

# The View From The Projection Box

Hi and welcome to another "view from the projection box". We've got some smashing films coming to The Ritz soon so let's get straight into the action with a western. A contemporary western in the style of "The Unforgiven". The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford, stars Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck. Robert Ford (Affleck) joins Jesse James' (Pitt) gang, only to become resentful of the legendary outlaw and hatch a plan to kill James, the fastest gun in the west.

Another classic film genre is the gangster movie and in *We Own the Night*, a New York nightclub manager tries to save his brother and father from Russian Mafia hit men. Joaquin Phoenix stars.

Thursday 14 February is of course Valentine's Day and for just two days we are showing the original *Grease* – if you've only seen it on TV come and see it properly on the big screen ... go greased lightening!

Half term starts on 15 February and we have a film for all the family from The Walt Disney Studios – *Enchanted*. The film centres on a princess-in-waiting who is banished from a classical animation world by a vainglorious Queen and dumped into a modern-day, live action Manhattan.

Moving into March and a film I'm really looking forward to – *The Bucket List*. On the face of it, it sounds a bit depressing; two terminally ill men escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they "kick the bucket". The list includes sky-diving, climbing mountains, driving fast cars and visiting the Taj Mahal.

Two great actors – Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson (I can see that manic grin now) should ensure a super film and I hear it received a standing ovation at a preview in Hollywood recently.

I'm running out of space so, briefly; *Blade Runner*, a new director's cut and Johnny Depp in *Sweeney Todd*. The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, based on the hit Broadway musical – something for everyone we hope.



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