halls, he discovers a world rotting from the inside—where power is traded for blood and loyalty comes with a price. As unrest spreads through the streets and rivals close in, Anderson realizes he's trapped between the corrupt and the condemned. When the president is gunned down in his own home, the country descends into chaos—and Anderson becomes hunted, because he knows too much. In a nation on the brink, he must choose to escape with his life or expose the truth and risk everything.

Director Carlos Bolado ("The Queen of the South," "Natural Born Narcos")

Writers Jimena Gallardo ("Like Water for Chocolate")

Cast Aml Ameen (Til Death, The Maze Runner)
O-T Fagbenle ("The Handmaids Tale," Black Widow)
Jimmy Jean-Louis (Joy, Tears of the Sun)

Producers Carlos Bolado (Only God Knows), Ryan Gall (Louder Together), Harold Sánchez (20,000 Leagues Under the Sea), and Olga Segura ("La Hermandad")

Production Status Completed

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ONCE UPON A TIME IN A CINEMA



Comedy - Drama

ONCE UPON A TIME IN A CINEMA is set in a small-town cinema during one eventful Friday night screening from hell. Over the course of one evening, the film follows the travails of beleaguered cinema owner Earl Clancy as he faces a myriad of disasters, any one of which could sink him. Drawing from writer/director David Gleeson's own experience growing up in a family of cinema owners where his father's 78-year career marked the longest in the cinema business in Ireland, this is a love letter to that unique cinema experience.



**Director/
Writer**

David Gleeson (Cowboys & Angels, The Frontline)

Cast

Colin Morgan (Belfast, Corsage, The Happy Prince)
Calam Lynch (Sweetpea, "Bridgerton")
Niamh Cusack (In the Land of Saints & Sinners, The Virtues)
India Mullen (Normal People, Brassic, Say Nothing)

Producers

Nathalie Lichtenthaeler (Cowboys & Angels, The Front Line, Vasha), Judy Tossell (The Last Station, Carlos, Hector and the Search for Happiness)

Production Status Completed

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THIS TEMPTING MADNESS



Mystery - Thriller

After awakening from a coma following a mysterious fall from a high-rise balcony, Mia is haunted by fractured memories and a chilling question—did her husband push her? As she struggles to piece together the night of her accident, her husband Jake’s increasingly volatile behavior fuels her family’s suspicions. But the deeper Mia digs into her past, the more doubts arise—and whether the real danger is hiding inside her home.

Director Jennifer E. Montgomery (The Shadows)

Writers Andrew Davis & Jennifer E. Montgomery (The Shadows)

Cast Simone Ashley ("Bridgerton," The Devil Wears Prada 2)
Austin Stowell ("NCIS: Origins," The Hating Game)
Suraj Sharma (Life of Pie, Wedding Season)
Zenobia Shroff (The Marvels, The Big Sick)

Producers Marcei A. Brown (The Blackening), Andrew Davis (The Shadows),
William Day Frank (The Toll)

US Distribution Vertical Entertainment

Production Status Completed

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LEGENDS OF THE LOST ARK



Adventure - Documentary

The Ark of the Covenant vanished from history — but the search isn't over. Legends of the Lost Ark is a feature-length docudrama following a real archaeologist on an active hunt for one of history's greatest mysteries. Host Chris McKinny travels the world investigating the three most compelling theories about where the Ark was taken — and where it might be found today. Through cinematic reenactments and on-the-ground exploration, McKinny brings the search to life like never before.

This isn't mythology. This is an actual hunt. Armed with a PhD in biblical archaeology and years of hands-on fieldwork, McKinny knows how to read the evidence — and he's not afraid to follow it wherever it leads.

Director Stephen Pettit

Writers Chris McKinny, Rebecca Pettit, Stephen Pettit

Producers Arran MacLennan, Rachel Pettit, Rebecca Pettit, Nick Royak

US Distribution Fathom

Production Status Completed

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TINĀ



Inspirational

TINĀ follows Mareta, a Samoan music teacher in New Zealand who, after losing her daughter in the Christchurch earthquakes, reluctantly takes a job at an elite private school. Her tough love and deep compassion awaken something in her privileged, disconnected students — especially Sophie, a troubled music student. Through teaching cultural songs and fierce encouragement, Mareta builds a choir that becomes a family. As the group prepares for a national singing competition, Mareta's failing health, Sophie's internal struggles, and the school's disapproval of the group threaten to tear them apart.

Director/Writer Miki Magasiva (We Are Still Here)

Cast Anapela Polataivao ("The Market," The Breaker Upperers)
Antonia Robinson ("Mystic")
Beulah Koale (Next Goal Wins, "Hawaii Five-0")

Producers Mario Gaoa ("Duckrockers"), Dan Higgins, Miki Magasiva

Production Status Completed

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