

2009 Paramount Pictures Preview: 'Star Trek,' 'Defiance,' 'The Uninvited,' 'Monsters vs. Aliens,' More

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Charity (Essence Atkins, left) and her Baby Daddy (Shawn Wayans, right) have all the right moves on the dance floor in the comic spoof *Dance Flick*. Photo Credit: Glen Wilson

CHICAGO – Paramount Pictures has released official images, cast rosters, and synopsis information for the first half of their impressive 2009 slate of feature releases.

The 2009 Paramount films with available production stills include "Hotel For Dogs," "Defiance," "The Uninvited," "I Love You, Man," "Monsters vs. Aliens," "The Soloist," "The Goods: The Don Ready Story," "Star Trek," "Imagine That," and "Dance Flick".

"Hotel For Dogs"

Release date: January 16th, 2009

Cast: Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Kyla Pratt with Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon and Don Cheadle

Directed by: Thor Freudenthal

Written by: Jeff Lowell and Bob Schooley & Mark McCorkle

Synopsis: "Hotel for Dogs" stars Emma Roberts, Jake T. Austin, Lisa Kudrow, Kevin Dillon and Don Cheadle in a smart, funny comedy adventure that shows how far love and imagination can take you. When their new guardians forbid 16-year-old Andi (Roberts) and her younger brother, Bruce (Austin) to have a pet, Andi has to use her quick wit to help find a new home for their dog, Friday. The resourceful kids stumble upon an abandoned hotel and using Bruce's talents as a mechanical genius, transform it into a magical dog-paradise for Friday - and eventually for all Friday's friends. When barking dogs make the neighbors suspicious, Andi and Bruce use every invention they have to avoid anyone discovering "who let the dogs in."

"Defiance"

Release date: January 16th, 2009

Cast: Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber, Jamie Bell, Alexa Davalos, Allan Corduner and Mark Feuerstein

Directed by: Edward Zwick

Written by: Clayton Frohman & Edward Zwick

Synopsis: Based on an extraordinary true story, "Defiance" is an epic tale of family, honor, vengeance and salvation in World War II. The year is 1941 and the Jews of Eastern Europe are being massacred by the thousands. Managing to escape certain death, three brothers take refuge in the dense surrounding woods they have known since childhood. There they begin their desperate battle against the Nazis. Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber and Jamie Bell star as brothers who turn a primitive struggle to survive into something far more consequential - a way to avenge the deaths of their loved ones by saving thousands of others. At first it is all they can do to stay alive. But gradually, as whispers of their daring spread, they begin to attract others - men and women, young and old - willing to risk everything for the sake of even a moment's freedom. Tuvia (Craig) is a reluctant leader and his decisions are challenged by his brother, Zus (Schreiber) who worries that Tuvia's idealistic plans will doom them all. Asael (Bell) is the youngest, caught between his brothers' fierce rivalry. As a brutal winter descends, they work to create a community, and to keep faith alive when all humanity appears to be lost.

"The Uninvited"

Release date: January 30th, 2009

Cast: Emily Browning, Elizabeth Banks, Arielle Kebbel and David Strathairn

Directed by: The Guard Brothers

Written by: Craig Rosenberg and Doug Miro & Carlo Bernard

Synopsis: In the suspense thriller "The Uninvited," based on the 2003 Korean motion picture "Changhwa, Hongryon" written and directed by Kim Jee-woon, Anna (Emily Browning) returns home after spending time in a psychiatric facility following her mother's tragic death and discovers that her mother's former nurse, Rachel (Elizabeth Banks), has moved into their house and become engaged to her father, Steven (David Strathairn). Soon after she learns this shocking news, Anna is visited by her mother's ghost, who warns her that Rachel has evil intentions. Together, Anna and her sister (Arielle Kebbel) must convince their father that his new fiancée is not who she pretends to be, and what should have been a happy family reunion becomes a lethal battle of wills between stepdaughters and stepmother.

"I Love You, Man"

Release date: March 20th, 2009

Cast: Paul Rudd, Jason Segel, Rashida Jones, Andy Samberg, J.K. Simmons, Jane Curtin, Jon Favreau and Jaime Pressly

Written and Directed by: John Hamburg

Synopsis: In "I Love You, Man," a comedy from John Hamburg ("Along Came Polly," co-writer of "Meet the Parents," "Meet the Fockers," "Zoolander"), Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd, "Knocked Up" "The 40 Year Old Virgin") is a successful real estate agent who, upon getting engaged to the woman of his dreams, Zooey ("The Office's" Rashida Jones), discovers, to his dismay and chagrin, that he has no male friend close enough to serve as his Best Man. Peter immediately sets out to rectify the situation, embarking on a series of bizarre and awkward "man-dates," before meeting Sydney Fife (Jason Segel, "Forgetting Sarah Marshall"), a charming, opinionated man with whom he instantly bonds. But the closer the two men get, the more Peter's relationship with Zooey suffers, ultimately forcing him to choose between his fiancée and his new found "bro," in a story that comically explores what it truly means to be a "friend."

"Monsters vs. Aliens"

Release date: March 27th, 2009

Cast: Reese Witherspoon, Hugh Laurie, Will Arnett, Seth Rogen, Rainn Wilson, Stephen Colbert, Kiefer Sutherland and Paul Rudd

Directed by: Rob Letterman & Conrad Vernon

Synopsis: When California girl Susan Murphy is unwittingly clobbered by a meteor full of outer space gunk on her wedding day, she mysteriously grows to 49-feet-11-inches tall. The military jumps into action and Susan is captured and secreted away to a covert government compound. There, she is renamed Ginormica and placed in confinement with a ragtag group of Monsters: the brilliant but insect-headed Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D.; the macho half-ape, half-fish The Missing Link; the gelatinous and indestructible B.O.B.; and the 350-foot grub called Insectosaurus. Their confinement is cut short, however, when a mysterious alien robot lands on Earth and begins storming the country. In a moment of desperation, the President is persuaded to enlist the motley crew of Monsters to combat the Alien Robot and save the world from imminent destruction.

"The Soloist"

Release date: April 24th, 2009

Cast: Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey Jr., Catherine Keener, Tom Hollander and LisaGay Hamilton

Directed by: Joe Wright

Written by: Susannah Grant

Synopsis: In "The Soloist," an emotionally soaring drama about the redemptive power of music, journalist Steve Lopez (Oscar® nominee Robert Downey Jr.) discovers Nathaniel Anthony Ayers (Oscar® winner Jamie Foxx), a former classical music prodigy, playing his violin on the streets of L.A. As Lopez endeavors to help the homeless man find his way back, a unique friendship is formed, one that transforms both their lives. "The Soloist" is directed by Joe Wright (Golden Globe winner for Best Drama and Oscar® nominee for Best Picture "Atonement").

"The Goods: The Don Ready Story"

Release date: August 21st, 2009

Cast: Jeremy Piven, Ving Rhames, James Brolin, David Koechner, Kathryn Hahn and Jordana Spiro

Directed by: Neal Brennan

Written by: Adam Stock & Rick Stempson

Synopsis: Who is Don Ready? Salesman? Lover? Song Stylist? Semi-professional dolphin trainer? Ready is all of the above - except for a dolphin trainer. When he's asked to help save an ailing local car dealership from bankruptcy, Ready and his ragtag crew descend on the town of Temecula like a pack of coyotes on a basket full of burgers. Selling, drinking, selling and going to strip clubs is their stock and trade. And they do it well. What Don doesn't expect is to fall in love and find his soul (cue heartfelt piano). "The Goods: The Don Ready Story" stars Emmy award-winning actor Jeremy Piven ("The Kingdom," "Entourage") and Ving Rhames ("I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry,"

"Mission: Impossible III"). The film, from Will Ferrell and Adam McKay's Gary Sanchez Productions, is directed by Neal Brennan, creator of the hugely successful Comedy Central hit "Chappelle's Show."

"Star Trek"

Release date: May 8th, 2009

Cast: John Cho, Ben Cross, Bruce Greenwood, Simon Pegg, Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Winona Ryder, Zoe Saldana, Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin, with Eric Bana and Leonard Nimoy

Directed by: J.J. Abrams

Written by: Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman

Synopsis: From director J.J. Abrams ("Mission: Impossible III," "Lost" and "Alias"), producers Damon Lindelof and Bryan Burk and screenwriters Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman ("TRANSFORMERS," "MI: III") comes a new vision of the greatest space adventure of all time, "Star Trek," featuring a young, new crew venturing boldly where no one has gone before.

"Imagine That"

Release date: June 12th, 2009

Cast: Eddie Murphy, Thomas Haden Church, Nicole Ari Parker, Ronny Cox and Martin Sheen

Directed by: Karey Kirkpatrick

Written by: Ed Solomon & Chris Matheson

Synopsis: In Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies' family comedy "Imagine That," Eddie Murphy stars as a successful financial executive who has more time for his blackberry than his seven-year-old daughter (Yara Shahidi). When he has a crisis of confidence and his career starts going down the drain, however, he finds the solution to all his problems in his daughter's imaginary world.

"Dance Flick"

Release date: August 14th, 2009

Cast: Damon Wayans Jr., Craig Wayans, Shoshana Bush, Essence Atkins and Affion Crockett

Directed by: Damien Dante Wayans

Written by: Keenen Ivory Wayans & Shawn Wayans & Marlon Wayans &

Craig Wayans & Damien Dante Wayans

Synopsis: "Dance Flick" is a hilarious new comedy that brings together the talents of two generations of the Wayans family, the explosively funny clan who brought us the "Scary Movie" franchise and "White Chicks," as well as the groundbreaking TV series "In Living Color." In "Dance Flick," a young street dancer, Thomas Uncles (Damon Wayans, Jr.), from the wrong side of the tracks and a beautiful young woman, Megan White (Shoshana Bush), are brought together by their passion for dancing and put to the test in the mother of all dance battles. "Dance Flick" sends up the dance movie genre, including such recent hits as "Step Up" and "You Got Served," as well as the classic "Flashdance."

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[DanceFlick](#) [18]: Charity (Essence Atkins, left) and her Baby Daddy (Shawn Wayans, right) have all the right moves on the dance floor in the comic spoof Dance Flick. Photo Credit: Glen Wilson

[Defiance1](#) [17]: Daniel Craig as Tuvia Bielski and Liev Schreiber as Zus Bielski star in Defiance, a Paramount Vantage release. Photo Credit: Karen Ballard

[Defiance2](#) [19]: Daniel Craig as Tuvia Bielski and Alexa Davalos as Lilka star in Defiance, a Paramount Vantage release. Photo Credit: Karen Ballard

[Defiance3](#) [20]: Daniel Craig as Tuvia Bielski stars in Defiance, a Paramount Vantage release. Photo Credit: Karen Ballard

[Goods](#) [21]: David Koechner as Brent Gage, Kathryn Hahn as Babs Marrett, Jeremy Piven as Don Ready, and Ving Rhames as Jibby Newsome star in The Goods: The Don Ready Story, a Paramount Vantage release. Photo Credit: Sam Emerson

[HotelForDogs1](#) [22]: After finding a place to hide their dog, Friday, Bruce (Jake T. Austin, left) and his sister Andi (Emma Roberts, right) eventually wind up giving shelter to most of the strays in town in the comedy/adventure Hotel for Dogs. Photo Credit: Jaimie Trueblood

[HotelForDogs2](#) [23]: After finding a place to hide their dog, Friday, Andi (Emma Roberts, left) and her brother Bruce (Jake T. Austin, right) eventually wind up giving shelter to most of the strays in town in the comedy/adventure Hotel for Dogs. Photo Credit: Jaimie Trueblood

[ILoveYouMan1](#) [24]: Denise (Jaime Pressly), Zooey (Rashida Jones) and Hailey (Sarah Burns) are members of a wedding party that's still missing a best man in the comedy I Love You, Man. Photo Credit: Scott Garfield

[ILoveYouMan2](#) [25]: Sydney Fife (Jason Segel, center left) bonds with Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd, center right) who has befriended him in his search for a best man for his upcoming wedding to Zooey (Rashida Jones, lower right) in the comedy I Love You, Man. Photo Credit: Scott Garfield

[ILoveYouMan3](#) [26]: Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd, left) befriends Sydney Fife (Jason Segel, right) in his search for a best man for his upcoming wedding in the comedy I Love You, Man. Photo Credit: Scott Garfield

[MonstersVsAliens](#) [27]: An invading alien pursues Susan Murphy (Reese Witherspoon)—a.k.a. Ginormica, having been clobbered with a meteor full of outer space gunk and growing to 49-feet-11-inches tall—in DreamWorks Animation's "Monsters vs. Aliens," which reinvents the classic '50s monster movie into an irreverent modern day action comedy. Photo Credit: DreamWorks Animation

[Soloist01](#) [28]: Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx, left), a former musical prodigy turned homeless man, is discovered on the streets of downtown Los Angeles by newspaper columnist Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr., right) in the drama The Soloist. Photo Credit: Francois Duhamel

[Soloist02](#) [29]: Newspaper columnist Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr., left) discovers former musical prodigy turned homeless man, Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx, right) on the streets of downtown Los Angeles in the drama The Soloist. Photo Credit: Francois Duhamel

[StarTrek1](#) [30]: Chris Pine (center) stars as James T. Kirk and John Cho (right) stars as Sulu in Star Trek. Photo Credit: Industrial Light & Magic

[StarTrek2](#) [31]: The crew members of the Starship Enterprise include James T. Kirk (Chris Pine), McCoy (Karl Urban), an unidentified crew member, Spock (Zachary Quinto) and Sulu (John Cho) in Star Trek. Photo Credit: Industrial Light & Magic

[StarTrek3](#) [32]: Zachary Quinto stars as Spock in Star Trek. Photo Credit: Industrial Light & Magic

[StarTrek4](#) [33]: The Starship Enterprise in Star Trek. Photo Credit: Industrial Light & Magic

[TheUninvited1](#) [34]: Their father's new fiancée, Rachel (Elizabeth Banks), arouses the suspicions of his daughters Alex (Arielle Kebbel) and Anna (Emily Browning) in The Uninvited. Photo Credit: Kimberley French

[TheUninvited2](#) [35]: Rachel (Elizabeth Banks) has just become engaged to a man whose first wife died under mysterious circumstances in The Uninvited. Photo Credit: Kimberley French

[TheUninvited3](#) [36]: Anna (Emily Browning, left) and Alex (Arielle Kebbel, right) are suspicious of their father's new fiancée in The Uninvited. Photo Credit: Kimberley French

[ImagineThat1](#) [37]: Eddie Murphy (left) stars as Evan Danielson and Yara Shahidi (right) stars as his daughter, Olivia Danielson, in the family comedy Imagine That. Photo Credit: Bruce McBroom

[ImagineThat2](#) [38]: Yara Shahidi (left) stars Olivia Danielson and Eddie Murphy (right) stars as her father, Evan Danielson, in the family comedy Imagine That. Photo Credit: Bruce McBroom

[ImagineThat3](#) [16]: Yara Shahidi (left) stars Olivia Danielson and Eddie Murphy (right) stars as her father, Evan Danielson, in the family comedy Imagine That. Photo Credit: Bruce McBroom



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