

BOLLYWOOD

The countdown continues into the month of November and we bring you the remainder of the movies about to be released that you may not want to miss. Get the popcorn, chill that wine, sit back and relax.



HAR PALL (Release date: Late October or November)

Preity Zinta has been really busy with her successful business ventures of late, including her role in IPL cricket, but now she seems to be back in business. *Har Pall* is a romantic love story in which she stars opposite *Shiney Ahuja*. The film is about how every moment counts in love. The cast includes *Isha Koppi-kar* and *Dharmendra* and sees *Preity's* return to romance after some heavy-duty performances in *The Last Lear* and *Heaven on Earth*.

BILLO BARBER (Release date: November 7th)

Village life and the glamour of Bollywood collide in *Billo Barber*, *Priyadarshan's* next offering. The movie stars *Irrfan Khan* in the title role, *Lara Dutta* as his wife, and *Shah Rukh Khan* in a pivotal role. *Billo Barber* is the story of a poor village barber (*Irrfan*) and his old friend (*Shah Rukh*), who comes back to town as a superstar. *Kareena Kapoor* and *Deepika Padukone* also make guest appearances.

DOSTANA (Release date: November 14th)

This is yet another love story with the works - the beautiful scenery, the intricate storyline, the duet of the hero with the hero ... wait ... hero? Yes, hero! Two hunks, *John Abraham* and *Abhishek Bachchan*, lie their way into living with the girl both of them fancy - *Priyanka Chopra*. Of course, as they lie through the film pretending to be a gay couple, they get involved in quite a bit of hilarious trouble. Director *Tarun Mansukhani* and producer *Karan Johar* have experimented with something relatively untouched in Hindi cinema and time will tell how the movie fares at the box office.

AASHAYEIN (Release date: November 21st)

Director *Nagesh Kukunoor* is at the helm of *Aashayein*, a story about a gambler (*John Abraham*) who learns that he has only 90 days to live. He can now only hope for the

good things in life. The trials and tribulations and those small moments where life is truly beautiful make up the story of this interesting film. Let's hope that *John Abraham* steps up to the plate and delivers a wonderful performance.

YUVRAAJ (Release date: November 21st)

Subhash Ghai hasn't tasted success in quite a while, and is hoping to change things with this film. *Yuvraaj* is supposed to be about music, but nothing more has been revealed. The one thing to look forward to is that this is the first time *Ghai* has worked with *Salman Khan* and it is highly possible that we will see *Salman* in a totally different role. Joining him are *Anil Kapoor*, *Katrina Kaif*, *Zayed Khan*, and *Boman Irani*. The score of the film has been provided by *A.R. Rahman*, so if all else goes wrong, expect a dynamite soundtrack from the maestro who always gives his best.

TOONPUR KA SUPERHERO (Release date: November)

This exciting film directed by newcomer *Kireet Khurana* is a mixture of animation and live action, starring *Ajay Devgan* and *Kajol*. The story is about a film actor (*Ajay* as himself) who falls into the cartoon world and while there becomes a superhero. Very intriguing! With about 60% animation, it is something never seen before in Bollywood and we can't wait to see how it turns out!

KAMBAKTH ISHQ (Release date: December 5th)

Starring *Akshay Kumar* and *Kareena Kapoor* in lead roles, this movie promises to be quite the entertainer. Special cameos by *Sylvester Stallone* and *Denise Richards* are definitely going to give people something to talk about. The movie is a romantic comedy along with the usual movie drama. Newcomer *Saabir Khan* directs and *Saajid Nadiwala's* banner backs him up. Let's see if *Kareena* and *Akshay* can show great chemistry after *Tashan*.

RAB NE BANA DI JODI (Release date: December 12th)

This is the last of *YRF's* outings for this year, and is probably the most anticipated. *Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi* reunites two powerful names, *Shah Rukh Khan* and *Aditya Chopra*, after 8 long years. Appearing opposite *SRK* will be newcomer *Anushka Sharma*, a model from Bangalore. *YRF* is keeping this movie tightly under wraps, and all we know is that *SRK* will be donning many different looks for this film. It's a perfect way to round out the year!

GHAJINI (Release date: December 25th)

Directed by *A.R. Murugadoss* and starring *Surya Sivakumar*, this movie was the biggest hit of 2005 in Kollywood (the booming Tamil film industry). Three years later, *Murugadoss* is ready to release one of the most anticipated movies of 2008, the remake of *Ghajini* for the Bollywood audience. What makes this project even more special is the fact that *Murugadoss* has roped in one of Bollywood's most versatile talents, *Aamir Khan*, for the lead role. The actor has been hard at work for the past year to get into the skin of his character, from shaving his head to buffing himself up. *Ghajini* traces the story of a man suffering from short term amnesia and his constant effort to avenge the death of his fiancé. The movie has Southern beauty, *Asin Thottumkal*, playing the lead actress and also stars *Jiah Khan* and *Mohit Alawat*. With music by *A R Rahman*, the movie is ready to hit the big screen this Christmas.

ALADDIN (Release date: December 26th)

After the big Disney hit, *Aladdin*, *Rohan Sippy* has decided to do a remake of it - Bollywood style. With *Riteish Deshmukh* taking the lead role as Aladdin with a new actress, *Jackie Fernandez*, this movie could be worth watching. Oh! Did we forget to mention that *Amitabh Bachchan* will be starring as the Genie?

Some release dates may have changed since this article was written.