

Terminator: Dark Fate, City of Lies and Fisherman's Friend

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Films opening in South African cinemas, this week, include a reboot of the *Terminator* franchise; *City of Lies*; *Fisherman's Friend*; *Marnie's World*; and *The Wedding Year*.

Terminator: Dark Fate

More than two decades have passed since Sarah Connor prevented Judgment Day, changed the future and re-wrote the fate of the human race. Dani Ramos (Natalia Reyes) is living a simple life in Mexico City with her brother (Diego Boneta) and father when a highly advanced and deadly new Terminator – a Rev-9 (Gabriel Luna) – travels back through time to hunt and kill her.

Dani's survival depends on her joining forces with two warriors: Grace (Mackenzie Davis), an enhanced super-soldier from the future, and a battle-hardened Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton). As the Rev-9 ruthlessly destroys everything and everyone in its path on the hunt for Dani, the three are led to a T-800 (Arnold Schwarzenegger) from Sarah's past that may be their last best hope.

Directed by Tim Miller (*Deadpool*) from a screenplay written by David Goyer (*The Dark Knight*, *Batman Begins*) and Justin Rhodes (*Contract Killers*, *RoboCop Returns*) and Billy Ray (*Captain Phillips*, *The Hunger Games*), story by James Cameron (*The Terminator*, *Avatar*) and Charles Eglee (*The Shield*, *The Walking Dead*) and Josh Friedman (*Emerald City*, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*), David Goyer and Justin Rhodes.

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City of Lies

Two hip-hop superstars were shot dead within six months of each other – Tupac on the evening of September 13, 1996, in Las Vegas and B.I.G.'s ambush in Los Angeles almost six months later to the day.

Based on author Randall Sullivan's acclaimed 2002 non-fiction book *Labyrinth*, is the compelling account of two broken men – played by Johnny Depp and Forest Whitaker – and their mutual hunt for the truth.

Set against the backdrop of LA's infamous rap culture and scandal and deception, it is a powerful tale that systematically unravels the reputation of the city's law enforcement, politics and justice system, while introducing us to a new kind of hero.

Brad Furman (*The Infiltrator*, *The Lincoln Lawyer*) directs the film from the 2015 *Hollywood Black List* screenplay by Christian Contreras.

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Fisherman's Friend

A fast-living, cynical London music executive (Danny Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen (led by James Purefoy).

He becomes the ultimate 'fish out of water' as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families (including Tuppence Middleton) who value friendship and community over fame and fortune. As he's drawn deeper into the traditional way of life he's forced to re-evaluate his own integrity and ultimately question what success really means.

A biographical comedy-drama directed by Chris Foggin from a screenplay by Nick Moorcroft, Meg Leonard and Piers Ashworth.

Marnie's World

In this German animated film from Christoph Lauenstein and Wolfgang Lauenstein, four crazy antiheroes on the run.

Their leader is the unworldly innocent, naive Marnie, a house cat who is not allowed to leave the house and only knows about real life from television. Based loosely on Grimms "The Bremen Town Musicians", a modern, hilarious road movie is told.

The Wedding Year

A commitment-phobic 27-year-old's relationship is put to the test when she and her boyfriend attend seven weddings in the same year.

Directed by Robert Luketic and starring Sarah Hyland, Tyler James Williams, Jenna Dewan, Matt Shively and Anna Camp.

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