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This Week on TV

Wu-Tang: An American Saga (Hulu)

Hulu recently debuted *Wu-Tang: An American Saga*, a biopic miniseries about the creation of the legendary rap group, The Wu-Tang Clan. The story follows the group of young men as they try and navigate through a world of drugs and crime to pursue their dreams of music. The show is equally powerful as it is informative and also visually captivating. The series features incredible casting and equally fantastic performances from its main cast members which includes *Dope's* Shameik Moore as Raekwon. I thought the casting of TJ Atoms as Ol' Dirty Bastard was particularly excellent, as he not only looks but sounds exactly like the iconic MC.

Also This Week on TV

Friday the 13th Marathon (AMC)

Happy Friday the 13th everyone! AMC is celebrating the special holiday by airing a *Friday the 13th* Marathon all day today. There's no better way to kick off the spooky season than with a marathon of my third favorite Horror franchise behind only *Halloween* and *Scream*. As I write this, *Part III* is currently airing, which as you may or may not know, is actually the first time we ever see Jason in the iconic hockey goalie mask. I was disappointed to see they won't be airing two of my favorite, more absurd series entries, *Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan* nor *Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday*.

Director Spotlight:

Todd Phillips



Birth: 12/20/1970 Brooklyn, NY

Notable Works: *Road Trip*, *Old School*, *Starsky and Hutch*, *School for Scoundrels*, *The Hangover*, *Due Date*, *The Hangover Part II*, *The Hangover Part III*, *War Dogs*

Fun Fact: Known for having great director cameos in his movies, such as "Gang Bang Guy" in *Old School* and "Foot Lover" in *Road Trip*

The Ten Movies I am Looking Forward to Most From the 2019 Toronto International Film Festival

This weekend marks the end of the Toronto International Film Festival, one of the premier events in my beloved home country of Canada. While I unfortunately haven't been able to attend the festival since way back in 2013, I have been reading up on a lot of the intriguing movies that screened there this year. Here is a list of the top ten movies I am looking forward to seeing most, in no specific order, from TIFF 2019.

Ford V Ferrari directed by James Mangold

Mangold ventures back into biopic territory with *Ford V Ferrari*, which looks like a total thrill ride led by Christian Bale and Matt Damon.

The Goldfinch directed by John Crowley

Based on a book my wife Prudence has on our shelf but has yet to read, *Goldfinch* is the most recent film shot by the legendary Roger Deakins.

Dolemite is My Name directed by Craig Brewer

Eddie Murphy's comeback season is in full effect and I'm down with it. *Dolemite*, a true story about comedian turned blaxploitation star, Rudy Ray Moore gets a limited run before premiering on Netflix October 25th.

Honey Boy directed by Alma Har'el

A pseudo-biographical film about Shia LaBeouf, starring Shia LaBeouf as a version of his own father. I'm all in after the amazing first trailer.

Jojo Rabbit directed by Taika Waititi

Taika Waititi takes a break from Marvel flicks to make this "anti-hate" satire starring himself as Hitler. I'm curious how it will be executed.

The Lighthouse directed by Robert Eggers

After finding massive success with 2016's *The Witch*, Robert Eggers now makes a more intimate character study with Robert Pattinson and Willem Dafoe which looks absolutely stunning shot on 35mm black and white film.

Uncut Gems directed by Benny and Josh Safdie

The Safdies gained critical acclaim after directing the aforementioned Pattinson in *Good Time*. Folks are comparing Adam Sandler's performance here to that of *Punch-Drunk Love*, one of my all time favorite movies.

Parasite directed by Bong Joon-Ho

After winning the Palme D'Or at Cannes, *Parasite* screened again at TIFF. This movie is apparently so good that they are already developing an American remake, which, as we know, probably won't be nearly as good.

Joker directed by Todd Phillips

Joker actually made my list of the ten most anticipated movies of 2019 way back in Issue No. 23. Since then, *Joker* won the coveted Golden Lion at Venice Film Festival and is already getting Oscar buzz. After the phenomenal trailers, I am somehow even more excited to see this movie.

Knives Out directed by Rian Johnson

Knives Out was another movie on my initial Most Anticipated Movies of 2019 list. An Agatha Christie whodunit style story, Johnson is already contemplating a spinoff with Daniel Craig's Poirot-esque character.

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