

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## "Toy Story" Goes To "Infinity And Beyond"

**With A Broadcast Premiere On Sunday, September 28, 7:00-9:00 PM (ET/PT)**

Academy Award-Winning Film Features the Voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen

As "The Wonderful World of Disney" Goes Into Orbit With Blockbuster Season Debut!

"Toy Story," The Academy Award-winning blockbuster full-length animated film featuring the voices of Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, will be "launched" as the first offering of "The Wonderful World of Disney."

Four years in the making, this irreverent comedy-adventure combines an imaginative story with the visual excitement of 3-D computer-generated animation. The film was the first full-length feature to be created entirely by artists using computer tools and technology and the ground-breaking graphic style that resulted from the collaboration of Walt Disney Pictures with Pixar Animation Studios in northern California. Director John Lasseter won a 1995 Special Achievement Academy Award for the development and inspired application of techniques that made possible this first feature-length computer-animated film.

"Toy Story" is a sophisticated "buddy comedy" set in a world where toys have a life of their own. The movie features the voices of two-time Academy Award winner Tom Hanks and Tim Allen, star of Touchstone Television's "Home Improvement," as well as three new songs and an original score by composer/performer Randy Newman in one continuous eye-popping visual treat after another.

Andy is an imaginative boy who loves to stage elaborate games with his toys. Woody (Hanks), a pull-string toy cowboy, finds his position as Andy's favorite toy threatened when Buzz (Allen), a self-styled action figure "space ranger," arrives as a birthday present. As rivals for "top toy," Woody and Buzz set out on an adventure that takes them first to Pizza Planet, a galactic-themed fast food/arcade and then lands them squarely in the cruel clutches of Sid, a sadistic neighborhood kid who is

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There are no rules in *The Game*.

Nicholas Van Orton (Michael Douglas) is a shrewdly successful businessman who is accustomed to being in control of each facet of his investments and relationships. His well-ordered life undergoes a profound change, however, when his brother Conrad (Sean Penn) gives him an unexpected birthday gift that soon has devastating consequences. As Nicholas begins playing the game, he discovers that it has very high stakes, although he isn't certain of the rules or even the objective. Nicholas soon finds that he is being monitored in his own home by unknown conspirators that seem intent on dismantling his very existence. *The Game* becomes an enigmatic life-or-death contest that will change his life forever.

*The Game* brings together one of Hollywood's most enduring stars, Michael Douglas, with the innovative director of *Seven*, David Fincher. A PolyGram Films release, this intense thriller, which also stars Sean Penn, was produced by Steve Golin and Sean Chaffin for Propaganda Films. Featured in the cast are Deborah Kara Unger, Armin Mueller-Stahl, James Rebhorn, Carroll Baker and Peter Donat. The film's original screenplay was written by John Brancato and Michael Ferris. Harris Savides is director of photography, Jeffrey Beecroft is production designer, and James Haygood edited the film.

"The Game is the best script I've read in years," said Academy Award-winning actor Michael Douglas, whose penchant for provocative and

intelligent material has been demonstrated in films such as *Fatal Attraction*, *Wall Street*, *Basic Instinct* and *Falling Down*. "I see it as a 21st Century roller coaster ride," he continued. "Each year they try to make roller coasters faster, to physically scare you. This movie is an exercise of your mind. And the mind has more imagination, and can be more frightening than anything that is real."

Developed by director David Fincher, a visual stylist whose crime thriller *Seven* explores the dark world of a serial killer, *The Game* appealed to Fincher on a number of levels.

"If the movie's about anything, it's about loss of control," suggested Fincher. "Van Orton is a guy who has accumulated great wealth and power. But once he agrees to participate in the game, he discovers how little control he has."

"It's also about loss of ego," he continued. "The idea that someone can be stripped of his entitlement or privilege. I think the purpose of the game is to take your greatest fear, put it this close to your face and say, 'There. You're still alive. Its OK.'"

As Nicholas Van Orton, Michael Douglas is about to celebrate his forty-eighth birthday and is given a gift certificate for CRS - Consumer Recreation Services - by his irresponsible but charming younger brother Conrad.

Douglas elaborated, "Conrad tells Nicholas that he played CRS' game in London and found it to be a life-changing experience. But he leaves all the details out. The real excitement of the movie is that neither Nicholas nor the audience knows which events are real and which are being orchestrated by CRS as part of a game."

Douglas and the filmmakers believe that the story also explores the precarious illusion of money and power.

## THE GAME



Terrorized by unknown forces who seem intent on dismantling everything he has built, Nicholas Van Orton (Michael Douglas) has to win this enigmatic game or lost control of everything in his life. Photo credit: Tony Friedkin



Michael Douglas is Nicholas Van Orton, a shrewdly successful businessman who lives a well ordered life until an unexpected birthday gift from his brother destroys it all in "The Game."

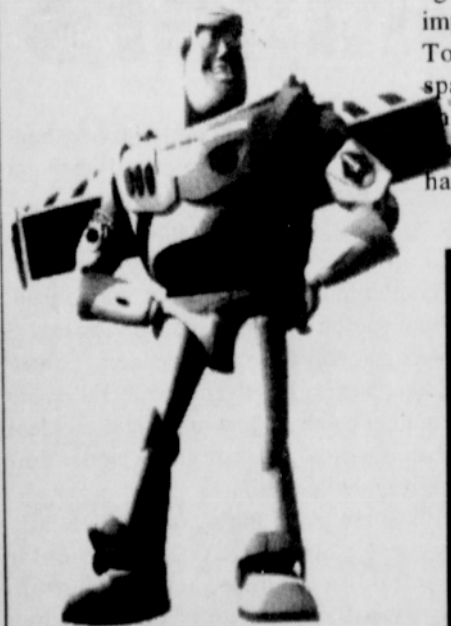


Buzz and Woody surrounded by their pals: Hamm (John Ratzenberger), Rex (Wallace Shawn), Bo Peep (Annie Potts), Mr. Potato Head (Don Rickles), Slinky Dog (Jim Varney) and a Green Army Man. "Toy Story" airs as part of "The Wonderful World of Disney," premiering Sunday, September 28, 7-9 PM (ET/PT) on ABC.

notorious for dismembering and re-assembling "mutant" toys in his bedroom -- a toy's worst nightmare!

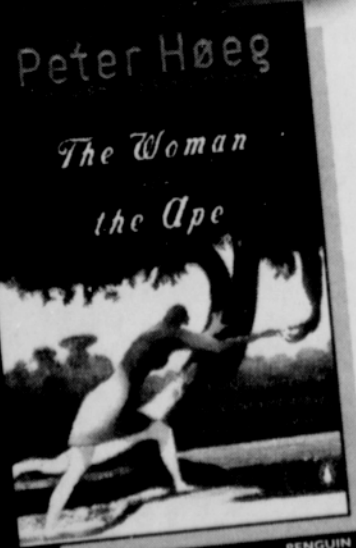
As the "guests" of Sid and his dog, Scud, the two fugitive toys are forced to form an even closer bond, with Buzz sadly discovering that he's not really a space ranger after all. However, with Woody's help and encouragement, he learns something more important: his true value as a toy. Together the cowboy and the spaceman forge a genuine friendship and learn that only through mutual trust and respect do they have any chance of survival.

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Action figure Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) suffers from the delusion that he is not a toy but an intrepid defender of the galaxy

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