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# Disney presents "Jungle Book"

Walt Disney Pictures presents "Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book" at metro Detroit movie theaters on Christmas day.

Based on Kipling's short stories, comes the bold and sweeping adventures of Mowgli (Jason Scott Lee), a young man raised since childhood by wild animals in the jungles of India. Mowgli becomes a young man and is eventually drawn from the jungle by his attraction to the beautiful Katty (Lena Headley), daughter of Major Byron (Sam Neill), and important English military official. But when Mowgli makes the decision to re-enter civilization to be near Katty, he embarks on a life-changing adventure beyond his wildest imagination.



FRANK CONNOR

In the jungle: One of Disney's most honored animated classics comes to life on the big screen as Jason Scott Lee stars in "Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book."

"The Jungle Book" was first filmed in 1942. More than 25 years later, in 1967, the Walt Disney Pictures animated movie was released. Then last year, more than a quarter of a century after the initial theatrical release of that

film, producer and film distributor Mark Damon read a new script that Indian producer Raju Patel had been developing for 10 years.

"Having read 'The Jungle Book' stories, I thought this

might be a perfect opportunity to highlight the animal kingdom with a strong a cherished story-line," recalls Patel. "Ever since exploring India when I was a teenager, I'd wanted to capture its rich color and history on film."

## Readers confess fashion blunders

Gloria Ketal is the grand prize winner of our giveaway for "Ready to Wear, (Pret-a-Porter)," a fashion comedy opening nationwide Dec. 25.

Ketal received a gift certificate for a pair of fashion boots from Lammereaux. Three runners-up won one year subscriptions to "Ellie" magazine. Everyone who entered got a pass for two to the opening premiere of "Ready to Wear" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at AMC Old Orchard.

Here are their stories.

"My worst, fashion faux pas," was at a cocktail party," wrote Ketal. "I wore a black suit, which was a size too small under a sheer skirt. The snaps on the body suit would not stop clicking giving the appearance that I was wearing a diaper under my skirt."

Runner-up June Romano of Birmingham wrote about an outfit she wore in the early 1970s while having lunch with a friend.

"Picture this, a large brim straw hat with a large flower, huge hoop earrings, a long sleeve drawstring neck, wild animal print blouse, long black skirt and chunky heeled clogs. And to finish off this embarrassing outfit, I chose a large shopping bag made out of straw with the word Florida in shocking pink."

"As I was leaving the restaurant, two young men eating lunch did a double take, and one said to the other, 'what in the hell was that?' I thought 'I did right there.'

"Luckily, no one had a camera

so my fashion blunder can only be told, not actually seen," wrote runner-up Harriet Jacobson of West Bloomfield. "Going to my son's graduation in New York City a couple of years ago we were in a hurry to catch our plane. I had brought two pairs of shoes, exactly the same, except one was black and one was navy. Some time later I happened to glance down at my feet. My plane landed on my feet! To my shock and horror I had on one navy, and one black shoe. The plane would arrive after we were closed in New York and the graduation ceremony would begin before I could get to a store in the morning. Hopefully, few noticed. At least the style was the same."

Vikie Rubin of Livonia wrote about a dinner party she and her husband attended this past summer. "The invitation said 'black tie optional,'" wrote Rubin. "My husband decided to wear a dressy sports jacket and slacks. When we got to the party everyone was wearing a tuxedo. My husband was so embarrassed that he went home to change and put on his tuxedo. I stayed at the party. Fortunately, we didn't live far from the party."

Every year in Paris, the top designers and supermodels stage the world's hottest fashion show. It's called "Pret-a-Porter," and it means "Ready to Wear." Only this time, there's been a murder, and everyone is suspect.

Robert Altman's "Ready to Wear" is a lively send-up of the

onto the case. Marcello Mastroianni, a mysterious murder suspect, Linda Hunt, Sally Kellerman, Tracey Ullman, Stephen Rea, Rupert Everett, and Lyle Lovett.

Also joining the party are the legendary, ex- "Vogue" editor (Lauren Bacall); a cigar-smoking store buyer (Danny Aiello) and his happy-go-lucky wife (Teri Garr) whose a serious shopaholic; a TV fashion reporter (Kim Basinger) who's lost without her cue card; and a "New York Times" photojournalist (Lili Taylor) who's always in the right place at the right time.



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Fashionable comedy: Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren in Robert Altman's "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)."

fashion world. The action begins as parish is abuzz with anticipation for the start of the world's greatest fashion show. Amid the chaos, the head of the fashion council is suddenly found dead in his limousine. Although he's really choked on a ham sandwich, the police think it's a murder, and everyone who's touched his life is a suspect, including his wife (Sophia Loren) who hasn't talked to him in years, and his lover (Anouk Aimée), a famous designer getting ready for her big show.

The movie also stars Julia Roberts and Tim Robbins, as reporters who are among those thrown

Book" — Live action version of the classic tale of an Indian boy who is virtually raised by animals in the jungle, and at age 17, embarks on a life-changing adventure. From Disney.

"I.Q." — Romantic comedy has Albert Einstein playing match-maker between his nieces and a not-so-simple auto mechanic. Stars: Meg Ryan, Tim Robbins and Walter Matthau.

Opening Friday, Jan. 6

"Cobb" — Sports writer is contacted by baseball great Ty Cobb to write his life story, and finds the dark truth behind the legend. His dilemma: write the real story or maintain the myth. Stars Tom Jones.

"Immortal Beloved" — On of history's great romantic mysteries: the search from among scores of women for the one whom the mercurial musical genius Ludwig Van Beethoven called his "immortal Beloved."

Opening Wednesday, Jan. 11

"Higher Learning" — From the streets of South Central to the college campus, the locations may be worlds apart, but some of the stories remain the same.

## Coming Attractions



American classic: Trini Alvarado (clockwise), Susan Sarandon, Claire Danes, Kristen Dunst and Winona Ryder star in the *Louisa May Alcott classic, "Little Women," a Columbia Pictures Release.*

house trapped in a Thailand prison, comes back six years later to get revenge on his captor. Stars: Jean-Claude Van Damme.

Opening Sunday, Dec. 25

"Street Fighter" — Based on the video game, a U.S. born kick-

boxer shows a world of intrigue, romance, comedy and suspense against the Paris fashion industry. With a large cast of stars.

"Ready-to-Wear" — Director



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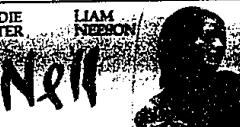
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