

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, NOV. 15

HALF PAST DEAD

Steven (Exit Wounds) Seagal stars as an imprisoned FBI undercover agent who must stop a criminal who is planning to infiltrate a high-tech prison in order to persuade an inmate on death row to tell him the whereabouts of millions of dollars in stolen gold. Featured players include Morris (Two Can Play at That Game) Chestnut, Nia Peeples (TV's *Walker, Texas Ranger*) and rap artists Ja Rule and Kurupt. Don Michael Paul directed the action, marking his feature directorial debut. (Sony Pictures) The film has not yet been rated.

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

The next installment in the HARRY POTTER series finds young wizard Harry Potter and his friends Ron and Hermione facing new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as they try to discover a dark force that is terrorizing the school. Stars Daniel Radcliffe, Sean Biggerstaff, David Bradley, Kenneth Branagh, Alfred Burke, John Cleese, Robbie Coltrane, Allie Esbach, Tom Felton, Julian Glover (voice of Aragog the Spider), Rupert Grint, Richard Griffiths, Richard Harris, Shirley Henderson, Joshua Herdman, Jason Isaacs, Gemma Jones, Toby Jones, Matt Lewis, Miriam Margolyes, Rick Mayall, Hugh Mitchell, Sally Mortemore, Devon Murray, Katharine Nicholson, Edward Randle, Chris Rankin, Alan Rickman, Fiona Shaw, Maggie Smith, Julie Walters, Emma Watson, Jamie Waylett, Mark Williams. Directed by Chris Columbus. (Warner Bros.) Rating TBD.

STANDING IN THE SHADOWS OF MOTOWN

Based on Allen Slutsky's award-winning book of the same name, this movie tells the story of the Funk Brothers by combining exclusive interviews, archival footage, re-enactments, reminiscences, and thrilling new performances by the reunited Funk Brothers. Joining this legendary hit-machine on stage are such incredible contemporary vocalists such as Ben Harper, Joan Osborne, Meshell Ndegeocello and Montell Jordan and R&B greats Chaka Khan, Gerald Levert and Bootsy Collins. This movie was filmed on location in Detroit. Directed by Paul Justman. (Artisan Ent.) Rating PG. Running time: 108 minutes.

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DIE ANOTHER DAY

Pierce Brosnan returns as agent 007, James Bond, who this time comes up against a North Korean General Zao, who gets his hands on a device that lets him change his facial features. Bond travels to Iceland, where he must unmask the traitor and prevent a war of catastrophic consequence. Features players include Halle Berry, John Cleese and Judi Dench as Bond's boss. M. Lee Tamahori directed the twentieth installment of the James Bond series. (MGM/UA) This film is not yet rated.

FRIDAY AFTER NEXT

The third installment in the series takes place during the Christmas season back in the old neighborhood where it all began. Although cousins Craig (Ice Cube) and Day-Day (Mike Myers) have left behind the security of living with their parents, the rundown apartment they now share is filled with all the accoutrements and spirit of the holiday season. Everything is idyllic until a ghetto Santa Claus breaks in and steals their Christmas presents and the rent money hidden in their stereo speakers. Other featured players are K.D. Aubert, and John Witherspoon. Marcus Raboy directed the comedy, marking his feature directorial debut. (New Line) Rated R.

FAR FROM HEAVEN

From the director of *Safe* comes a contemporary drama set in a suburban American community in the 1950s, where the ideally perfect glittering surfaces often hide a repressed world of great portions. The story, which crosses both sexual and racial lines, revolves around a privileged family whose lives are filled with daily family etiquette, social events at the club, and an overall desire to keep up with the Jones's. The family is turned upside down when both husband and wife are faced with choices that not only create a gossip mill for the entire community but also change their entire lives forever. Starring Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert, and James Rebhorn. Directed by Todd Haynes. (FOCUS Features) Rated PG-13.

SCHEDULED TO OPEN WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

ARABAT

A story of truth and deceit on both an intimate and a grand scale. The estranged members of a contemporary Armenian family are faced both with Turkey's denial of their catastrophic past and with their own complicated present. A mother who wants nothing but retribution, and a young man whose journey to uncover his roots is jeopardizing his future. Stars David Alpay, Charles Amziorov, Eric Bogosian,

Brent Carver, Marie-Josée Croze, Bruce Greenwood, Arsinée Khanjian and Christopher Plummer. Directed by Atom Egoyan. (Miramax) Rated R.

EXTREME OPS

A group of the world's top daredevil extreme skiers and snowboarders gather together for an amazing film shoot. But when the crew accidentally films a murderous war criminal who has been hiding in the mountains, they find themselves skiing for their lives as they try to escape him. Stars Devon Sawa, Bridgette Wilson-Sampras, Rupert Graves and Rufus Sewell. Directed by Christian Duguay. (Paramount) Rating PG-13.

ADAM SANDLER'S 8 CRAZY NIGHTS

Based on the characters from Adam Sandler's *Stan and Judy's Kid* CD, the story tells of Whitley, and elderly basketball coach who worships the mall. When he meets Davey, the head of marketing for the New York Knicks, Davey tries to convince him to convince him to coach the NBA team. Featured vocal talent include Adam Sandler's Whitley and Davey, Rob (The Animals) Schneider, Jon (Rat Patrol) Lovitz, and Kevin (Little Nicky) Nealon. Seth Kearsley directed the

animated feature. (Sony Pictures) Rated PG-13.

SOLARIS

Based on the classic science fiction novel by Stanislaw Lem, SOLARIS centers on a psychologist who is sent to investigate unexplained behavior of key scientists on a space station orbiting the planet Solaris. Once aboard he, too, falls victim to this unique world's mysteries, as well as an erotic obsession with someone he thought he had left behind. Features players include George Clooney as the psychologist sent to Solaris, Natascha (Ronin) McElhone and Jeremy (The Laramie Project) Davies. Steven (Erin Brockovich) Soderbergh directed the sci-fi adventure. (20th Century Fox) This film has not yet been rated.

TREASURE PLANET

The Legendary "loot of a thousand worlds" inspires an intergalactic treasure hunt when fifteen-year-old Jim Hawkins stumbles upon a map to the greatest pirate love in the universe. Based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, this film follows Jim's fantastic journey across a parallel universe as cabin boy aboard a glittering space galleon. Befriended by the



Ginny Weasley, played by Bonnie Wright, and Harry Potter, played by Daniel Radcliffe, find their way into the Chamber of Secrets in the new film *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

ship's charismatic cook, John Silver, Jim blossoms under his guidance, and shows the making of a fine spacer as he and alien crew battle supernovas.

black holes and ferocious space storms. But even greater dangers lie ahead when Jim discovers that his trusted silver is actually a scheming

pirate with mutiny in mind. John Musker and Ron Clements directed the animated adventure. (Buena Vista Pictures) Rated PG.

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