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From George Clooney to Penélope Cruz to Drew Barrymore, this year's Toronto International Film Festival will be a star-studded event as Hollywood's hottest stroll into town to premiere their latest films.

> Abbie Cornish will be in town to promote her film Bright Star, which debuted in Cannes, about the affair between English poet John Keats and his love Fanny Brawne, which sadly ended when Keats died of tuberculosis.



Natalie Portman stars in the film Love and Other Impossible Pursuits, which will have its world debut at the fest; Portman will play a role she knows well, a Harvard grad student. This will be a dramatic role for Portman, as she plays a mother who loses her newborn child and must deal with grief and relationship consequences.

Megan Fox will no doubt be strutting her sexy stuff while she's in town, promoting the Diablo Cody (*Juno*) thriller *Jennifer's Body*, in which Fox's character preys on high school boys. Jennifer Connolly will be in town for the world premiere of *Creation*, a drama about evolution theorist Charles Darwin, played by Connolly's husband Paul Bettany; the film has nabbed the opening night slot at this year's Toronto International Film Festival.



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Matt Damon will surely be on hand to promote *The Informant!* and host the TIFF charity gala OneXOne, which has been a tradition since the actor began hosting the event five years ago. Toronto's **Michael Cera** will be in town to promote *Youth in Revolt*, which follows his character Nick's quest to win the heart of Sheeni and hopefully lose his virginity along the way.



Broken Embraces, directed by her longtime pal, Pedro Almodóvar.

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Ewan McGregor, who told *Tribute* recently how much he loves Toronto, will be in town to promote *The Men who Stare at Goats* along with George Clooney.



Jennifer Garner

stars in the comedy *The Invention of Lying*, which premieres at the fest. The film also stars Ricky Gervais, Rob Lowe, Jonah Hill, Tina Fey and Jason Bateman.

The gorgeous Charlize Theron will be in town to promote two of her films: *The Road*, starring Viggo Mortensen, and *The Burning Plain*, of which she is also a producer.

Drew Barrymore will present her directorial debut at TIFF with the film *Whip It*, starring Canada's Ellen Page, who plays a rebellious Texas teen who throws in her small-town beauty pageant crown for the rowdy world of roller derby.



George Clooney always causes a stir when he comes to Toronto. He'll be here to promote his dark comedy *The Men who Stare at Goats*, in which he plays a man who claims to be part of an experimental U.S. military unit, a legion of "Warrior Monks" with unparalleled psychic powers who can read the enemy's thoughts, pass through solid walls and even kill a goat simply by staring at it.



CHARLIZE THERON doesn't just walk a red carpet, she *owns* it. Whether she's dressed down and dirty as a blue-collared factory worker (*North*



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Country) or portraying a deranged serial killer (*Monster*), the Oscar-winning star has that certain It factor that lights up the big screen.

In fact, Theron is one of those women we envy. Her amazing green eyes, along with her 5'10"statuesque body, have the power to make any man weak in the knees. (Forget it, guys, she's in a happy relationship with actor Stuart Townsend.) Her looks are also what prompted her career, something she's not ashamed of. "I think of myself as a highly sexual creature," Theron has said. "I have to use that. I have no choice. I like it. I didn't grow up with a mother telling me what was under my clothes was bad or evil."

Theron left her hometown of Benoni, South Africa at the age of 16 after winning a modeling contest. After a few modeling stints in Milan, she moved to Los Angeles, where it didn't take long until she was discovered and the rest of Hollywood fell in love with her. Appearing in films such as *The Devil's Advocate, The Cider House Rules, Sweet November* and *The Italian Job* helped prepare her for one of the biggest honors she could achieve as an actress: an Oscar. Winning the Academy Award for Best Actress for playing serial killer Aileen Wuornos in *Monster* put her at the top of Hollywood's A-list.

Aside from her beauty contract with luxe line Dior, Theron has also dived into the role of producer on the films *The Burning Plain*, *Sleepwalking* and *Monster*. But that aside, Theron has no plans to switch to a career only behind the scenes. Up next for the talented actress is a role in *The Road*, based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Cormac McCarthy. Theron plays the wife of a man (Viggo Mortensen) who embarks on a nightmarish road trip after a nuclear explosion in an attempt to transport his son to safety while fending off cannibals. In *The Burning Plain*, she stars as Sylvia, a beautiful restaurant manager whose cool, professional demeanor is rocked when a stranger from Mexico confronts her with her mysterious past.

-Toni-Marie Ippolito

UPCOMING FILMS: The Road (2009)

The Burning Plain (2009)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY:

Hancock Sleepwalking In the Valley of Elah Aeon Flux North Country Monster The Italian Job Sweet November The Cider House Rules

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BECKINSALE

BIRTHDAY: July 26, 1973 HOMETOWN: London, England SOCIAL STATUS: Married to director Len Wiseman

KATE BECKINSALE is a textbook English beauty: flawless skin, tea rose cheeks, and a lovely, toothy grin. Thus, her first high-profile role, as a nurse in Pearl Harbor, seemed a little too predictable for some. "All they saw was this Chekhov-reading Brit who had, as they saw it, no edge. I tried hard to prove otherwise," Beckinsale has said.

When she starred in 2003's Underworld, a dark thriller rife with vampires and other creatures of the night, Beckinsale found her acting groove-and true love. "Yep, I fell in love with the director," she told UK Elle. Beckinsale and Len Wiseman have been married since 2004; he helps her raise her daughter Lily,

whom she had with actor Michael Sheen in 1999, and they live in Los Angeles.

In 2004, Beckinsale played the heroine in another vampire film, Van Helsing. "Women in action movies should be applauded more than men, because we do everything in heels and a tight bra and a corset," Beckinsale told Telegraph Magazine while on a press junket for the film.

Beckinsale opted for comic relief in 2006 with *Click*, starring Adam Sandler, then jumped back into the world of vampy action with Van Helsing. In 2007, she appeared alongside Luke Wilson in the horror-thriller Vacancy, and also starred in the drama Snow Angels. In 2008, she played an ambitious reporter in the drama Nothing But the Truth and capped the year with Underworld: Rise of the Lycans.

Beckinsale's most recent film, Whiteout, is a thriller that sees the actress take centre stage. She plays a U.S. deputy marshal who must single-handedly investigate a murder within three days, before the brutal Arctic winter begins.

-Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski

UPCOMING FILMS: Everybody's Fine (2009) Whiteout (2009)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY:

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans Nothing but the Truth The Aviator Van Helsing Click Underworld Serendipity Pearl Harbor Brokedown Palace

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BIRTHDAY: April 17, 1972 HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas SOCIAL STATUS: Married to Ben Affleck

> JENNIFER GARNER is a study in contrasts: gorgeous girl-next-door who tamed bad boy Ben Affleck, dedicated mom who does her own Hollywood stunts, and wholesome romantic comedy star who can transform into a silver screen vixen, too.



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Once best known as CIA agent Sydney Bristow in the TV actiondrama *Alias*, Texas-born Garner turned heads in 2003 as leather-clad Elektra Natchios in *Daredevil*. She and Affleck were drawn together on set—they met while filming *Pearl Harbor* in 2000, while she was still married to Scott Foley. (During a *Daredevil* press event, Garner said, "Snogging Ben Affleck is a pleasure, and if he showed up right now I guess we could show you how good we are at that very thing.")

Garner and Affleck have been married since 2005, and have two daughters: Violet, 4, and infant Seraphina. So what's the only problem with her perfect life? The paparazzi. "It just nips away at anything you're doing, the small pleasures," Garner once told *Marie Claire*. "I would give just about anything to make it go away."

Since 2004, Garner has flipped between romance and action with 13 Going on 30, *Elektra* (a *Daredevil* spin-off), *Catch and Release, The Kingdom* and *Juno*.

Her most recent rom-com, *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*, saw her team up with Matthew McConaughey. "We got along easily from the beginning," Garner told Buzzine.com. "I'm very much myself around him."

Garner's latest film, *The Invention of Lying*, was written and directed by comedic guru Ricky Gervais (*The Office, Ghost Town*), who also stars. It's set in an alternate Earth where the world's first lie causes all manner of hilarity and adventure. "There are three things I look for in a movie," Garner told Moviesonline.com. "The script, the director, and the co-star." Looks like she found a triple threat with this project.

-Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski

UPCOMING FILMS: Valentine's Day (2010) The Invention of Lying (2009)

Selected Filmography:

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past Juno The Kingdom Catch and Release Elektra 13 Going on 30 Daredevil Catch Me If You Can Pearl Harbor

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BIRTHDAY: August 30, 1972 HOMETOWN: San Diego, California SOCIAL STATUS: Single



After garnering public interest in 1997 with *A Life Less Ordinary* and *My Best Friend's Wedding*, CAMERON DIAZ dazzled as the object of much male affection in *There's Something About Mary* (1998), then catapulted to fame in 2000 with *Charlie's Angels*. Diaz has also voiced Princess Fiona in all the movies in the *Shrek* dynasty.

"It's been fifteen years now, and I really feel like I'm just understanding it," Diaz told *Vogue* of her career. "You know, the toolbox is just taking shape. And I like that because, if you are lucky, life's a long journey, and I love the learning process. There are so many movies that I still want to make, so many different kinds."

Last year she starred in the romantic comedy *What Happens in Vegas* with Ashton Kutcher, and showed audiences she could tackle drama by playing an emotionally fraught mother in *My Sister's Keeper*, costarring Abigail Breslin and Alec Baldwin.

In her latest, *The Box*, she stars with James Marsden as the other half of a couple who receives a box containing a button: if the cash-strapped pair presses the button, they'll come into some serious cash—but with grave consequences.

Diaz told *ScreenCrave.com* she was attracted to the film because of the existential side of the moral question it posed. "We push a button

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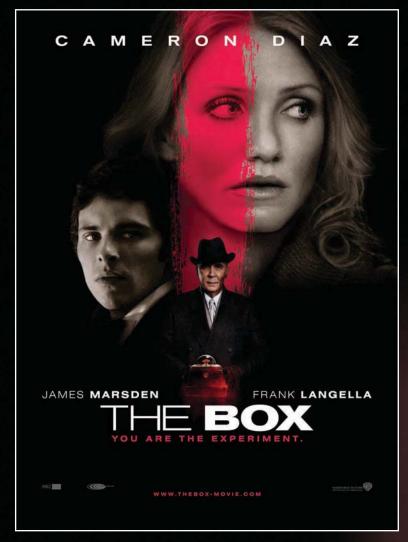
-Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski



UPCOMING FILMS: Shrek Forever After (2010) The Box (2009)

Selected Filmography:

My Sister's Keeper What Happens in Vegas In Her Shoes Vanilla Sky Shrek Charlie's Angels There's Something About Mary My Best Friend's Wedding The Mask



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BIRTHDAY: July 26, 1964

HOMETOWN: Arlington, Virginia SOCIAL STATUS: Married to Jesse James

In the mid-1990s, SANDRA BULLOCK became Hollywood's fresh-faced sweetheart after she starred in *Speed* and *While You Were Sleeping*. Fifteen years later, Bullock is Hollywood royalty: her films have topped the box office worldwide, making her one of the richest female celebrities in the world.



Except she's not exactly married to a prince. On July 16, 2005, Bullock said "I do" to *Monster Garage* motorcycle builder and outlaw descendent Jesse James, and the down-to-earth couple spend a lot of time riding dirt bikes and having decidedly low-brow fun.

"Right now, I'm kind of getting into my childhood," 44-year-old Bullock told *Harper's Bazaar*. "I didn't have a teenage or early-20s experience that was free or without worry. I missed the 'screw-everything, have-a-good-time' phase. I was worried that if I didn't stay on track and work, work, work, I was never going to accomplish anything. Now I'm trying to have fun and have the freedom to do nothing."

She does keep busy, though. Bullock recently starred in *The Proposal*, alongside Canadian-born talent Ryan Reynolds, who played the younger assistant to Bullock's character; she proposes to him in an effort to avoid deportation. (Reynolds told *Harper's Bazaar* Bullock is "the ultimate catch, no matter what—age, particularly with her, is completely irrelevant.")

In Bullock's classic comedic form, she also stars in *All About Steve*, in which her lovesick character trails a cameraman (Bradley Cooper) around the country when she realizes that "he's the one." She is also a producer.

Bullock's latest film is the bio-pic *The Blind Side*. It's about Michael Oher, an offensive lineman for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens who rose to football stardom despite an impoverished upbringing. Bullock plays his adoptive mother.

-Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski

UPCOMING FILMS: The Blind Side (2009) All About Steve (2009)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY:

The Proposal Premonition Infamous The Lake House Crash Two Weeks Notice Miss Congeniality Practical Magic Hope Floats A Time to Kill Speed

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BIRTHDAY: May 12, 1978 AKER HOMETOWN: Stockholm, Sweden, raised in Toronto, Canada SOCIAL STATUS: Married to musician Roberto Zincone

Canadian star MALIN AKERMAN has no problem being dubbed the next Cameron Diaz. "I do see a similarity between us and I am so flattered," she says. "But I definitely want a wide range of films." But rom-coms have been good to Akerman, whose role in *The Heartbreak Kid* was her big break in Hollywood. She's also starred in 27 Dresses, *The Proposal, Watchmen*, and will also be appearing in the upcoming film *Couples Retreat*.

UPCOMING FILMS: The Bang Bang Club (2010), Elektra Luxx (2010), Couples Retreat (2009)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY: Watchmen, 27 Dresses, The Heartbreak Kid





BIRTHDAY: July 18, 1980 HOMETOWN: Huntington Woods, Michigan SOCIAL STATUS: Dating actor Dax Shepard

BELL

It's a case of déjà-vu for KRISTEN BELL. For the second time in her acting career, she'll be escaping relationship woes by whisking away to a tropical island paradise. She did it once in *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, the film that established her as a big-screen actor, and she'll be doing it again in the comedy *Couples Retreat*. The actress, who played Veronica Mars for three seasons of the hit TV show, will also be lending her voice in this year's anime flick, *Astro Boy*.

UPCOMING FILMS: Couples Retreat (2009), Astro Boy (voice) (2009), When in Rome (2010) SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY: Serious Moonlight, Fanboys, Forgetting Sarah Marshall



BIRTHDAY: February 23, 1965 HOMETOWN: Boulder, Colorado SOCIAL STATUS: Dating celebrity photographer Russell James

Best known for her character Charlotte York in *Sex and The City*, KRISTIN DAVIS epitomizes the classic feminine role. "At one point [I was] offered this part to play a drug-dealing, gun-selling butch lady," says Davis. "I was like, 'Is this a joke? I can't do that!" Davis is used to relationship-type roles, so she won't be stepping too far out of her comfort zone in *Couples Retreat*, where she'll play one-half of a dysfunctional couple who isn't completely faithful to her husband.

UPCOMING FILMS: Sex and the City 2 (2010), Couples Retreat (2009) SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY: Sex and the City: The Movie, Deck the Halls, The Shaggy Dog

—Sarah Bradbury

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Robert Pattinson, Kellan Lutz and Jackson Rathbone pose like the vampire brothers they are in the upcoming New *Moon*. The guys celebrated their film *Twilight* as it cleaned house, winning numerous awards including Choice Movie Drama. Pattinson, of course, won It's no surprise that *Twilight* was the fan favourite at this Choice Movie Actor. year's Teen Choice Awards show in Los Angeles. The Drama for his role as favourite vamp film won 11 awards including Best Drama, Edward Cullen. and stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart won Best



Teen

Choice Awards

Actor and Actress in a Movie Drama. The 11th annual awards were hosted by the Jonas Brothers, who gave out their iconic surfboard trophies to all the winners. -Toni-Marie Ippolito

Bandslam star Vanessa Hudgens may have been the butt of comedian Dane Cook's jokes about some pictures of her, but was all smiles at the event as she supported her longtime beau Zac Efron.

> Zac Efron took the honours for Choice

Movie Actor, Music/ Dance for High School Musical 3: Senior Year.

Kristen Stewart, who sported her shaggy Joan Jett rock star haircut (she recently filmed a movie with Dakota Fanning based on Jett's first band The Runaways) won Choice Movie Actress, Drama for Twilight and Choice Movie Liplock with her costar and rumoured real-life love Robert Pattinson. also for Twilight.



Miley Cyrus presented Britney Spears with the Ultimate Choice Award. Cyrus, who calls Spears her hero, took home six awards, including Choice Movie Hissy Fit and Actress, Music/Dance in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*, and for her music single "The Climb."

Taylor Lautner won Choice Movie Fresh Face, Male for *Twilight*. Lautner is pumped up (literally!) in the upcoming *New Moon* as Jacob the wolf, and is ready to work on the third installment of the *Twilight* saga, *Eclipse*, which is set for next spring.

> Transformers star Megan Fox won for Choice Hottie along with *Twilight's* Robert Pattinson. Fox shows no sign of slowing down and is set to sizzle on the big screen next in *Jennifer's Body* as a possessed cheerleader who preys on boys.

Our favourite *Gossip Girl*, **Leighton Meester**, won for Choice **TV** Actress, Drama for her role as Blair Waldorf. Watch for Meester to also heat up the big screen in her movies *Date Night* and *The Roommate* next year.

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Ed Westwick won Choice TV Villain for his role as Chuck Bass on *Gossip Girl*.

> The Jonas Brothers collectively won Choice TV Actor, Comedy, for Jonas.

Movies HOTELICKS Check out these hot films for fall!



SORORITY ROW

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September 18 Thriller Megan Fox, Amanda Seyfried, Adam Brody, J.K. Simmons

When high school hottie Jennifer (Fox) is possessed by a hungry demon, she begins feeding off the boys in her Minnesota farming town. It's up to her plain-Jane best friend, Needy (Seyfried), to kill Jennifer, escape a correctional facility, and go after lead singer Nikolai (Brody) and his Satan-worshipping rock band responsible for the transformation.

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ZOMBIELAND

October 2 Comedy Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Abigail Breslin, Emma Stone, Amber Heard

Columbus (Eisenberg) has made a habit of running from what scares him, while Tallahassee (Harrelson) doesn't have fears—if he did, he'd kick their ever-living ass. In a world overrun by zombies, these two are perfectly evolved survivors. But now, they're about to stare down the most terrifying prospect of all: each other.

ASTRO BOY

October 23 Action

Freddie Highmore, Nicolas Cage, Kristen Bell Set in futuristic Metro City, *Astro Boy* is about a young robot with incredible powers created by a brilliant scientist named Tenma (Cage). Powered by positive "blue" energy, Astro Boy (Highmore) has super strength, X-ray vision, unbelievable speed and the ability to fly. Learning his friends and family are in danger, Astro Boy marshals his powers and returns to Metro City in a valiant effort to save everything he cares about and to understand what it takes to be a hero.



Interview

SORORITY ROW

Rumer Willis and Audrina Patridge run from blood and gore in their upcoming horror film

Five girls get themselves in a heap of trouble when they accidently cause the murder of one of their sisters in a sorority prank. But just when they thought they'd put it out of their minds forever, a mysterious killer threatens to kill them all.

Co-stars Rumer Willis (*The House Bunny*) and Audrina Patridge (*The Hills*) sat down with *Tribute's* Bonnie-Laufer Krebs in Toronto recently to dish on what scares them most and what it was like to work on set with a cast of girls.

How horror movie-savvy are you? Do you even like scary movies? Patridge: I loved horror films growing up. I love being scared and jumping, hiding under the covers. It's the kind of thing that when you watch one, you can't sleep alone or be alone. They do really freak me out but for some reason I really love that!

What was the first movie that you remember that totally freaked you out?

Willis: My dad [Bruce Willis] showed me *The Exorcist* when I was younger. Not the whole thing, just some of it, but I remember being really scared and I made him leave the lights on all night. But I do love going to the theatre and just jumping in fright and watching the whole audience being scared is loads of fun too.

Sorority Row is a re-imagining of a film that was made just over twenty years ago. Were you familiar with the original movie? Patridge: No, when I first read the script I immediately went out and rented the original, which came out in 1983 and is called *The House on* Sorority Row. I thought it was so cool! It was a college movie and it seemed fun, but the Sorority Row that we have made now is a little different.



In what way?

Willis: I had never seen the original, and they told us that they'd prefer that we not watch it once we got on set, but what I like about our film is that even though there are some pretty scary moments, ours has a lot of comedy in it. In a lot of horror movies it's usually just gore and I feel like we have a really good mix.

Patridge: Ours is very suspenseful it keeps you guessing.You don't know who the killer is and, like Rumer said, there are some great comedic moments.

There are six female leads in this movie. What was that like with all of you on set at once?

Willis: We really bonded. We had a fantastic time making this movie. From the first couple of nights we were all hanging out together, we became friends.

Patridge: There was no cattiness or bitching. The first night a few of us went out salsa dancing and got to know each other. Going into it you think, "Oh no, there's going to be six girls, how is that going to work?"

This film is about a prank that goes really wrong, and Rumer, has Ashton Kutcher ever "Punk'd" you?

Willis: (laughs) He actually tested one out on me once, but he never really

made me the victim of his *Punk'd* antics. I always wanted him to but he has a rule: no family members get punk'd. I have to say my whole family just likes playing tricks on each other so we have a good time, although we all have to keep on our toes.

Can we expect some good kills and good gore in this movie?

Patridge: For sure, you will not be disappointed! There's loads of good gore. You're going to jump and have a great time. It's funny, because when you are filming it you don't realize how scary it's going to look.

Willis: Yeah, so when you see it on the screen you are like, "Wow! This is pretty scary stuff."



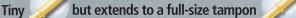






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London, Ontario native RACHEL MCADAMS once turned down a Bond-girl role in Casino Royale because she wanted to focus on "other projects." "I'm not going to make movies just to make movies," McAdams admitted to Elle. "I have to be passionate about it. And at the same time, I can get very distracted when I'm working, and I like to get back to my life a lot."

McAdams' star rose quickly when she appeared in a barrage of blockbuster films that included her first major role in Mean Girls, in which she played a cruel high-school clique leader training the unpopular character of Lindsay Lohan to be mean. This afforded McAdams the opportunity to play one of her most memorable roles yet, in the heart-wrenching love story The Notebook, costarring Canadian hunk Ryan Gosling (with whom McAdams had a long-term romance).

But romance aside, McAdams pushed her abilities as an actress to play the action heroine in Red Eye, and tackled comedy once again in the smash hit Wedding Crashers. Next, she proved she could hold her own in a stellar ensemble cast including Diane Keaton, Claire Danes, Sarah Jessica Parker and Luke Wilson in The Family Stone.

"When Wedding Crashers came out, everyone was hyped up, calling Rachel the new It Girl," Tom Bezucha, director of The Family Stone, told Elle. "I felt anxious about that because it's so diminishing to her talent. You get the impulse—you want to put her in everything. But her selectiveness shows wisdom greater than her years about her place in the industry. She's very purposeful in sidestepping Hollywood. She has the opportunity to be this huge, huge movie star, but in her heart she's a character actress."

This year, she also lit up the screen as the luminous Claire Abshire in the epic romance The Time Traveler's Wife, and will show her grit in Sherlock Holmes this December as Irene Adler, the only woman to ever get the better of the famed detective, who is played by Robert Downey Jr.

—Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski

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UPCOMING FILMS: Morning Glory (2010)

Sherlock Holmes (2009)

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY:

The Time Traveler's Wife *State of Play* The Family Stone Red Eye Wedding Crashers The Notebook Mean Girls The Hot Chick

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BIRTHDAY: February 11, 1969 HOMETOWN: Sherman Oaks, California SOCIAL STATUS: Single



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JENNIFER ANISTON struggled in the

early '90s to make it as a television star, and briefly considered giving up acting after participating in one too many cancelled shows. Then *Friends* came her way, and Aniston became a television sweetheart: she won an Emmy, a Screen Actor's Guild Award and a Golden Globe, and played the iconic role of Rachel for a decade.

She then dabbled with roles on the big screen, and found success with *The Object* of *My Affection* (1998) and *Office Space* (1999). Her next accomplishment was to land Hollywood heartthrob Brad Pitt. The two were married in 2000, but split in 2005 amid rumors of Pitt's infidelity with Angelina Jolie.

Having to go through the breakup in public wasn't something Aniston wanted. "I wish it weren't in front of the world. I try really hard to rise above it," she told *Vanity Fair*. And rise above it she did. At 40, she's hotter than ever (did we mention that now-famous nearly nude *GQ* cover?) and has had a few high-profile relationships—with actor Vince Vaughan, model Paul Sculfor and singer John Mayer.

After starring in a slew of movies, Aniston got her first major hit with 2008's *Marley* & *Me*, opposite Owen Wilson, which was a holiday hit. She then followed up with *He's Just Not That Into You*, as part of an ensemble cast including Ben Affleck, Bradley Cooper,

Scarlett Johansson, Jennifer Connelly and Drew Barrymore.

Aniston's upcoming movies show her evolution as a talented and diverse actress. They also happen to be with some of the hottest leading men. In her next film, *Love Happens*, costarring Aaron Eckhart, Aniston plays a florist who struggles with her attraction to a man (Eckhart) she meets at a seminar. She'll also star with Jason Bateman in *The Baster* and with Gerard Butler in *The Bounty*.

-Marissa Stapley-Ponikowski



UPCOMING FILMS: The Baster (2010) The Bounty (2009) Love Happens (2009)

Selected Filmography:

He's Just Not That Into You Marley & Me The Break–Up Friends with Money Rumor Has It Derailed Bruce Almighty The Good Girl Rock Star

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September 11 Thriller Kate Beckinsale, Gabriel Macht

Carrie Stetko (Beckinsale), the lone U.S. Marshal assigned to Antarctica, is investigating the continent's first murder, which draws her into a shocking mystery. Now, with only three days until winter, Carrie must solve the crime before Antarctica is plunged into darkness and she is stranded with the killer.

ARMORED

September 18 Action Matt Dillon, Jean Reno, Laurence Fishburne, Milo Ventimiglia

A crew of officers at an armored transport security firm decides to risk their lives by embarking on the ultimate heist—against their own company. Armed with a seemingly foolproof plan, the men prepare to make off with a fortune, no harm done. But when an unexpected witness interferes, the plan quickly unravels and all bets are off.

September 18 Thriller

Megan Fox, Amanda Seyfried, Adam Brody

Matt Damon, Scott Bakula, Joel McHale The vice-president of an agri-industry giant, Mark Whitacre (Damon), turns on his own company to expose its multinational price-fixing conspiracy to the FBI. But with Whitacre's ever-changing accusations, it becomes almost impossible for the agents to decipher what is real and what is the product of his rambling imagination. Based on the true story of the highest-ranking corporate

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CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

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Inspired by the beloved children's book, the film focuses

on a town where food falls from the sky like rain.

September 18 Comedy

THE INFORMANT! September 18 Comedy

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LOVE HAPPENS

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September 18 Drama

Aaron Eckhart, Jennifer Aniston, Dan Fogler

Therapist Dr. Burke Ryan (Eckhart) sets off on a business trip to Seattle to promote his book about coping with loss that has turned him into a best-selling self-help guru. But the troubled widower can't seem to take his own advice. Eloise Chandler (Aniston) has sworn off men and decided to focus on her floral business. But when the two meet at one of his seminars, there's an instant attraction. Will two people who have met the right person at exactly the wrong time be able to give love another chance?

PANDORUM

September 18 Horror

Dennis Quaid, Ben Foster, Cam Gigandet

Two astronauts awaken in a hyper-sleep chamber aboard a seemingly abandoned spacecraft, disoriented and unable to remember anything—who they are, or what their mission is. As Corporal Bower (Foster) ventures deeper and deeper through a narrow airshaft to find a way out, he begins to uncover a terrifying reality and deadly secrets that hinge on the survival of mankind.

SPLICE

September 18 Horror

Adrien Brody, Sarah Polley, David Hewlett

Clive (Brody) and Elsa (Polley) specialize in splicing together DNA from different animals to create fantastical new hybrids. When they successfully create a hybrid, the result is Dren, a creature exhibiting an array of unexpected developments, both physical and intellectual, which not only exceeds their wildest dreams, but also their most terrifying nightmares.

THE REBOUND

September 18 Comedy Catherine Zeta-Jones, Justin Bartha

In New York City, a single mom (Zeta-Jones) captivates her new neighbor, a much younger man (Bartha).

BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT

September 25 Thriller Jesse Metcalfe, Amber Tamblyn, Michael Douglas, Joel David Moore, Orlando Jones

High-profile lawyer Martin Hunter (Douglas) has an impeccable record of putting criminals behind bars, but ambitious rookie journalist C.J. Nicholas (Metcalfe) suspects Hunter of tampering with evidence to win his cases. In a risky game of cat and mouse, Nicholas frames himself for murder to catch the corrupt D.A. in the act. As mounting evidence stacks up against both men, Hunter's assistant Ella Crystal (Tamblyn) discovers incriminating proof that puts the fate of Hunter's reputation as well as Nicholas's innocence in her hands.

BRIGHT STAR

September 25 Drama Ben Whishaw, Abbie Cornish

London 1818: a secret love affair begins between English poet John Keats (Whishaw) and the girl next door, Fanny Browne (Cornish), an outspoken student of high fashion. This unlikely pair begins at odds, he thinking her a stylish minx, and she unimpressed by his poetry. But when Fanny hears that John is caring for his seriously ill younger brother, his poetry soon becomes a romantic remedy that works not only to sort out their differences, but also to fuel a passionate love affair.



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COCO AVANT CHANEL

September 25 Drama

Audrey Tautou, Alessandro Nivola, Emmanuelle Devos This film tells the story of Coco Chanel, who turned her natural talent as a dressmaker into the creation of clothing that became a symbol of independence as well as elegance.

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IT MIGHT GET LOUD

September 25 Documentary

Jimmy Page, Jack White, The Edge

It Might Get Loud tells the personal stories, in their own words, of three generations of electric guitar virtuosos— The Edge (U2), Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) and Jack White (The White Stripes).

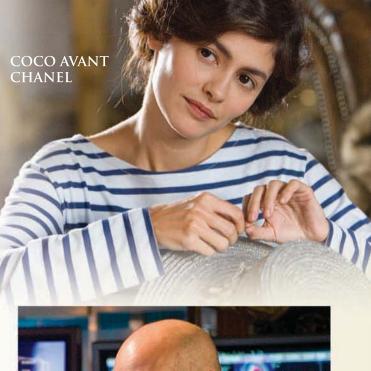
THE INVENTION OF LYING

September 25 Comedy Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Rob Lowe, Jonah Hill, Tina Fey, Jason Bateman

In an alternate reality where lying doesn't exist, everyone speaks the truth—and nothing but the truth. But when a down-on-his-luck loser named Mark (Gervais) suddenly develops the ability to lie, he finds that dishonesty has its rewards.



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SURROGATES

September 25 Thriller Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell, Rosamund Pike, Ving Rhames

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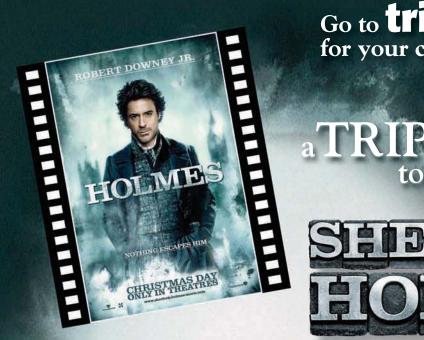
October 2 Comedy Ellen Page, Drew Barrymore

A rebellious Texas teen named Bliss (Page) throws in her small town beauty pageant crown for the rowdy world of roller derby.

ZOMBIELAND

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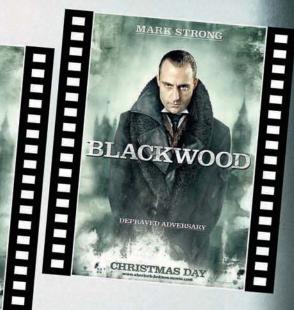
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Test your knowledge of Hollywood's leading ladies

1. Rachel McAdams was considered for a role in which 2006 hit film?

- a) Vesper Lynd in Casino Royale
- b) Agent Sophie in The Da Vinci Code
- c) Lois Lane in Superman Returns

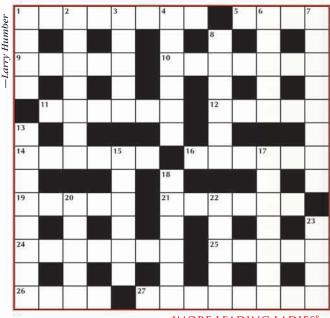
2. At age 11, one of these actresses had her artwork displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Which one?

- a) Rachel McAdams
- b) Scarlett Johansson
- c) Jennifer Aniston

3. Which stunning actress was the lead singer of the rock band The Petalstones?

- a) Drew Barrymore
- b) Malin Akerman
- c) Kate Beckinsale

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ACROSS

- 1 _____ Side is a recent release starring 11 Across
- 5 Wilson who co-starred with Love Happens star Jennifer Aniston in Marley & Me
- 9 Follows best known for her portrayal of Anne of Green Gables
- 10 Couples _____ features Kristen Bell, Kristin Davis and Toronto-raised Malin Akerman
- 11 Bullock of 1 Across and Crash

"MORE LEADING LADIES"

- 12 Improvise, as many good actors do
- 14 Kristin Davis will soon return in Sex ____ City
- 16 The Box star Cameron Diaz played alongside this screen legend in Any Given Sunday
- 19 Long-ago screen siren Bow
- 21 Ricky Gervais directs 25 Across, is also known for this hit British TV series
- 24 Kate Beckinsale plays a U.S. ____ in Whiteout

- 4. Kristin Davis is the only one of her Sex and The City co-stars to guest-star on which show?
- a) Friends
- b) Will & Grace
- c) Frasier
- 5. Which of these actresses has a motorcycle license?
- a) Megan Fox
- b) Kristen Bell
- c) Cameron Diaz

6. This actress was a trained ballerina who danced in Swan Lake and the Nutcracker Suite.

- a) Charlize Theron
- b) Kristen Bell
- c) Kate Winslet

MATCH THEM UP

Match the leading lady to the film for which they won an Academy Award.

- 1. Charlize Theron
- 2. Meryl Streep
- 3. Halle Berry
- 4. Nicole Kidman
- 5. Reese Witherspoon
- 25 Jennifer Garner stars in The Invention of
- 26 Whoopi Goldberg led a choir of _____ in Sister Act
- 27 Howard who co-starred with Bullock in Crash

DOWN

- 1 Rachel McAdams stars in recent releases Sherlock Holmes and The Traveler's Wife
- 2 Beckinsale may play an American, but she hails from this country
- 3 Creased
- 4 Toronto-born director Jewison (or, the character played by Diaz in The Box, less the last letter)
- 6 Somebody important is a big
- 7 McAdams and Ryan Gosling
- hooked up in the 2004 film The_
- 8 Dan Aykroyd hails from this Ontario city
- 13 Akerman starred in this 2009 smash, based on a



DOWN: 1. TIME, 2.

18 Mann who plays Laura in Adam Sandler's latest,

a) Walk the Line

b) Monster's Ball

c) Sophie's Choice

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15 Late film star Ledger, and

17 Charlize Theron is back

2003's The Job

d) The Hours

e) Monster

- Funny People 20 Eckhart who falls for
- Aniston in Love Happens 22 Liv _____ starred in
- Armageddon, then in Reign Over Me
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Take a step up or step down? Postpone that and any other major decisions now. Instead, just keep fine-tuning that ideal career scenario, and by month's end you'll know what direction you want it to take. Meanwhile, friends are supportive and there could be a new romance ahead.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY. 21)

Get ready to star in your own true-life romance. Love scenes heat up and a call for commitment may take a surprising turn. Your career ambitions are stalled, though, and there's not much you can do but wait it out. Your big comeback is due—and soon. Enjoy a weekend getaway late in the month.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Instead of back-to-the-grind, you're just puttering around, wasting time. Don't fight it: hit the links, try a new wardrobe,whatever you enjoy. Doing so puts you on your game to re-enter the rat race next month. As this month wanes, a burst of ambition plus a desire for selfimprovement could prompt you to sign up for a night class.

EANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

Your favorite things come into focus: home and those near and dear. Lend a hand to someone younger heading off to school. You know just the right words to boost anyone's self-esteem. Mid-month, a hobby or pastime shows promise of becoming a cash cow. For now, just explore the new pastures it opens up. **CATHERINE ZETA-JONES** – LIBRA, SEPT. 25, 1969, SWANSEA, WALES Libra ladies tend to be classic stunners with brains, and Catherine is no exception. Her talent is undeniable, being a trained singer and dancer and Academy Award-winning actress. Like many of her sign, she has a gritty side under the glam facade and a reputation for being a prima donna. Her chart shows hard work ahead, and she will be torn between caring for her two children and her career. They and husband Michael Douglas may not see much of her, as she is slated to appear in at least three major productions through 2010.

STAR STRUCK What the stars have planned for you

(JULY 23 - AUG. 23)

Venus in your sign until the 19th helps you apply the Law of Attraction—which means you can draw in a new job or other opportunity, but defer from making any life-altering decisions until next month. By month's end, though, you're ready to pull together.

VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Saturn, planet of life lessons, is about to leave your sign. Before it does there could be some drama, including a decision to cast a new romantic lead. Some extra expenses could arise, especially if you have children. But after the 20th, you're able to put some of your know-how to profitable use.

🗱 LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Summer's end, and it's back to work. The pace will be just short of frantic, and you'll have to make an extra effort to find some downtime. The bread you earlier cast upon romantic waters comes in at full tide. Someone who was previously a friend could want to switch roles. If the affair looks too complicated, though, walk away.

💮 SCORPIO (oct. 24 - nov. 22)

The career stress eases, and you finally have time to think. Use it to rewrite the scenario of your life more to your liking. Clarify your goals and be ready to seize a sudden opportunity. A showdown with someone close may be inevitable late in the month. But when it's over, at least you'll know where you stand.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV.23-DEC.21) Single-minded Saturn, a tough coach, lingers in your career house. Get ready to shoulder more responsibility, like it or not. But if you haven't found your ideal niche yet, it could happen this month. Once you hear from faraway friends, you'll enjoy taking a spur-ofthe-moment trip late in the month.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 20)

Thie is your month to reap the fruits of past labors. You may finally get the rewards you crave. Just keep your options open and delay signing any big contracts until next month. The pace of your social life picks up, and your charm wins the day. A sudden attraction is riveting at month's end.

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You don't like to think about money. But a long-term problem may have to be addressed and you'll find the devil is in the details, such as sticking to a budget and saving receipts. Meanwhile, Venus adds a romantic touch to your house of partners, with Mars providing a welcome undercurrent of passion.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MAR. 20)

You have energy for the game, the pace of which quickens this month. Slow down and double-check your work, though, lest an error trip you up. Venus brings helpful people your way most of the month. And you and someone close discover few words are needed to reach a complete understanding.

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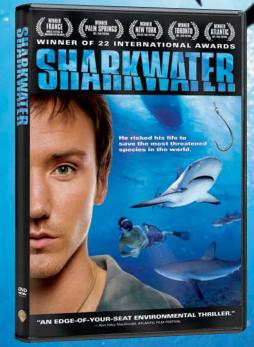
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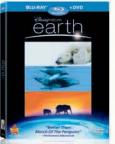
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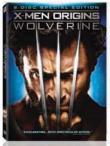
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X-MEN ORIGINS: WOLVERINE September 15

This is the story of Wolverine's (Hugh Jackman) epically violent and romantic past, his complex relationship with his brother Victor Creed, and the ominous Weapon X program led by William Stryker (Danny Huston). Along the

way, Wolverine encounters many mutants, both familiar and new, including surprise appearances by several legends of the X-Men universe including Bolt (Dominic Monaghan), Gambit (Taylor Kitsch) and Wade Wilson/ Deadpool (Ryan Reynolds).

tribute.ca user reviews $\star \star \star \star \star$ "Wolverine is one of the best X-Men movies yet" "Intense storyline. Loved Gambit and Deadpool!"

THE PROPOSAL

October 13

When high-powered book editor Margaret (Sandra Bullock) faces deportation to her native Canada, the quick-thinking exec declares that she's actually engaged to her unsuspecting, put-upon assistant Andrew (Ryan Reynolds), whom she's tormented



for years. He agrees to participate in the charade, but with a few conditions of his own. With an impromptu wedding in the works and an immigration official on their tails, Margaret and Andrew reluctantly vow to stick to the plan despite the precarious consequences.

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"What a great movie! It was sooo funny!" "Sandra and Ryan are perfect. Great date night movie."

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GHOSTS OF GIRLFRIENDS PAST September 15

Celebrity photographer Connor Mead (Matthew McConaughey) is a committed bachelor who thinks nothing of breaking up with multiple women on a conference call. But just when he's about to put a



damper on his kid brother's upcoming nuptials, he is visited by the ghosts of his former jilted girlfriends, who take him on a revealing journey through his failed relationships—past, present and future. Together they attempt to find out what turned Connor into such an insensitive jerk and whether there is still hope for him to find true love with a special woman (Jennifer Garner).

tribute.ca user reviews $\star \star \star \star \star$ "Much funnier than I was expecting." "Wonderful movie! Has some very touching moments!"



MONSTERS VS. ALIENS September 29

When California girl Susan Murphy (Reese Witherspoon) is unwittingly clobbered by a meteor full of outer space gunk on her wedding day, she mysteriously grows to 49 feet 11 inches tall and is captured by the

military. There, she is renamed Ginormica and placed in confinement with a ragtag group of other monsters: Dr. Cockroach, Ph.D.; The Missing Link; the B.O.B.; and the 350-foot grub called Insectosaurus. Their confinement is cut short when they're called up to save the world from imminent destruction by an evil alien.

tribute.ca user reviews $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ "This is the best movie I have ever seen!" "Moved a little slow but very funny for all ages."

FRINGE: THE COMPLETE FIRST SEASON September 8

Teleportation. Mind control. Invisibility. Astral projection. Mutation. Reanimation. Phenomena that exist on the Fringe of science unleash their strange powers in this thrilling series, co-created by J.J. Abrams (*Lost, Alias*), combining the grit of the police procedural with the excitement of the unknown. The story revolves around three unlikely colleagues – a beautiful young FBI agent, a brilliant scientist who's spent the last 17 years in a mental institution and the scientist's sardonic son – who investigate a series of bizarre deaths and disasters

known as "the pattern." Someone is using our world as an experimental lab. And all clues lead to Massive Dynamic, a shadowy global corporation that may be more powerful than any nation.



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LAST TAKE

You voted at **tribute.ca** and here's what you think about Michael Jackson.

What's your favorite Michael Jackson song?

Thriller (29%) Billie Jean (22%) Beat It (12%) Man in the Mirror (9%) Th e Way You Make Me Feel (9%) Black and White (8%) Ben (4%) Rock With You (3%) Bad (2%) Pretty Young Thing (2%)





Did you buy Michael Jackson's songs after his death?

No, I'm not a fan (40%) No, I already owned them all (23%) Not yet, but I plan to (18%) Yes, at a record store (10%) Yes, by digital download (10%)

Who should get custody of Michael Jackson's children?

His mother, Katherine Jackson (36%)

One of his siblings (26%) Debbie Rowe (22%) Diana Ross (9%) An anonymous non-celebrity (7%)



Tribute.ca's Top 10 Celebrity Searches

1. Michael Jackson

- 2. Robert Pattinson
- 3. Kristen Stewart
- 4. Taylor Lautner
- 5. Johnny Depp
- 6. Gerard Butler
- 7. Brad Pitt
- 8. Channing Tatum
- 9. Zac Efron
- 10. Angelina Jolie

MICHAEL JACKSON'S POPULARITY RISE\$!

It has been almost three months since Michael Jackson died, and while family members of the late pop star are still at war with the executors of his estate and questions about paternity of his children still loom, there's no doubt that the beloved King of Pop is more popular dead than in the last few years of his life.

According to reports, Jackson's estate has already earned an estimated \$100 million through a film deal (which will also include the rehearsal footage of his final days) and various merchandising contracts, and the executors expect another \$100 million to roll in by the end of the year. This will undoubtedly clear out Jackson's estimated \$400 million debt, incurred while he was alive due to his notorious freespending ways. "Clearly that's a new record for estates that likely will not be broken," said Jackson's lawyer, John G. Branca, to the New York Times.

In fact, many speculate that at this rate Jackson's estate will roll in more money each year than the late King of Rock 'n' Roll, Elvis Presley's, which generated \$55 million last year.

But the Jackson family is still arguing over control of Michael's estate—including Katherine Jackson, who was recently awarded full custody of Jackson's children, Paris, Prince Michael and Blanket, and who is a beneficiary of 40 per cent of her son's estate.

Jackson's estate has been valued at several hundred million dollars, which includes a 50 per cent stake in Sony/ATV, a music publishing partnership that includes the rights to the Beatles catalog, his own music catalog and Neverland Ranch.

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