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A1FILM – Preview of Top Films of 2012

The following are a list of the top five films of 2012, by category according to A1-CINEMA GENRE films and in order of date of release in the USA as per IMDB.com.

<u>1 – INTELLIGENT BLOCKBUSTERS</u>

<u>The Avengers</u> - Featuring an ensemble cast of thespians as Marvel Superheroes including Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man, Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye), Scarlett Johansson as Black Widow, Chris Hemsworth as Thor, Chris Evans as Captain America, Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury and Mark Ruffalo with the voice of Lou Ferringo as Hulk. (4 May)

<u>The Amazing Spider-man</u> - Reboot for the webslinger directed by Marc Webb (indeed), and starring Andrew Garfield from The Social Network about a certain Web-site, and also marks the Hollywood debut of Indian actor Irrfan Khan from Slumdog Millionaire. (4 July)

<u>The Dark Knight Rises</u> - Bringing a masterpiece trilogy to an end and aiming to bettering a world-class film, The Dark Knight Rises may, just may, be better than its predecessor - and go out with a bang with Bane. (20 July)

<u>The Expendables 2</u> - Stallone. Schwarzenegger. Willis. The Action Kings of the past three decades (and Planet Hollywood) are back with the ultimate testosterone film. (17 August)

<u>Skyfall</u> - Daniel Craig returns for the third time as James Bond and heads back to Istanbul for the first time since The World is Not Enough. (26 October)

2-THE CROSS-CULTURAL

<u>47 Ronin</u>: Keanu Reeves returns to the action genre for the first time since The Matrix trilogy in this remake about Samurai in China. (21 November)

<u>UBL (International Untitled Thriller)</u> - Kathryn Bigelow's first film since winning the Oscar for 'The Hurt Locker' focuses on the capture of Usama bin Laden. (19 December)

<u>The Life of Pi</u> - Former Spider-man Tobey Maguire stars with Indian actor Irrfan Khan, a villain from the websligning reboot in Taiwanese director Ang Lee's adaptation of the best-selling novel. (21 December)

<u>The Great Gatsby</u> - - Leonardo DiCaprio as Gatsby in Baz Luhrmann's vision, a mustwatch for the Hollywood debut of India's greatest movie star, Amitabh Bachchan as Meyer Wolfsheim. (25 December)

<u>The Man with the Iron Fists</u> - Russell Crowe appears in a film set in feudal China about a village taking up arms to protect themselves. (Unknown 2012)



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<u>3 – THE FRANCHISE</u>

<u>Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance</u> – Nicolas Cage returns as the Marvel superhero in a film partially financed by Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. (14 February)

<u>Prometheus</u> - Ridley Scott returns to the 'Alien' franchise in this prequel named after the spaceship in the original. (1 June)

<u>The Bourne Legacy</u> - Jeremy Renner, hot from Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol and The Avengers, takes over from Matt Damon. (17 August)

<u>Total Recall</u> - Colin Farrell stars in this remake of the Schwarzenegger classic, set in an age of Euromerica and New Shanghai. (22 August)

Men in Black III - It has been a decade since Will Smith was in the black suit. (25 May)

4X – A1-CINEMA VEHICLE

<u>Bullet to the Head</u> - Sylvester Stallone faces off against new Conan Jason Mamoa in Walter Hill's new cop-meets-hitman flick. (13 April)

<u>Gravity</u> - George Clooney teams up with Sandra Bullock for this space thriller (21 November)

<u>Rock of Ages</u> - Hot off the success of 'Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol', Tom Cruise plays a rockstar. (1 June)

<u>Gotti: In the Shadow of My Father</u> - John Travolta meets the original Godfather Al Pacino for the first time on the silver screen in this modern day Mafia biopic. (Unknown 2012)

<u>Red Lights</u> - Robert De Niro slicks up as a psychic being investigated by Cillian Murphy and Sigourney Weaver. (Unknown 2012)

<u>5X – GLOBAL CINEMA</u>

<u>The Path of Fire / Agneepath</u> - Indian actor Hrithik Roshan faces off against a Bane-like Sanjay Dutt in a remake of a Bollywood classic with Amitabh Bachchan. (26 January)

<u>The Conqueror of 1453/ Fetih 1453</u> - Turkish actor Devrim Evin stars as Sultan Mehmet al-Fetih II in this epic about the conquest of Istanbul in 1453. (9 February)

<u>Search/ Talaash</u> - Leading Indian actor Aamir Khan's most anticipated role since his 2009 film 3 Idiots became Bollywood's highest grossing film ever. (1 June)

<u>Spirit / Djinn</u> - Bahraini actor Khalid Laith stars in this story set in the United Arab Emirates about a couple being terrorised by spirits in their new home. (Unknown 2012)

Da nao tian gong / The Monkey King - Chow-Yun Fat stars in this classic story about a Buddhist monk's pilgrimage to India to collect religious texts. (Unknown 2012)