Fall movies breeze into theaters

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After a summer of blockbusters like Van Helsing and Spider-Man 2, the fall shows promise to showcase some of the best and worst films of the year.

Alien vs. Predator—Fans of these two franchises can at last mark their calendars. On August 13 the battle retold and retold and retold in comic books and video games for almost two decades at last comes to the big screen. Tipping their hats to Freddy and Jason, whose gory masquerade earned almost four times its budget, Alien and Predator will try to recreate that cinematic magic, and who knows, when it’s over, maybe Barbara Streisand vs. Martha Stewart won’t be far behind.

The Star Wars Trilogy—OK, so they’re not the theatrical versions of the movies, or the 1997 special editions for that matter, but these new cuts of A New Hope, The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi will be the biggest thing to come to DVD since the medium was first introduced seven years ago. To be released on September 21 as a plug for the forthcoming Episode III, the set may be more of a public relations campaign than anything else, but hey, we can always count on Darth Vader for a good time.

Seed of Chucky—In addition to Halloween 9, this Halloween weekend will be haunted by the return of another 80s horror icon, Chucky. While Bride of Chucky reinvented the franchise for its 10-year anniversary in 1998, Seed seems like a step too far. Will the cinematic exploits of Charles Lee Ray win out as successful one more time? We’ll just have to wait for October 29 to see.

The Sponge-Bob Square Pants Movie—Who lives in a pineapple under the sea? Well, on November 19, you can. Sponge-Bob comes alive with his first full-length theatrical movie, but don’t worry, it’s not another one of those Garfield, Scooby Doo live action wannabes. Sponge-Bob hits theaters this fall fully animated as he was always meant to be.

Howard Stern Presents: Porky’s—Why on Earth would anyone have any desire to remake Porky’s? An ultimate masterpiece of 1980s sex-driven American youth, Porky’s will be remade for a new generation this Fall and released on Dec. 6. In addition, the Howard Stern presents line will attempt to tackle another 80s classic, Rock & Roll High School. But as I look at severely watered down teen movies of this past decade like American Wedding and Van Wilder, the idea of a watered-down Porky’s makes me just want to cringe.

Blade: Trinity—If there is one thing the world of cinema has been suffering without these last few years, it’s Blade. Ok, maybe not, but the final installment to the Blade trilogy, Trinity, will be a major event none-theless, certainly worth counting down to. An apocalyptic event of some sort needs to be prevented by our favorite daywalker or the vampire population of the world will be able to rise up and rule once and for all. Set your dates for December 10 and consider bringing garlic over popcorn when you go.

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