

Movie previews: 'Black Widow,' 'Cruella' and more

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(TNS) — Spring has arrived, which means there's a cavalcade of new big-budget Hollywood movies around the corner to grace both theaters and streaming services.

Don't be surprised if a few of these movies sound familiar due to having been pushed back ad infinitum because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And remember, these release dates are fluid and constantly changing.

April 2

"French Exit" (theaters): Michelle Pfeiffer stars as a Manhattan woman running low on her inheritance who moves to Paris with her son and cat — which also happens to be her reincarnated husband.

"The Unholy" (theaters): Horrifying events begin happening around a young, hearing-impaired girl whose disability was allegedly cured by a visit from the Virgin Mary.

April 9

"Voyagers" (theaters): The crew of a space expedition on a mission to find a new home faces a threat that forces them all to question their realities.

April 23

"Mortal Kombat" (theaters, HBO Max): Simon McQuoid directs the latest film in the "Mortal Kombat" series, based on the classic Midway Games franchise.

April/May (TBD)

"The Boy From Medellin" (Prime Video): Documentarian Matthew Heineman chronicles Colombian reggaeton singer J Balvin's preparation for a 2019 concert against a backdrop of political unrest.

"12 Mighty Orphans" (TBD): Robert Duvall stars as Mason Hawk, a high school football coach who leads a team of underdog orphans to unexpected heights during the Great Depression.



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Scarlett Johansson stars in the prequel "Black Widow."

May 7

"The Human Factor" (theaters): This documentary from director Dror Moreh portrays 30 years of work by the United States to establish peace in the Middle East from the perspective of American mediators at the center of these peace efforts.

"Wrath of Man" (theaters): Guy Ritchie is back with this action-thriller about the mysterious "H," who works at a cash truck company ferrying large amounts of money around Los Angeles.

May 14

"Those Who Wish Me Dead" (theaters, HBO Max): A teenage murder witness and a survival expert try to evade two assassins in the Montana wilderness as a forest fire threatens them all.

"Spiral: From the Book of Saw" (theaters): This semi-reboot of the "Saw" franchise follows Detective Ezekiel "Zeke" Banks as his investigation into a series of murders leads him to become the killer's new plaything.

May 21

"Final Account" (theaters): Luke Holland's documentary includes close to 300 interviews with some of the last German generation who participated in or bore witness to the Holocaust.

May 28

"Cruella" (theaters, Disney+ Premier Access): Emma Stone stars as

a young Cruella de Vil in Disney's live-action origin story for the "101 Dalmatians" villain.

"A Quiet Place Part II" (theaters): This horror sequel to 2018's "A Quiet Place" follows the Abbott family as they continue their quest for survival in a world plagued by creatures who hunt by sound.

June 4

"Vivo" (theaters): Sony Pictures Animation's first musical will feature original songs from "Hamilton" auteur Lin-Manuel Miranda and follows a kinkajou as it embarks on a journey from Havana, Cuba, to Miami to fulfill its dreams.

"The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It" (theaters, HBO Max): The third installment in "The Conjuring" franchise reveals yet another horrifying case.

"Spirit Untamed" (theaters): A young girl moves from the city to a small town and forms a bond with a wild mustang.

June 11

"In the Heights" (theaters, HBO Max): Director Jon M. Chu's adaptation of Lin-Manuel Miranda's 2008 musical follows the residents of New York City's Washington Heights neighborhood as they navigate life, love and desperate financial situations.

"Censor" (theaters): This British horror movie finds a film censor reigniting an investigation into her sister's disappearance after viewing a strange video.

June 16

"The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard" (theaters): This sequel to the 2017 action-comedy "The Hitman's Bodyguard" involves Ryan Reynolds' bodyguard and Samuel L. Jackson's assassin reuniting to protect the latter's wife, played by Salma Hayek.

June 18

"Luca" (Disney+): Pixar Animation Studios is back with its latest outing about two young boys in an Italian seaside village harboring a big secret.

June 25

"F9" (theaters): The long-delayed ninth film in the main "Fast and the Furious" franchise finds Dom Toretto and his crew going up against an old foe and a new one — Dom's younger brother, Jakob.

"Blue Bayou" (theaters): A Korean American man who has worked hard to provide for his family finds out he may be deported.

July 2

"Top Gun: Maverick" (theaters): This sequel to 1986's "Top Gun" finds Tom Cruise reprising his iconic role as Maverick, who continues to push the limits as a test pilot while avoiding anything that may threaten his need for speed.

"Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway" (theaters): Peter Rabbit leaves his garden and family to venture out into the larger world and causes mischief wherever he goes.

July 9

"Black Widow" (theaters, Disney+ Premier Access): More than two years after the last Marvel Cinematic Universe film comes the long-awaited solo film debut of Scarlett Johansson's Natasha Romanoff, aka Black Widow.

LA GRANDE DRIVE-IN

The La Grande Drive-In, one of the few remaining drive-in movie theaters in Oregon, opens May 7. For updates, visit <http://www.lagrandemovies.com>.

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