

Top 10 movies for fall 2021: Our hopes for streams and the cineplex, from Bond on down

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Movie theaters have re-opened, and people are going back, at least to some (much?) of what's available. Do the studios making those movies care? Or are they so invested in stocking their streaming platforms with new fish to fry to give much thought to the fate of the multiplex?

The movie capturing the moment best, I think, is the new James Bond film "No Time to Die." Its very title suits the feelings of both the vaxed, masked portion of the country and the live-free-and-die faction, millions and millions strong. The movie's coming out Oct. 8, some 18 months after the \$250 million franchise item was first scheduled to open. This is Daniel Craig's final Bond picture, or so Craig says.

Unfashionably, "No Time to Die" will open in theaters only. Then it adds its streaming release

option a few weeks later, date yet to be confirmed.

Here are 10 prospects, all of which I sincerely hope turn out to be pips. As always, release dates are subject to change.

'THE MANY SAINTS OF NEWARK,' OCT. 1 IN THEATERS AND ON HBO MAX

I've seen this one, and it's good — a witty, melancholy "Sopranos" prequel in which teenage Tony (Michael Gandolfini, son of the late James Gandolfini) and his loving, fraught relationship with his uncle Dickie (Alessandro Nivola) is framed by family torment and late 1960s unrest.

'DIANA: THE MUSICAL,' OCT. 1 ON NETFLIX FOR ONE DAY ONLY; BROADWAY PREMIERE, DEC. 16

This is Diana's season, all right, with Netflix sneaking "Come From Away," director Christopher Ashley's "Broadway capture"



Nicola Dove/Danjaq LLC/MGM
Daniel Craig returns as James Bond in "No Time to Die."

edition of the new musical on Oct. 1, two months prior to the show's Broadway premiere.

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