Circuit" all releasing in January. *"Rush"* is the ever popular director Ron Howard's latest film and it stars Chris Hemsworth, who is also extremely popular right now in his own right most notably due to the fact that he plays *"Thor"* from the world of Marvel. Centering around Formula 1 racing in the 1970s, this is a masterful film, but for some reason it struggled in theaters grossing only $26 million. With Hemsworth's mug displayed prominently on the box artwork, look for this one to do well. *"Machete Kills"* *(Rental Rewards)* is a straight forward action film filled with grit, cheesy one liners and plenty of blood, which of course means it has to do well. This movie stars Danny Trejo and only managed $8 million, but mark my words, over the long term this release will see a ton of action. *"Closed Circuit"* *(Now Premiering)* is a deceptive movie because if you look at the box office alone, you likely will underestimate this release. It only managed $5.7 million, but that was due to only releasing on 870 screens at its widest release. With Eric Bana and Julia Stiles, this movie easily would have done $20-$40 million if released nationally. Revolving around a British Secret Service and possible cover up, look for this one to do alright.

Another one I fully expect to outperform expectations is *"Last Vegas"* *(Enjoyment Guaranteed).* While geared towards the Baby Boomer demographic, this film starring Michael Douglas, Robert DeNiro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline is one I believe most ages will find hilarious. About four older men trying to relive their glory days while throwing a bachelor party in Vegas, this hilarious release managed just about $60 million.

From Fox we have three solid choices this month with the very freaky *"Carrie"* remake along with "Runner *Runner"* and *"Enough Said."* While it's difficult for any movie to live up to iconic films from years past, *"Carrie"* *(Available Here 1st)* managed to do pretty well. It accomplished this feat thanks to really incredible performances by both Chloe Moretz, who plays Carrie and Julianne Moore, who plays her crazy mother. Grossing $35 million in the U.S., look for this remake of the '76 classic film to do very well. *"Runner Runner"* *(Available Here 1st)* has a chance to be a surprise hit. With the huge star power of Justin Timberlake and Ben Affleck, this is about a man who goes to Costa Rica to confront an online gambling tycoon after being cheated, then finds much more than expected when he arrives. It's a very solid film. *"Enough Said"* is a funny film that revolves around an older man and woman that are forming a new relationship. This was one of James Gandolfini's last works before passing away suddenly not long ago. Also starring Julia Louis-Dreyfus from Seinfeld fame, this one managed $17 million at the box office.

Lionsgate has 5 releases involved with our programs for January. *"Instructions Not Included"* *(Enjoyment Guaranteed)* is the biggest of the bunch bringing in an astounding $44 million. That may not sound too big, but when you consider it only started on 348 screens and it's a foreign film, it really is rather impressive. Word-of-mouth on the internet spread like wildfire due to the quality of this film and it ended up being the 4th biggest foreign language film ever in the U.S. Whether you deal with foreign films or not, this is one to strongly consider. *"You're Next"* *(Rental Rewards)* is the epitome of what at least I think of when I think of Lionsgate. It's a brutal horror movie that tests boundaries and the film has some really freaky box artwork. While I know they have many family films and huge blockbusters such as *"Catching Fire,"* horror is where LGE began and this is the type of film that made them who they are. Grossing $18 million, this is one of the only horror films of the month and one that should do pretty good. Along with these Lionsgate has 3 releases involved in *Now Premiering* including *"The Spectacular Now,"* a $7 million grossing dramatic comedy, *"Thanks for Sharing,"* a comedy with huge talent including Mark Ruffalo, Gwyneth Paltrow and Tim Robins, as well as *"Richard the Lionheart"* a masterful film with Malcolm McDowell and Stewart Arnold.

Last but not least this month we have *"The Hospital"* *(Now Premiering)* coming from MVD. This is a somewhat low budget but it makes up for it with a clever story. About tortured souls roaming abandoned halls and a student who makes a bad choice when he decides to investigate, this is one that could be a pleasant surprise if given a chance.

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