

On Film

The Focus' guide to upcoming films

Synopsis: William Friedkin ("Jade," "The French Connection") returns with a courtroom that pits personal obligation over justice. Tommy Lee Jones stars as a Vietnam vet-cum-lawyer who obligingly takes on the military court when Samuel Jackson, a fellow veteran whom Jones owes his life to, is accused of mass murder.

Genre: Drama

Rating: No Rating

Cast: Tommy Lee Jones, Samuel L. Jackson, Anne Archer, Kim Delaney, Bruce Greenwood and Philip Baker Hall

Credits: Directed by William Friedkin. Written by Stephen Gaghan. Based on the story by James Webb. Produced by Scott Rudin and Richard D. Zanuck. Released by Paramount Pictures.

Theatrical Release Date: March 31, 2000



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Price of Glory



Synopsis: In Carlos Avila's directorial debut, Jimmy Smits plays a washed-up boxer who tries to recapture his broken dreams by training his three sons to become fighters. Maria Del Mar, Ernesto Hernandez and former Golden Gloves champ Jon Seda co-star.

Genre: Drama

Rating: PG-13, for violence, language and brief drug content

Cast: Jimmy Smits, Jon Seda, Clifton Collin Jr., Maria Del Mar and Ernesto Hernandez
Credits: Directed by Carlos Avila. Written by Phil Berger. Based on the play by Phil Berger. Produced by Moctezema Esparza, Robert Katz and Arthur Friedman. Released by New Line Cinema.

Theatrical Release Date: April 7, 2000.

Pitch Black



Synopsis: In the sci-fi thriller, a docking pilot makes a forced crash-landing of her spacecraft on a distant planet. As the sun sets and the planet plunges into total darkness, the survivors must band together in preparation for the emergence of otherworldly creatures that inhabit the land.

Genre: Sci-fi

Rating: R, for sci-fi violence and gore, and for language

Cast: Vin Diesel, Keith David, Radha Mitchell, Lewis Fitzgerald and Cole Hauser

Credits: Written and directed by David Twohy. Produced by Tom Engelman. Released by USA Films.

Running Time: 1 hour 47 minutes

Theatrical Release Date: February 18, 2000

Box Office

1. <u>The Whole Nine Yards</u> WARNER BROS. \$38,500,000	6. <u>Snow Day</u> PARAMOUNT \$49,200,000
2. <u>The Next Best Thing</u> PARAMOUNT \$6,000,000	7. <u>Reindeer Games</u> MIRAMAX \$15,100,000
3. <u>My Dog Skip</u> WARNER BROS. \$6,700,000	8. <u>Wonder Boys</u> PARAMOUNT \$11,500,000
4. <u>Drowning Mona</u> DESTINATION \$5,910,000	9. <u>American Beauty</u> DREAMWORKS \$93,100,000
5. <u>Pitch Black</u> USA FILMS \$29,700,000	10. <u>The Cider House Rules</u> MIRAMAX \$37,200,000