

NEWS ARCHIVE 2003 Jan - March

3/30 Vin Diesel on his upcoming movies

He says he didn't just want to make a sequel to Pitch Black, but instead wanted to create a whole universe with Riddick. "I've got books and notes and research that will never play in the movie, but it's just to re-enforce the mythology, so we can say where a character originated from or what their primary source of income is. I want to be able to explain the mythological purpose of Riddick and his origin. And Judi Dench is playing Aereon! It doesn't get better than that! She Gandalf-izes the movie.

He adds that he contributed parts of the story. "There's stuff about plane travel that I want to incorporate that I don't think we've ever seen in movies. And when I say plane travel, I mean travel between dimensions, not airplanes. There's a race of creatures called Necromongers that originate from a demiplane of shadow, which is where the negative plane overlaps with the prime material plane and creates its own universe." (Entertainment Weekly)

3/28 AMA will open in an estimated 2,400 theatres next week.

It not only makes AMA the least played movie from next week's 3 wide releases, but it will most likely come after this and last week's top movies (The Core, Basis, Bringing Down the House, Chicago, Agent Cody Banks) in terms of the cinemas that play the movie.

What does it mean? Don't look after an other No#1 Vin movie, but a solid performance, that will earn some profit for the studio and some creditibility for Vin as an actor.

ps: xXx opened 3,388 theatres and expanded onto 3,517 the next week, making xXx the widest played movie for 3 weeks (nonetheless Signs pushed it back to No#2 on the 3rd week)

Rob Cohen about xXx 2 and xXx 3

From E!s movie scoop page:

Fashionable Stars 'n' Cars: At the GM Ten event, there was a big celebration of I don't know what really, but it attracted any number of celebs, including David Arquette, Kip Pardue, Kelly Hu, Erika Christensen, Jessica Simpson (with hubby Nick Lachey) and featured a surprise performance by Justin Timberlake. None of them will be starring in Rob Cohen's XXX2, which is in preproduction. "It's happening," he says. **"I'm gonna start shooting it in the summer of '04, and it will be out for the summer of '05."** At the junket for A Man Apart, XXX superstar Vin Diesel told us he's looking at two scripts.

"Vin doesn't have two scripts--Vin hasn't seen anything yet. I'm developing two scripts," Cohen says. **"One follows the template of the first one, which takes place with the Maraca Strait pirates in Southeast Asia, and the other takes place in D.C. I think both will get made."** Think XXX3. Cohen says he'll decide which goes first based on the mood on the country. In other words, should we take out the Capitol Dome in Simon Kimber's draft or go after pirates in Rich Wilkes' script? (I expect pirates to be big after Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl.)

P.S.: I checked--the Maraca Strait's in the South China Sea.

3/26 Paul pic is fake - confirmed by a *friendly* source

Okay, folks, the truly scary Paul pic we saw the other day, was not featuring the real Paul :b Whoever the guy is on that scan, is not Vin's twin, confirmed by a good source:)

Also there will be A Man Apart soundtrack coming out soon, featuring a song by [Buddy Klein](#). MTV will play the video clip next week, and you can listen the song, Nothing to Loose [here](#).

3/25 xXx 2 delay: Release Date: Summer, 2005 (wide)

Release Date Note: At one point, this film had been mentioned as a possible May, 2004 release, but with Vin Diesel very busy in the next year with Riddick, Sony is now aiming for the summer of 2005 instead.

source: [Yahoo! Upcoming movies](#)

Steve Martin jokes about Vin @ the Oscar

Memorable Quotes From the 2003 Academy Awards

When it comes to hosting the Oscars, Steve Martin really takes the cake. And no one cuts it--or the celebs--down to size quite like he does.

Then he told the audience he licked all the Oscars, that Mickey Rooney had a bad seat because Vin Diesel was there, and that "Nicole Kidman has worn a fake nose in every movie she's ever made--except The Hours."

source: Hollywood.com

3/23 A Man Apart rating:

Rated R for strong graphic violence, language, drug content and sexuality :-)

source: MPAA.org

3/21 Vin's Oscar choice

Vin Diesel (A Man Apart): Catherine Zeta-Jones worked her ass off in Chicago. And you could tell she enjoyed it! <K's note: she won the Oscar :)>

source: TVGuide

- Vin's message to the troops

(ET show from March 18, 2003)

With the men and women of the U.S. Navy ready for action overseas, their families at home are waiting patiently for their loved ones' safe return. In the meantime, they're sending words of encouragement -- and some special Hollywood messages -- courtesy of Entertainment Tonight!

Adam is a fan of VIN DIESEL, and ET asked the action hero to say a couple words for the petty officer: "Hey Adam, this is Vin Diesel, and normally I wouldn't be talking after I got a tooth pulled, but this is worth it. Your wife and your son have asked me to tell you that they miss you very, very much. So keep up the good work and come home quick."

screen captures thanks to Sprial

Wanna be @ the A Man Apart premiere?

Don't miss this chance of a lifetime and bid on tickets to the World Premiere of A Man Apart starring Vin Diesel. You and a guest will be among the cast and crew of New Line Cinema's upcoming action-drama movie. If you win this auction, you and a guest will attend the star-studded premiere screening and after party in Los Angeles on April 1st, 2003. Please note: transportation to Los Angeles and lodging is not included, and is the responsibility of the winning bidder. Winning bidder must be a legal resident of the US, 18 years or older, and will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to attending the premiere.

bid for the two tickets @ [New Line's page](#)

3/19 Vin honors dead cop friend - picture added + new scans

A tidal wave of blue tears was shed at a Brooklyn church yesterday as a grateful city said goodbye to Detective Rodney Andrews, murdered with his partner in a gun buy-and-bust gone bad last week. Andrews' flag-draped coffin was carried into Elim International Fellowship Church as "Amazing Grace" was played by police bagpipers.

More than 1,000 mourners - including Mayor Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly and movie star Vin Diesel - attended the 2 1/2 hour service. Some 12,000 cops in dress uniforms also stood at attention outside, many with tears rolling down their faces.

Andrews, 34, a six-year NYPD veteran, and his partner, Detective James Nemorin, 36, were shot and killed during an undercover gun buy that went awry in Staten Island on March 10.

source: [New York Post](#)

3/18 Vin honors dead cop friend

Mourners lined a Queens street yesterday to pay their respects to **Detective Rodney Andrews**, a week after he was killed in an undercover gun buy-and-bust gone wrong. Among the hundreds to offer condolences were Gov. Pataki and actor Vin Diesel, a childhood friend of Andrews who chatted with the hero cop's young sons.

Andrews, who was shot with **Detective James Nemorin** during a Staten Island gun buy-and-bust operation, will be remembered at a funeral service today at 10 a.m. at Elim International Fellowship Church, 20 Madison St., Brooklyn. Five men face murder charges for their alleged roles in the March 10 killings.

source: [NY Daily Post](#)

Thandie Newton, Karl Urban joins Riddy

E! Online Movie Scoop: He has his own trilogy to deal with. Later this month, Diesel jets to Vancouver, British Columbia, to begin rehearsals with Judi Dench, Colm Feore, Karl Urban and Thandie Newton on the first of two follow-ups to Pitch Black, the sleeper hit that put him on the Hollywood map. But it's not just a sequel, Riddick will, like The Lord of the Rings, be a trilogy.

"The objective was never to make a sequel to Pitch Black," Diesel says, "but to explore the universe Riddick lives in and to explore whatever his purpose is in this universe. These movies will involve plane travel through different dimensions."

you can read the whole interview [here](#)

Scots recreate Hannibal march

A GROUP of Scots is planning to recreate one of the most famous marches in history, following in the footsteps of Hannibal across the Alps, complete with a team of elephants. The team includes David Leckie, whose brother Ross is working with entertainment firm Columbia on a film of his book about the Carthaginian general who crossed the Alps with 35,000 soldiers and 34 elephants to attack Rome in 218BC.

Both Vin Diesel, who will star in the film Hannibal, and Ridley Scott, who is directing it, have said they are "95%" certain of becoming involved, according to Mr Govan.

"Vin Diesel and Ridley Scott have both said they hope to do the walk and they want to build up the walk by bringing elephants and tie it in with the release of the film," he said. "We are certainly optimistic that they will become involved.

read the full article in [The Herald](#)

A Man Apart premiere info

date: April 1 - 7:30 p.m.

location: Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood

source: [Mann Theatres](#)

3/15 Riddy in trouble: Fire Puts Out Vin Diesel

A fire at Mammoth Studios in Burnaby has shut down Chronicles of Riddick. No one was injured in the fire, which was started by the errant mating of a welding torch and some Styrofoam (the film is using massive amounts of Styrofoam) last Saturday morning. It took 30 firefighters to extinguish the blaze, caused \$3 million in damage to the studio and destroyed one of the sets. According to Burnaby assistant fire prevention chief Fred Scarfe, the building had sprinklers but the flames did reach the roof. The saving grace, says a source, is that the Mammoth facility is so large that the incident affects only a small area. The fire is expected to keep the Riddick project shuttered for a week (crew members are expecting to go back to work on Monday) so that should help some of the city's many pilot-season projects get a leg up on their carpentry and other set work.

click [here](#) to read the full article @ message board

source: The Vancouver Province

3/13 Vin talks more Riddick: he's still a killer :-)

"I think we're gonna go through the motions with Riddick," Diesel said of where the character's moral compass may lie in the trilogy. "Riddick is definitely not an evolved person. He's still a killer in his own right. And I think we're going to find him after he's isolated himself and become this recluse for five years. So when we see him, they are awakening Riddick."

click [here](#) to read MTV's full interview

Vin stars in a romantic comedy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vin Diesel Starring in NY Giant

Taking on his first romantic comedy role, Vin Diesel will star in and produce Revolution Studios' NY Giant, to be written by The Wedding Planner scribes Michael Ellis and Pamela Falk. "Giant," a tentative title, is about a hotheaded football player who is forced to deal with an uptight female etiquette expert or risk losing his lucrative endorsement contract. In the process, the unlikely pair fall in love. Diesel is readying production on Universal Pictures' Riddick, part of "The Chronicles of Riddick," which continues the adventures of Diesel's intergalactic character first introduced in Pitch Black.

3/08/2003 Vote for Vin @ Movieline's 5th Young Hollywood Awards!!!

Movieline is hosting it's 5th Annual Young Hollywood Awards on Sunday, May 4th. This year, the awards will be televised on AMC Channel and will premiere June 2nd and then air several more times through the end of August.

Most Desirable Male Character

- Matt Damon as Jason Bourne in The Bourne Identity
- Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale Jr. in Catch Me If You Can
- Josh Lucas as Jake in Sweet Home Alabama")
- Vin Diesel as Xander Cage in XXX

AND

Best Seduction Sequence

- Maggie Gyllenhaal and James Spader in Secretary
- Jennifer Garner and Leonardo DiCaprio in Catch Me If You Can
- Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy in Just Married
- Vin Diesel and that dancing girl in XXX

Asia Argento and Marton Csokas are also nominated, so run to vote @ Movieline!!!

www.movieline.com/features/yha2003.shtml

3/07/2003 Vote for Vin as the bad ass of the year!!

Vote @ FilmForce's & Chud's Anti Award to Vin as the best bad ass this year.

The nominees are:

- Jason Statham - The Transporter
- Christian Bale - Equilibrium
- Viggo Mortensen - Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
- Daniel Day-Lewis - Gangs of New York
- **Vin Diesel - Knockaround Guys, xXx**
- Temeura Morrison - Attack of the Clones
- Matt Damon - The Bourne Identity
- Jude Law - Road to Perdition
- No Face - Spirited Away
- Rick Yuen - Die Another Day

click [HERE](#) to vote!

Ice Cube, Eve, Vin Diesel Among Presenters At NAACP Image Awards

Vin Diesel, star of last year's blockbuster XXX, will be a first-time presenter on the 34th annual NAACP Image Awards ceremony, set to tape Saturday, March 8th at the Universal Amphitheatre in Los Angeles.

Also presenting are Bill Bellamy, Vivica A. Fox, Ice Cube, Taye Diggs, Omar Epps, Eve, and Tyra Banks. Nominee India.Arie and previous winner Ziggy Marley will perform on the show.

Vivica A. Fox is nominated as outstanding actress for her part in Juwanna Man. Taye Diggs is nominated as outstanding actor for his lead role in Brown Sugar, as is Ice Cube for his role in Barbershop. Omar Epps is nominated for his role in the television drama Conviction. Eve captured her first nomination for outstanding supporting actress in Barbershop.

India.Arie was nominated as outstanding artist and her album Voyage To India nominated as outstanding album; the tune "Little Things" was nominated as outstanding song and outstanding video; and her pairing with Stevie Wonder earned her a nod among outstanding duos or groups.

The 34th annual NAACP Image Awards will be televised by Fox-TV March 13th at 8 p.m.

source: launch.yahoo.com

Knockaround Guys first week VHS and DVD numbers

VHS Rental: 10th place \$1 540 000

DVD Rental: 8th place \$2 390 000

both the VHS and DVD rental charts were led by Road to Perdition

source&full list: Boxofficemojo.com

3/05/2003 xXx receives a Saturn Award Nomination

CINESCAPE and The Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films announced today the nominees for the 2003 Saturn Awards ceremony. Leading the pack in the feature film category with a whopping 10 nominations each are THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS and MINORITY REPORT, followed closely behind by STAR WARS: EPISODE II - ATTACK OF THE CLONES (six nominations), HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (five nominations) and SPIDER-MAN (five nominations).

BEST ACTION/ADVENTURE/THRILLER FILM

- THE BOURNE IDENTITY (Universal)
- DIE ANOTHER DAY (MGM/UA)
- ONE HOUR PHOTO (Fox Searchlight)
- RED DRAGON (Universal)
- ROAD TO PERDITION (Dreamworks SKG)
- XXX (Sony / Revolution)

Amber Rose Tamblyn falls out of the Riddick project

Yesterday, Miss Tamblyn posted this on [her official message board](#):

so close...

but no cigar

it came down to the wire between me and katie balswik(sp?), but as per usual, a name over talent is the choice- sheeeesh!

btu i'm not upset about it, cuz truth be told, I would LOOOOVE nothing more than to NOT be in a Vim Diesel movie, haha the only thing that did kinda upset me was the fact that someone put it up ont he internet before it was true grrrr!! anyhoo, if i had 2 seconds to stop and think about some more, maybe i would but i dont

there's a lot cooking but I'm not settin the table just yet...

Amber T

Gawd.. thanks God, she is not around Riddick anymore! Kriszta

3/04/2003 Vin Diesel Still Up for Guys and Dolls?

Columnists Marilyn Beck and Stacy Jenel Smith report that Miramax is still trying to decide if Vin Diesel will play the Frank Sinatra role in the studio's remake of musical Guys and Dolls, from the producers of Chicago. Diesel has been on the project since the beginning with Nicole Kidman's interest as well.

The story centers around Nathan Detroit, the organizer of the oldest established floating crap game in New York. He challenges fellow gambler Sky Masterson to a bet that he can't make the next girl he sees fall in love with him.

The music and lyrics were penned by composer Frank Loesser, and the 1955 film starred Sinatra as Detroit, Marlon Brando as Masterson and Jean Simmons as love interest Sarah Brown. Classic tunes include "Luck Be a Lady" and "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat."

source: ComingSoon.net

3/02/2003 Mariah Carey in Guys & Dolls?!

I hope its just a bad joke, but its been reported a few times over this weekend that she is about to join Guys&Dolls opposite Vin. The following article was posted at the Indian Yahoo, and not at a major news source, so don't worry until you see it in Variety or Hollywood Reporter - Kriszta

After a not-so-glittering foray into hollywood with her maiden movie "Glitter", singer Mariah Carey is all set to star in several other crossover flicks.

According to a report in People News, following the success of movie-musical Chicago, Carey has been approached by many producers to star in their projects.

The singer, is reportedly said to have agreed to star in the first of many such projects, a big screen remake of Guys and Dolls-a role reportedly offered to Nicole Kidman, who turned it down.

"For Guys and Dolls they wanted someone who can really belt 'em out - a trained singer," said a source. The obvious choice was ursine action man Vin Diesel, slated to star alongside Maz in the forthcoming film. "Mariah is the most successful female singer of all time," the source clarified, "so she should make the grade."

However, singing is not everybody's cup of tea as has been proved by pop stars like Britney Spears and Jennifer Lopez. Thus, it remains how Carey performs in "Guys and Dolls."

source: [Yahoo India](#)

2/28/2003 TFATF Tricked out DVD edition can be pre-ordered via amazon.com

New edition contains:

- "The Road 2 Fast 2 Furious": short featurette starring Paul Walker
- Behind the scenes peek at "2 Fast 2 Furious"
- Never before seen stunts
- Transformation of stock car to customized car
- Hot car casting for "2 Fast 2 Furious"
- Making of the video game featurette

release day: 06.03.2003

click [here](#) to order the normal version!

click [here](#) to order the widescreen version!

2/24 Vin fights for Judi Dench's extra salary

Action hero goes to bat for British dame

LOS ANGELES -- Britain's premier theatrical dame, Judi Dench, has found an unlikely champion. Vin Diesel, movie action hero, is fighting to turn the star into the highest-paid British film actress in Hollywood.

Mr. Diesel, a six-foot-three-inch former bouncer from New York turned film star, was bowled over by Breath of Life, Dame Judi's latest West End triumph. He is now demanding she appear as his co-star in a proposed trilogy of big-budget science fiction films to be called The Chronicles of Riddick.

The 35-year-old actor, known for his gruff voice, shaved head and henna tattoos, said he wanted to introduce some "class" into the science fiction genre, but was shocked to find out how relatively little classical British actresses are traditionally paid in Hollywood and has gone on the

offensive to change that.

While Mr. Diesel will be paid \$14 million U.S. and a share of box office receipts for each Riddick movie, he has told Universal, the studio funding the \$128-million project, he wants an "exceptional" salary for his proposed co-star. **"The dame will not ask for it herself, so I will use my muscle to get it,"** he told colleagues. Although negotiations will not be finished before the end of February, Hollywood sources believe Dame Judi could earn \$7 million a film.

Such a deal would represent the biggest breakthrough for a British actress since Elizabeth Taylor was paid a then-record \$1 million for playing Cleopatra in 1963.

Dame Judi's representatives remain wary about the prospect. "If she had that kind of money in the bag, I would have gone home to celebrate by now, and I am still here on the phone," said an aide. Yet sources at Universal said they were "listening positively" to Mr. Diesel's requests.

If the deal is signed, Dame Judi, 68, will play Aeron, an ambassador from an alien race who helps Mr. Diesel's character Riddick, escape from a dangerous planet.

source: Canada.com

2/19/2003 "Crossroads" Wins Worst Film in UK, "xXx" comes on the 5th place

Britney Spears' debut film "Crossroads" has been voted the worst movie of 2002 in the Naftas. The Naftas, chosen by votes to a radio station, are an alternative to the Baftas, the UK's main film awards that are handed out on February 23.

Comic Ali G's foray onto the big screen, "Ali G In Da House," came second, "Men In Black II" was third, with teenage horror "Jeepers Creepers" fourth followed by the Vin Diesel action pic "XXX," reports the BBC.

Surprisingly, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," which are expected to pick up some awards at the Baftas, came in sixth and seventh respectively.

"Crossroads" is also nominated for eight Razzie Awards -- a tongue-in-cheek US prizes for the year's worst films -- including nominations for worst actress and most flatulent teen-targeted movie.

source: Zap2It.com

Three doses of Will Smith and one of Vin Diesel are on the way to Superbit DVD in May.

Columbia TriStar has revealed some new Superbits on the way, and this time the movies actually make sense for the line. Arriving on May 13th are Superbit editions of Bad Boys, Men in Black, Men in Black II, and xXx. As usual, the discs won't feature any special features, but will include anamorphic transfers with Dolby Digital 5.1 and DTS soundtracks.

source: DVD.IGN.com

2/17/2003 New Vin pics from Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASCAR has been on a steady departure from its Southern roots that are steeped in country music. Nothing changed Sunday, as stars of screen and stage were among the crowd attending the Daytona 500. Heading the list were actor John Travolta and his wife, actress Kelly Preston, who are former residents of a fly-in community near here. Others in attendance were recording star Mariah Carey, action film star Vin Diesel, and comedian Wayne Brady, who hails from Orlando. Diesel led the field around Daytona International Speedway in the pace car.

Fast And The Furious: Tricked out Edition R1

TotalDVD.net reports:

Universal Home Video have announced yet another Re-release title for June this year, prepare yourselves for The Fast and The Furious: Tricked Out Edition. The disc will contain all the extras on the last edition along with some new features publicizing the next movie 2 Fast and 2 Furious. The video will be presented in 2.35:1 Anamorphic Widescreen and the disc will carry both Dolby Digital 5.1 and DTS 5.1 soundtracks.

in related news, Vins valentine lets us know, that **Vin is on the cover of the March Issue Total DVD** (I assure, the UK edition).

The AMA website has been-redesigned

looks cool, but where is the real content?
for more wallpapers or AIM icons,
visit www.amanapartmovie.com

xXx DVD UK release date

xXx comes out in Ireland and most likely the UK on DVD and VHS to buy or rent on the 3rd of March.

thanks to Sara, aka Pale Hecate GG~24

2/14/2003 'Pitch Black' sequel sees Dench, Feore

LOS ANGELES (The Hollywood Reporter) --- **Judi Dench** is in final negotiations to star opposite Vin Diesel in Universal Pictures' "Chronicles of Riddick" for writer-director David Twohy, Radar Pictures and One Race Prods. Production begins in Vancouver in April.

At the same time, **Colm Feore** has come aboard to play the lead villain in the project, which is a sequel to the 2000 film "Pitch Black," about an intergalactic prisoner named Riddick who has the ability to see in the dark.

In the sequel, Riddick, now a hunted man, finds himself in the middle of two opposing forces in a major crusade. Feore will play Lord Marshal, a warrior priest who is the leader of a sect that is waging the 10th and perhaps final crusade 500 years in the future. Dench will play Aereon, an ambassador from the Elemental race. She is an ethereal being who helps Riddick unearth his origins.

"Both Judi and Colm are formidable talents, both classically trained, and I look forward to bringing these two bright stars into our dark, new universe," Twohy said.

Scott Kroopf, Tom Engelman and Diesel are producing the project. Ted Field, George Zakk and Peter McGregor Scott are executive producing. Universal president of production Scott Stuber, senior vp Donna Langley and director of development Jeffrey Kirschenbaum are overseeing.

Dench, repped by management company Parseghian Planco and Tor Belfrage in the United Kingdom, is starring in the West End production of David Hare's play "The Breath of Life."

Feore, repped by Endeavor and his Canadian agent Gayle Abrams, is onscreen in "Chicago" and "National Security." He next appears in New Line Cinema's "Highwaymen."

02/13/2003 A Man Apart teaser poster...

... and a chance to tell about your opinion to Vin !!!

FilmForce posted up the wonderful image above and they ask you tell your opinion about the poster to Vin : *And something more: You see, Vin (yes, that's right, Mr. Diesel) would like to know what you think of the poster. Now here's your chance to speak out and connect.*

Click on the poster for the XL version. What do you think? Is it on, off or somewhere in between? You have a problem with it? Or are you diggin' it most completely?

Get your word on. Be real, be honest and tell Vin what you think.

[visit FilmForce for the contact address!!](#)

A Man Apart on Access Hollywood 2/13

LilDeeva posted this on the message board: *"I was watching Access Hollywood and they said that tomorrow 2/13/03 they will show scenes from his new movie.....they said....."see Vin Diesel's sensitive side"....so it must be from A Man Apart"*

check your tv listings for proper airing dates

02/10/2003 Riddick release date: June 25, 2004

FilmJerk.com reports that Riddick will hit the theaters on June 25th, 2004.
(worth to notice that TFATF opened on June 22th, 2001 :-)

xXx receives a Golden Raspberry (RAZZIE) Award® Nomination

MOST FLATULENT TEEN-TARGETED MOVIE

- ADAM SANDLER's 8 CRAZY NIGHTS (Sony/Columbia)
- CROSSROADS (Paramount)
- JACKASS: THE MOVIE (Paramount)
- SCOOBY DOO (Warner Bros.)
- XXX (Sony/Revolution)

full list of all bad movies can be seen at the [official Razzie webpage](#)

02/09/2003 Welcome back to VinXperience :-)

It was two long months ago, that VX went to a looong winter holiday and came back with a new design; images & layout thanks to Tufee and Ms Mephisto. With your help, buying Vin videos, posters through our webshop, I was able to purchase a new url (<http://www.vindiesel.hu>) and 100 MB for the site. Our new webhost is Integrity, a company located in Hungary.

The site is pretty much the same as it used to be: unofficial site centered around the Vinfo. Site will be updated more times a week, as Vin news appears in the press. The site will be the busiest, when A Man Apart finally hits the theaters in April, and I'll be hunting down every piece of "Riddick" info as they finally start to shoot the movie in April as well:D

The biggest change happened on the message board, as ezboard asked me to password-protect the adult rated material. Now you have to be at least 18 years old to get access to the NC-17 stories. Access granted on the message board upon giving me your birthday.

In accordance with this rule, now you have to be at least 18 to join the Spy Chix game. We are very sorry for the minors, but this is a rule, ezboard forced upon us. We understand that we have to disappoint many younger Vin fans, but in the other case ezboard has the right to delete the message board, as we violate the ezboard policy regarding adult content.

Enjoy the site & happy browsing!

Kriszta
& the VX team

Valentine day live chat with Vin

*Spend **Valentine's day** with one of Hollywood's hottest heroes. Is Vin Diesel a softie at heart or a real tough guy? Chat with Vin about his new film "A Man Apart" opening April 4 and what it takes to be an action hero.*

Chat begins on Friday, February 14 at 7pm ET/4pm PT.

source: [MSN](#)

1st annual VX polls results are in :-)

the fans have voted, the results have arrived. you can check out the results [here](#).

Riddick cast + production info

[Dark Horizons](#) reports: Canadian actor **Colm Feore** ("Chicago", "Pearl Harbor") has been cast in the sequel to "Pitch Black".

Bruce@[PitcherBlacker.com](#) figured out that **Amber Tamblyn** might be in Riddick as well. The young actress is listed at IMDb, and there are some hints at her official message boards. Its worth to notice through, that she is listed as Kyra @ IMDb, and Kyra is Jack from the GODDAMNAWFUL debunked script. IMO its a hoax.

[experts from the Official Amber Tamblyn Message Forum:](#)

(1-25-03)

a question for you:

what do Amber Tamblyn and Vin Diesel have in common?

...maybe i'll tell you...

maybe, i wont

and

(2-3-03 in reference to her name on the TCOR IMDB page)

how did that get up there???????

um...

ok...

I can neither deny nor confirm that information right now. IMD has a lot of essssplaining to do (in a ricky recardo voice).

More Riddick info thanks to Bruce@[PitcherBlacker.com](#): "looks like Riddick stuff is heating up over in Canada, and it also looks like an extras wrangler has been hired. I thought that it might interest any of you that happen to be professional extras and professional Vin Diesel fans.

I'm also going to cram a bunch more crew info in here while I'm at it.

Primal Foe Productions, Inc.

2820 Underhill Ave

Burnaby BC V5A 3C5

604-420-4202

604-420-4263

Production Manager: Wendy Williams

Unit Manager: Mandy Spencer Phillips

Casting: Coreen Mayrs, Anne McCarthy

Extras: Stephanie Boeke

Production Designer: Holger Gross

Production Coordinator: Bliss McDonald

Executive Producer: Peter MacGregor-Scott

Stunt Coord: Ken Kirzinger

Here's a note about the extras thing from the BCFC site that caught my eye: "EXTRAS - Please submit resume & photo attention Extras Casting care of each production office. NO PHONE CALLS!"

Now, I don't know whether they're talking about the address for Primal Foe Prod, or for the actual BCFC, since the note above is right below the BCFC's addy. I would guess that you'd send your info to the actual production office. Anyway, just in case, here's the BCFC's stuff too:
BC Film Commission
#350 – 375 Water Street

Vancouver, BC, V6B 5C6
phone (604) 660-2732
HOTLINE (604) 660-3569

This info comes from the [Union of BC Performers site](#) and the [BC Film Commission site](#). "

02/07/2003 Riddick production info

More Riddick info thanks to Bruce@[PitcherBlacker.com](#): "looks like Riddick stuff is heating up over in Canada, and it also looks like an extras wrangler has been hired. I thought that it might interest any of you that happen to be professional extras and professional Vin Diesel fans.

I'm also going to cram a bunch more crew info in here while I'm at it.

Primal Foe Productions, Inc.
2820 Underhill Ave
Burnaby BC V5A 3C5
604-420-4202
604-420-4263
Production Manager: Wendy Williams
Unit Manager: Mandy Spencer Phillips
Casting: Coreen Mayrs, Anne McCarthy
Extras: Stephanie Boeke
Production Designer: Holger Gross
Production Coordinator: Bliss McDonald
Executive Producer: Peter MacGregor-Scott
Stunt Coord: Ken Kirzinger

Here's a note about the extras thing from the BCFC site that caught my eye: "EXTRAS - Please submit resume & photo attention Extras Casting care of each production office. NO PHONE CALLS!"

Now, I don't know whether they're talking about the address for Primal Foe Prod, or for the actual BCFC, since the note above is right below the BCFC's addy. I would guess that you'd send your info to the actual production office. Anyway, just in case, here's the BCFC's stuff too:

BC Film Commission
#350 – 375 Water Street
Vancouver, BC, V6B 5C6
phone (604) 660-2732
HOTLINE (604) 660-3569

This info comes from the [Union of BC Performers site](#) and the [BC Film Commission site](#). "

02/06/2003 Colm Feore joins Riddick

[Dark Horizons](#) reports: Canadian actor Colm Feore ("Chicago", "Pearl Harbor") has been cast in the sequel to "Pitch Black".

Bruce@[PitcherBlacker.com](#) figured out that Amber Tamblyn might be in Riddick as well. The young actress is listed at IMDb, and there are some hints at her official message boards. Its worth to notice through, that she is listed as Kyra @ IMDb, and Kyra is Jacks from the GODDAMNAWFUL debunked script. IMO its a hoax.

[experts from the Official Amber Tamblyn Message Forum:](#)

(1-25-03)

a question for you:

what do Amber Tamblyn and Vin Diesel have in common?

...maybe i'll tell you...

maybe, i wont

and

(2-3-03 in reference to her name on the TCOR IMDB page)

how did that get up there???????

um...

ok...

I can neither deny nor confirm that information right now. IMD has a lot of esssssplaining to do (in a ricky recardo voice).

02/05/2003 Vin nominated to the 1st TRL Awards

This is your chance to make history. Cast your vote for the first-ever TRL Awards show and let democracy rule! Then be sure to tune in on Monday, February 17 at 4:00 p.m. to see if your favorites walk home with the big prize.

Best Wringer Award

Adam Sandler

Kate Hudson

Vin Diesel

Ashton Kutcher

cast your vote there: www.mtv.com/onair/trl/awards/vote.jhtml

02/04/2003 TCOR is named "Riddick" again

[Upcomingmovies](#) reports: The official title for this movie is indeed just "Riddick." It may end up being referred to as part of the "Chronicles of Riddick", but the title Universal is using is just that one word.

Filming: Production is scheduled to start on April 28th, 2003 in Vancouver, and wrap up over four months later in mid-September, 2003.

01/31/2003 Vin has landed a cameo role in Friends

Anderson Jones: [Movie Scoop \(E! Online\)](#): Vin Diesel (and the rest of Hollywood, it seems) will soon cameo on Friends, playing Joey's wannabe actor cousin.

01/24/2003 'Guys and Dolls' made by Miramax?

from pagesix.com: [...] a Vin Diesel insider [insists] that the bicep-laden movie star and Miramax are talking now of bringing the epic "Guys and Dolls" to the big screen. Estate rights are being negotiated. Miramax would catapult the story into modern times rather than sticking with the old-fashioned Damon Runyon version of Broadway, the Salvation Army and gambling.

So if Vin, who is said to have musical talent in his jeans (excuse me, genes), would play Nathan Detroit, who could be his opposite number as the good girl Sarah Brown who sings "If I Were a Bell I'd Be Ringing"? Folks are naturally thinking maybe Jennifer Lopez. Or maybe they are thinking Mariah Carey, who has been having meetings with Vin of late. Some people said it was all about romance, or maybe just sex. But perhaps it was show business after all! Now I guess it would be crazy for me to suggest to Madonna that she accept the supporting role as Adelaide, the person who could develop a bad, bad cold! This would be a smart choice for her. Adelaide is the most adorable character in the entire Abe Burrows-Jo Swerling-Frank Loesser-Damon Runyon canon. (She also gets to sing "Take Back Your Mink.")

01/13/2003 "Riddick" script review

[TNCM.org](#) posted up a Riddick script review: *"Why? It's the ultimate question every sequel should ask itself. If they can't answer it, they shouldn't do it. Why do we need to see these characters again? Why? This screenplay serves no purpose whatsoever. Do we learn anything*

new about Riddick? Nope. Oh wait, he's originally from Montana. What has he been up to since the first film? That question is never answered. He dropped Kyra somewhere and went on with his life. Yippee-doo! Why the hell would he go back and reside on the planet from the first feature? No idea. Nothing is explained. How come only Kyra knows it? Marek is familiar with the infamous crash from the original installment. That's why he's searching for Kyra. Why didn't he think of finding Riddick there? That's never explained. The script feels like a big budget remake of the original movie. Imagine the original now set on a forest planet with tiger-like creatures replacing the hammerheads, except that they can move in the light. Those are spectacular ideas for a sequel. Not."

IMO A VERY BAD FANFIC RIP-OFF. WE CANNOT BE THANKFUL ENOUGH THAT THIS IS NOT THE SCRIPT THEY ARE USING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

01/09/2003 xXx Explodes onto DVD & Video

The Hollywood Reporter says Revolution Studios' extreme actioner xXx, starring Vin Diesel and Samuel L. Jackson, exploded into the New Year, selling more than 5 million DVD units during its first seven days on retail shelves.

While that figure doesn't set any records, it makes xXx one of the five best-selling DVDs out of the gate and establishes it as the best seller of the new year.

The much-anticipated title also topped the weekly rental charts, earning a whopping \$15.29 million in estimated gross rental revenue.

xXx in Competition for Visual Effects Oscar(R)

Beverly Hills, CA - The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences today announced the seven films being considered for Achievement in Visual Effects for the 75th Academy Awards(R).

The films in consideration are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
- Men in Black II
- Minority Report
- Spider-Man
- Star Wars Episode II Attack of the Clones
- **XXX**

Fifteen-minute clip reels from each of the seven films will be screened for the Visual Effects Award Nominating Committee on February 5. The members will then nominate three of these seven films for Oscar consideration.

The finalists will be announced along with nominations in 23 other categories on Tuesday, February 11, at 5:30 a.m. PST.

Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2002 will be presented on Sunday, March 23, from the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland(R) and televised live by the ABC Television Network beginning at 5:30 p.m. PST. A half-hour arrival segment will precede the presentation ceremony at 5 p.m.

xXx in Competition for Sound Editing Oscar

Beverly Hills, CA - The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences today announced the seven films being considered for Achievement in Sound Editing for the 75th Academy Awards(R).

The films in consideration are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
- The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
- Minority Report
- Road to Perdition
- Spider-Man
- We Were Soldiers
- **XXX**

Ten-minute clip reels from each of the seven films will be screened for the Sound Editing Award Committee on February 4. The members will then vote on these films for Oscar consideration. The outcome of this vote will result in the following options: 1) if two or three productions receive the required votes they will become the nominated films in the Sound Editing category; 2) if only one film receives the required votes it will be recommended to the Academy Board of Governors for a Special Achievement Award; or 3) if no film achieves the required votes, no award for 2002 will be given in the category.

If nominees are selected they will be announced along with nominations in 23 other categories on Tuesday, February 11, at 5:30 a.m. PST. Academy Awards for outstanding film achievements of 2002 will be presented on Sunday, March 23, from the Kodak Theatre at Hollywood & Highland(R) and televised live by the ABC Television Network beginning at 5:30 p.m. PST. A half-hour arrival segment will precede the presentation ceremony at 5 p.m.

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6/24 Missin' the good news? Come and drool over this:

A Man Apart can be pre-ordered from amazon.com

Release date: sept. 2

- [DVD \\$20.99](#)

- [VHS \\$22.99](#)

Vin Diesel hops and bops in Vancouver

Vin Diesel, sexy star of The Fast and the Furious and XXX, apparently likes his hip-hop and r & b. In Vancouver, where he's currently filming The Chronicles of Riddick, he made a quick stop at Brix, where the Music Lounge also dined, before skipping down to Bar None for some good music. And wouldn't you know it, the Music Lounge was squeezed onto the guest list and escorted to the front of the line too.

Bar None was full of beautiful people in chic clothes, including dozens of very attractive East Indian men. On the DJ's playlist that night was J. Timberlake's "Rock Your Body," Beyoncé Knowles' "Crazy," Dr. Dre and Snoop Dog's "Nuthin' But a G Thang," Missy E's "Work It," and Sean Paul's "Get Busy," which got everybody moving. Diesel kept to himself, guarded by security, and didn't make any appearances on the dancefloor.

We nearly fainted when Diesel breezed passed us and smiled gently, and don't think for a second the thought of grabbing his lower cheeks didn't come to mind. His visit was brief, but enough to make our night. He was gorgeous in jeans, grey shirt, white golfer's cap, shades, and a body that could boil water in seconds. Another hotspot was Ginger 62, whose owner bought us shots in the VIP room, same room as the Imsomnia wrap party. You'll hear more about Vancouver's nightlife in our BC Pride Preview next month. Plus, we have early buzz on a BIG party happening there this fall.

source: [Seattle Gay News](#)

6/23 New Riddy release date: June 11th, 2004

[Dark Horizons](#) reports that once more TCOR lost T, C and O and is just "Riddick" again. Also Riddy was moved two weeks up, now dated as June 11, 2004. Now Riddy opens a week after

Harry Potter 3, and a week before Shrek 2. Hope, its gonna be rated 'R' then, as an alternative for the adult movie fans.

6/21 Vin, the 30 million dollar man

Vin is nominated to the 2003 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS

America Online and TEEN PEOPLE today announced the nominees for THE 2003 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS: the fifth annual awards show that allows America's teens to cast their vote for the hottest celebrities in film, television, music, and sports. Teens can vote exclusively at AOL Keyword: Teen Choice Awards--which is available to both AOL and AOL for Broadband members. TEEN PEOPLE readers can go to TeenPeople.com, available through AOL, to vote. THE 2003 TEEN CHOICE AWARDS program is scheduled to air Wednesday, August 6 (8:00 - 10:00 PM ET/PT) on FOX.

Choice Movie Actor - Drama/Action Adventure:

- Ben Affleck (Daredevil) - not a chance Ben, not with a Spider-Man ripoff
- Nick Cannon (Drumline) - have yet to see this movie
- Vin Diesel (xXx/A Man Apart) - hmm....
- Eminem (8 Mile) - is he the One winner or the winner is The One?
- Colin Farrell (Phone Booth/Daredevil) - purrr :D
- Hugh Jackman (X-Men 2) - you can always shiv me, baby
- Keanu Reeves (The Matrix: Reloaded) - i am still not sure if i know or love this movie, but either he wins or the Em
- Elijah Wood (Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers) - cute, cute, but Gollum was the best in The Two Towers!

source: [Yahoo! BusinessWire](#)

New Riddy Cast Members

[IMDB](#) reports that two new guys joined TCOR: [Colin Corrigan](#) as the Vault Officer and [Ron Selmour](#) in a yet-to-be-named role. No details are known from these characters, but Bruce @ [PitcherBlacker.com](#) suspects that CC plays a Slam City Guard and RS might be Imam's replacement. Slam and PrisonerChainedRiddy rules but why to replace Imam?!

Hope we'll get more info soon!

Vin, the 30 million \$ man !!

Tadema also sent us a french interview with Vin (SCORE #13 - May 2003 - pages 40-43), mainly about AMA, but more about her future projects as well. Until we get back the full translation, let it stand here are a few new info from the interview:

- Asia Argento won't be in XXX2.
- He gets paid 30 000 000\$ for Hannibal
- In 10 years hee wants to be in a position to write/direct movies for company, without the necessity to play in them.

6/16 The Chronicles of Riddick poster and other news

hmm.... The Lord of the Rings DVD cover, anyone?!

source: [Dark Horizons](#) / Licensing Show 2003
thanks to waimeawahine

Riddy shooting: June 9th - Oct 2003

Lolita in Cybe... ehm, I mean, TCOR filming has just started last week and at shooting is supposed to wrap up in October.

source: [Greg's Previews @ yahoo!](#)

Vin Diesel: Hero for Hire?

When The Hollywood Reporter broke the news yesterday that Columbia Pictures was going to team with Neal Moritz's Original Film to bring Marvel Comics' Luke Cage, Hero for Hire to the big-screen, I wondered whether Moritz's xXx and Fast and the Furious star Vin Diesel might not be in the running to portray the titular superhero. According to an update yesterday at 4Filmmakers, Diesel is indeed attached to star in Cage.

Please note, however, that 4Filmmakers once reported that Diesel and Moritz were teaming for the comic book movie The Flash, which turned out to be false. Diesel has been rumored for a number of genre flicks he never ended up making, including Daredevil, Terminator 3, Hellboy and King Conan.

Still, after all the studio-generated hype surrounding Diesel's "arrival" in last summer's xXx, the conventional wisdom is that Diesel needs a sure-fire hit in order to justify that hype. His last two releases – the much delayed Knockaround Guys and A Man Apart – weren't especially successful. Even xXx was considered by some to have under-performed. Nowadays, comic book movies seem a sure thing so perhaps Vin really will portray Luke Cage.

source: [FilmForce.IGN.com](#)

Singleton Happy Diesel Out of Furious Source

The success of his speed-driven sequel to The Fast and the Furious wasn't considered a sure bet, given the absence of the original flick's breakout star, Vin Diesel. How could Universal make this film without Diesel fuel? "I think I answered that by making the movie," Singleton declares. "Thank God he didn't do the movie, because now it's even more fresh and new!"

"I wouldn't have it any other way, even if I had the choice," he adds. "You see the combination of Paul Walker and Tyrese. We've made a team now that if we wanted to go make another movie, we could take it to a whole other level."

source: [tvguide.com](#)

6/8 Paul Walker is even more fast and furious without Vin

2 Fast 2 Furious opening weekend result: \$52,091,000 between Fri - Sun. Movie opened on 3,408 screens and earned \$15,284 per screen.

The original movie earned \$40,089,015 on 2,628 screens (\$15,254/per cinema).

2F2F's big opening weekend answers the burning question from two years ago, when studio execs, movie writers and all movie fans were shocked by the 1st movie's success. It wasn't really Vin, who made that movie a phenomenon, nor that sorry excuse of a director, Rob Cohen, but the fast cars and the hot women. 2F2F will prolly do as good as the original movie did, and gather 130-150M\$, while Vin's new/old movie, A Man Apart failed (26,5M\$).

Sorry Big Baldie, but it seems the cars and chicks were as big a draw as you. However you still have a chance with "Lolita in Cyberspace", so good luck and try to make a kickass movie for the die-hard fans - Kriszta

BO data source: [Boxofficemojo.com](#)

Vin visited the wedding of Edward Burns and Christy Turlington

On-again off-again lovebirds Ed Burns and Christy Turlington finally swapped vows this weekend. Originally intended to wed in 2001, the winsome twosome were married in San Francisco Saturday in front of family and friends, including Sting and Vin Diesel, with Bono reportedly filling in for the model's late father who died of lung cancer two years ago.

source: [E! Online](#)

6/7 Important update: DO NOT OPEN THE FAKE NEWSLETTER!!!

Hi all,

many of you were given a fake newsletter today, which one contains a virus. The sender is VinXperience, and the subject is VinXperience newsletter, and it has an attached file. If you ever receive this mail, do not open it and delete immediately.

From: VinXperience <kriszta@astrology.com>
Subject: VinXperience newsletter

What's new @ VinXperience (<http://www.vindiesel.hu>)

2/17/2003 TFATF extra R1 edition, screencaps from Daytona, new wallpapers and re-designed AMA website

- New Vin pics from Daytona

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - NASC

-----LZ667WYTOZZVCB
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="boiler room.lnk.exe.txt"

** attachment boiler room.lnk.exe was infected with I-Worm.Bugbear.B virus,
** attachment part was removed.

-----LZ667WYTOZZVCB--

I have nothing to do with that mail, it was sent from the address kriszta@astrology.com. Also I am deeply sorry if any of you already caught the virus.

Whoever sent out the virus mail: may a Riddick catch you at a dark alley at midnight!!

Kriszta

6/3 The Fast and The Furious Tricked Edition sweepstakes

Choose to Trick Out your Car, your Computer or your Gaming System and one Grand Prize winner will drive off with \$1,500 worth of new gear! Five runner-ups win Tricked Out Edition DVD prize packs!

click on the banner above or [here](#) to enter the game!

TFATF Tricked Edition DVD hits the stores today!!

New edition contains:

"A Turbo-charged Prelude to '2 Fast 2 Furious!'" This all new movie experience, a DVD first, features star Paul Walker in an electrifying never-before-seen short film that picks up where 'The Fast and the Furious' ends and continues the action to the sizzling streets of Miami where

'2 Fast 2 Furious' begins.

* "Tricking Out a Hot Import Car!" An edgy new segment that shows viewers the secrets of the pros on different ways to customize a car. Watch the amazing transformation of a stock-model 2004 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 8 into a customized, nitrous-powered Fast and Furious racer. Hosted by tuner pro and technical advisor Craig Lieberman and Dalene Kurtis, host of TNN's NOPI Tunervision and 2002 Playboy Playmate of the Year.

* An Exclusive Behind the Scenes First Look at 2 Fast 2 Furious! Hot from the Miami set featuring original cast member Paul Walker and a sizzling new cast including R&B sensation Tyrese, Eva Mendes (Training Day), Cole Hauser (Tears of the Sun), and rapper superstars Ludacris and Fabolous making their acting debuts.

* Enhanced Viewing Experience! One click of the remote instantly allows the viewer to jump from the movie to the creation of the cool special effects and other behind-the-scenes footage related to specific film segments.

* The Fast and the Furious Tricked Out Edition DVD also includes a FREE movie ticket for the sequel: 2F2F - hits the cinemas this friday.

New added DVD footage from the original Fast and The Furious! More action, more cars, and more stunts for fans seeking an even bigger rush.

[Order now the DVD from amazon!](#)
[Order the DVD - widescreen edition!](#)

6/2 Vin loses MTV Movie Awards, honors Harry J. O Connor

MTV Movie Awards 2003

Eminem won this year's best actor award (Sorry, Vin .. xXx is just not as good as 8 Mile :-), Colin Farrell wins Best International Breakthrough Award (Way to go Colin :D), and Yoda gets best fight sequence award:

Yoda appeared on a giant screen to accept the honor and spoke in his signature circuitous manner.

"Hmmm ... grateful am I to this award receive. To win, I did not expect," he said. "Promise myself cry I would not."

He went on to thank supporters ranging from "Star Wars" creator George Lucas (news) to Wookie Chewbacca, Vin Diesel (news), space monster Greedo and actor Steve Guttenberg (news).

World Stunt Awards 2003: Vin honored xXx stuntman, Harry J. O Connor, who lost his life during filming a scene in Prague & xXx won 3 Taurus Awards

- *Best stunt by a male:* "xXx"
- *Best stunt coordination and/or 2nd unit direction:* "xXx"
- *Best specialist stunt:* "xXx"

5/29 A Man Apart DVD release info: Available On DVD And VHS On September 2

New Line Home Entertainment announced the release of A Man Apart, an action-filled thriller starring internationally-acclaimed superstar Vin Diesel and rising young actor Larenz Tate. In this gripping film, Vin Diesel stars as a DEA agent on a deadly vendetta to take down the powerful drug cartel that killed his wife. A Man Apart is available to rent or own on DVD for \$27.98 and VHS for \$22.99 on September 2, 2003.

DVD Features and Content

The A Man Apart DVD features widescreen (2:35:1) and fullscreen versions of the film, Dolby Digital 5.1 Surround Sound, Stereo Surround Sound, English subtitles and closed captions. The DVD also includes seven deleted scenes, the theatrical trailer and trailers from other New Line Home Entertainment films.

source: New Line Cinema Press Release

5/28 World Stunt Awards coming this Sunday

World Stunt Awards

120 min.

Harrison Ford is among the honorees at the third annual salute to stunt personnel, hosted by Dennis Hopper.

Although Ford and producer Gale Anne Hurd ("The Terminator" film series) are slated to be lauded for their contributions to action movies, it's filmdom's fall guys and gals who are the real stars of the show. Arnold Schwarzenegger presents a lifetime-achievement award to stunt icon Terry Leonard and **Vin Diesel recalls Harry O'Connor, who died filming Diesel's "XXX."** Other presenters include Jennifer Garner, Carrie-Anne Moss, David Arquette, Kelly Hu, Michelle Rodriguez and Vince Vaughn. Some of the categories honor the best work involving fights, heights, fire and vehicles. Taped June 1. (VCR Plus+ 825557)

WSA airs:

- Monday, June 9, 8:00 PM Channel 29 USA
- Tuesday, 10 12:00 AM 29 USA

source: tvguide.com

thanks to waimeawahine

xXx is nominated in the following categories:

BEST OVERALL STUNT BY A STUNT MAN

- 4.XXX
Stunt man drives a Corvette off a bridge and escapes the inevitable crash by parachuting off the car and gliding to safety.
Nominee: Tim Rigby
- 5.XXX
Stunt man harpoons a moving boat while in a car traveling parallel to the boat. Using a parachute, the stuntman attaches himself to the moving boat and flies behind it. As a bridge approaches, the stunt man unhooks himself from the parachute harness and slides down into the boat.
Nominee: Harry O'Connor

BEST SPECIALTY STUNT

- 3.XXX
Stunt man drives a Corvette off a bridge and escapes the inevitable crash by parachuting off the car and gliding to safety.
Nominee: Tim Rigby
- 4.XXX
Stunt man harpoons a moving boat while in a car traveling parallel to the boat. Using a parachute, the stuntman attaches himself to the moving boat and flies behind it. As a bridge approaches, the stunt man unhooks himself from the parachute harness and slides down into the boat.
Nominee: Harry O'Connor

BEST WORK WITH A VEHICLE

- 5.XXX
Stunt drivers maneuver motorcycles around exploding buildings during a drug raid. During this stunt, helicopters fire at the motorcycles, a motorcycle jumps an exploding vehicle, a stunt driver on a motorcycle jumps through barbed wire and a stunt man jumps over barn as it explodes behind him.
Nominees: Larry Linkogle and Jeremy Steinberg

BEST STUNT COORDINATION and/or 2nd UNIT DIRECTOR: FEATURE

- 3) XXX
Nominees: Lance Gilbert

5/25 Vin was voted E! Online's number 2 Bachelor of 2003

The Top 5 list:

- #1: George Clooney
- #2: Vin Diesel
- #3: Jake Gyllenhaal
- #4: Colin Farrell
- #5: Michael Vartan

5/12 Chronicles of Riddick, aka the intergalactic Lolita

Rookie Davalos in 'Riddick'

LOS ANGELES (Hollywood Reporter) - Newcomer Alexa Davalos has joined the cast of the Vin Diesel vehicle "Chronicles of Riddick," a sequel to the 2000 sci-fier "Pitch Black."

The Universal Pictures film begins production June 9 in Vancouver, with Judi Dench, Colm Feore, Thandie Newton and Karl Urban also starring. David Twohy will direct.

"Riddick" follows the adventures of intergalactic prisoner Riddick (Diesel), a hunted man, in the middle of two opposing forces in a major crusade.

Davalos will play Kyra, a grown-up version of a character that appeared in "Black" who initially was thought to be a boy but turned out to be a girl. Nick Chinlund also has been added to the cast, playing a character named Toombs.

Davalos next stars in HBO's "And Starring Poncho Villa as Himself" opposite Antonio Banderas (news) for director Bruce Beresford (news).

source: Reuters/Hollywood Reporter

5/5 Happy Site News: VX wins Best News Source Award from the 'Fansite Honors - The Fansite Academy Awards' site

5th weekend A Man Apart BO performance:

Last weekend, when X-Men 2 took USA by storm, AMA was pushed back to the 23th place. It was played in 454 movie theatres, 781 less than last week, and earned \$300 000 between Friday and Sunday.

Total gross up-to-date is \$25 806 000.

4/27 AMA: 4th weekend BO results

This weekend, according to the studio estimates AMA fall back with 8 places and took 16th position. The movie gathered an estimated 1,225 M dollar in this weekend, losing more than half of last week's gross. This weekend AMA was played 1,235 theatres (939 less than a week ago), and earned 991 \$ per place.

Cumulative gross up-to-date: 25,130,000\$.
(AMA took 36 M \$ to make, plus an additional 16 M\$ to advertise the movie)

numbers: BoxOfficeMojo.com

4/24 AMA 3rd weekend BO performance:

Weekend Box Office Estimates (U.S.)
Apr 18 - 20 weekend
This Wk / Title / Weekend Gross / Cumulative Gross
1 Anger Management \$25,600,000 / \$80,264,000
2 Holes \$17,100,000 / \$17,100,000
3 Malibu's Most Wanted \$13,140,000 / \$13,140,000
4 Bulletproof Monk \$8,600,000 / \$11,694,000
5 Phone Booth \$5,675,000 / \$35,118,000
6 What a Girl Wants \$4,805,000 / \$27,537,000
7 Bringing Down the House \$3,300,000 / \$122,700,000
8 A Man Apart \$2,600,000 / \$22,559,000
9 Chicago \$2,484,000 / \$160,724,347
10 House of 1000 Corpses \$2,400,000 / \$6,900,000

4/17 Columnists Marilyn Beck and Stacy Jenel Smith report:

--Neil Meron and Craig Zadan would like to address reports that they've set Vin Diesel to star in "Guys and Dolls." "Oh, God. Vin Diesel. We'd better clear this up," notes Zadan. "He gave interviews saying that he and Nicole Kidman were doing 'Guys and Dolls.' We met him socially, but that's all. We're in the process of closing a rights deal now, and we can't make a commitment to any actor yet." The Oscar-winning "Chicago" producers - who deserve all the kudos they're getting for bringing the musical back to television as well as film - tell us they're still a month away from closing that rights deal. And it's still an open question as to who'll take on the roles of New York gamblers Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson, played by Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando in the 1955 feature.

Vin Diesel Handpicks Rapper Buddy Klein for "Music Inspired by A Man Apart"

Rapper Buddy Klein was chosen from hip-hop's underground by Diesel to represent the grit and angst that is an integral characteristic of his latest movie "A Man Apart" (New Line Cinema). Babygrande Records, in partnership with Race Track Records, will be releasing the record featuring tracks from the up and coming rapper who channels his own street upbringing and hustling experiences into the music. The tracks are produced by Jeruz who recently signed a multi-track deal with 50 Cent's G Unit Records. "Buddy Klein had an energy. He represents an angst that's a real part of this film. His story and music are authentic," says Diesel. Diesel also produced the music video for the title track, "Nothing To Lose" which was featured on both MTV and BET. **"Music Inspired by A Man Apart" hits stores April 22nd.**

source: press release

4/14 Vin is nominated for MTV's best actor award :-)

Obviously the academy oversaw Vin's amazing performance in xXx, when they honored Adrien Brody as the best actor, but MTV makes it good this time and nominates Vin for his breathtaking performance as Xander Cage in xXx ;)

all the nominees are:

- Eminem - 8 Mile
- Vin Diesel - XXX
- Leonardo DiCaprio - Catch Me If You Can
- Tobey Maguire - Spider-Man
- Viggo Mortensen - The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

click [here](#) to vote for Vin!

Weekend BO estimates

- TW / Title / Weekend Gross / Total Gross
- 1 Anger Management \$44,500,000 / \$44,500,000
 - 2 Phone Booth \$7,525,000 / \$26,623,000
 - 3 What a Girl Wants \$6,700,000 / \$20,400,000
 - 4 Bringing Down the House \$4,551,000 / \$117,664,000
 - 5 A Man Apart \$4,450,000 / \$18,270,000**
 - 6 Head of State \$4,000,000 / \$30,900,000
 - 7 House of 1,000 Corpses \$3,400,000 / \$3,400,000
 - 8 Chicago \$3,290,000 / \$156,930,000
 - 9 The Core \$3,225,000 / \$25,674,000
 - 10 Basic \$2,200,000 / \$23,800,000

4/11 Vin & Dominic Sena eye 'Dreadnaught'

Actor Vin Diesel and director Dominic Sena are in negotiations to star in and helm, respectively, Columbia Pictures/Red Wagon Prods.' "Dreadnaught." A fall start date is being planned, after Diesel wraps shooting Universal Pictures' "The Chronicles of Riddick." The project reunites Diesel with the same studio that distributed his last feature, Revolution Studio's "XXX." "Dreadnaught" is described as a David-and-Goliath dual at sea that pits a relentless captain against his commanding officer on the most high-tech warship ever created. Red Wagon Prods.' Lucy Fisher and Doug Wick will produce the project with Sean Bailey and Cooper Layne, who brought the original script to the company. Columbia executive vp Amy Baer is overseeing the project. Blake Masters wrote the original script with a rewrite by Dan Gilroy and David Arata. Stephen Rivele and Christopher Wilkinson wrote the most recent draft. Diesel is repped by Endeavor and the Firm. Sena is repped by ICM.

source: The Hollywood Reporter

4/8 AMA: Final 1st Weekend Box Office records

TW	Title	Weekend Gross	Theater Count	Average	Total Gross	Cost*	Week #
1	Phone Booth	\$15,021,088	2,481	\$6,054	\$15,021,088	\$13 / \$25	1
2	What a Girl Wants	\$11,434,964	2,964	\$3,857	\$11,434,964	\$25 / \$22	1
3	A Man Apart	\$11,019,224	2,459	\$4,481	\$11,019,224	\$36 / \$18	1
4	Head of State	\$8,578,181	2,155	\$3,980	\$25,160,426	\$35.2 / \$27	2
5	Bringing Down the House	\$8,316,696	2,910	\$2,857	\$111,113,733	\$33 / \$28	5
6	The Core	\$6,181,635	3,019	\$2,047	\$20,802,701	\$60 / \$25	2
7	Basic	\$5,375,721	2,876	\$1,877	\$20,011,679	- / -	2

8	Chicago	\$5,103,000	2,385	\$2,226	\$152,200,000	\$45 / \$30	15
9	Agent Cody Banks	\$3,626,002	2,331	\$1,555	\$40,004,385	\$28 / \$25	4
10	Piglet's Big Movie	\$2,802,493	2,021	\$1,386	\$16,750,012	- / -	3

* = production budget / marketing

UK BO list: AMA also landed on the 3rd spot, ironically beaten by an other Colin Farrell movie, The Recruit ;)

4/6 Premiere magazine power list 2003

46. *Vin Diesel*

Rank Last Year: 95

Title: Buff and Ready

Sticker Price: \$20 million

Career Domestic Box Office: \$593.7 million

2002 Box Office: \$153.3 million

Status Report: XXX proved he could carry a picture, but Revolution's marketing muscle got as much as credit as he did. Wanted \$20 million for 2 Fast 2 Furious, so Universal made it without him. Shooting Pitch Black sequel. Still attached to cross the Alps on an elephant in Revolution's Hannibal, but could do romantic comedy NY Giant first.

Yes, It's True: Didn't play Daredevil, in part, because the mask made his nose look too big.

4/5 AMA BO results + TRL pics

Congratulations to Mr. Colin Farrel for the 3rd No#1 movie this year! After the success of The Recruit and Daredevil, Phone Booth once more grabs the pole position, with an estimated 5M\$ on Friday (-> 15M\$ predicted for this weekend). AMA comes on the 2nd place, one million dollar shy of Phone Booth (3,980,000\$), closely followed by "What a girl wants". AMA will earn cca 11-12M\$, a little bit more than Pitch Black did 3 years ago, without any kind of huge marketing tools :/

Vin, sweetheart, if you stop by VX today, pls do what Colin does, do what you did a few years ago, do not only talk about your art or action, if the Rob Cohen movies please you, but pls DO it, and not xXx 123, but a real, serious, dark Riddick movie.

Kriszta

Rank/ Title / **Friday estimates** / Total

1 PHONE BOOTH \$5,060,000 / \$5,060,000

2 A MAN APART \$3,980,000 / \$3,980,000

3 WHAT A GIRL WANTS \$3,480,000 / \$3,480,000

4 HEAD OF STATE \$2,770,000 / \$19,352,000

5 BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE \$2,370,000 / \$105,187,000

6 THE CORE \$1,800,000 / \$16,421,000

7 BASIC \$1,590,000 \$16,226,000

8 CHICAGO \$1,410,000 \$148,278,000

9 AGENT CODY BANKS \$800,00 / \$37,178,000

10 DREAMCATCHER \$760,000 / \$28,281,000

source: BoxOfficeMojo.com

4/3 Riddy casting news + prod delay

Karl Urban, better known as Eomer in "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," is set and Thandie Newton is negotiations to join the cast of Universal Pictures' "Chronicles of Riddick" for writer-director David Twohy, Radar Pictures and One Race Prods. Production begins June 9 in Vancouver, with Vin Diesel, Judi Dench and Colm Feore also starring. "Riddick" continues the adventures of intergalactic prisoner Riddick, a character first introduced in the 2000 film "Pitch Black."

"Riddick" follows the adventures of intergalactic prisoner Riddick, a character introduced in Diesel's 2000 film "Pitch Black." The second installment finds Riddick, now a hunted man, in the middle of two opposing forces in a major crusade.

Feore plays Lord Marshal, a warrior priest who is the leader of a sect that is waging the 10th and perhaps final crusade 500 years in the future. Dench portrays Aereon, an ambassador from the Elemental race. She is an ethereal being who helps Riddick unearth his origins. Urban will play Vaako, a military commander under Lord Marshal. Newton would play Dame Vaako.

(Hollywood Reporter)

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9/28 Karl Urban talks Riddy

"Shooting is scheduled to end this month on David Twohy's Vin Diesel starring follow-up to 2000s sleeper hit, Pitch Black (part one of a trilogy). Yet don't expect an easy going summer fare. "It's about time we reclaimed science fiction and made it dark," says co-star Karl Urban, best known as Eomer in LOTR. "It's gotten a little candy on us lately, but we are going to flip that." While plot details remain sketchy, Urban plays "a deadly enforcer of a dark place" who spends the entire film trying to take Diesel down. "Vin is prey for my part," says Urban. "I mean, in this film you're either the hunter or the hunted."

source: Empire Magazine

Woman's sexiest men list 2003 (Danish magazine)

#19

Vin Diesel

36 yrs, actor and bouncer

Single

Votes: 1369 out of 13119

Rank last year: 19

Some might mean that he looks like Thomas Eje (Danish "humorist"), but truth be told we think that Mark Vincent is a hell of a lot cuter than him. Vin Diesel belongs in the category of extremely sexy, but very dangerous men - the ones you don't want to take home to meet your parents, unless you want to be disowned. Quite fittingly it has also been that kind of parts that the rough New Yorker guy has played, and he continues where The Fast and the Furious and xXx left off - as a vindictive pusher in A Man Apart and in yet another wild ride as agent Xander Cage in xXx2.

Did you know... Vin Diesel was offered the part as Daredevil before Ben Affleck?

full list can be seen [here](#)

New pics, scans mentioned on the board

- [GQ](#)

- [Vin in In Style magazine](#) - Vin as a diva?

9/21 Vin is No#23 sexiest man, Cohen officially off!!

It's Official: Rob Cohen Decides to Do "Stealth" Instead of "XXX" Sequel

FilmJerk.com has learned that as Revolution Studios moves forward on the sequel to 2002's "XXX," it will do so without the director of the first installment, Rob Cohen. Cohen will instead be directing "Stealth," a project he has been eyeing for some time and which will begin principal photography January 2004 in Australia.

Cohen reportedly had right of first refusal for "XXX2" and this means the directorial reins are likely go to Lee Tamahori, who has been in discussions to direct in the case that Cohen, as expected, ankle the Vin Diesel project.

source: FilmJerk.com

thanks to sweetsistermary and waimeawahine

Vin is #23 on E!-s Rank: Sexiest Men 2003

Dropping 14 ranks from last year's 9th position, Vin was listed as the #23 Sexiest Man of 2003. The list has a brand new number one: the one and only Colin Farrell! Congrats to the new daddy and lets hope that next year Vin can perform a bit better as well.

Full list of the sexiest men of 2003.
(last year's ranks)

#25 Nelly (-)	#13 Bruce Springsteen (16)
#24 Jake Gyllenhaal (22)	#12 Ewan McGregor (5)
#23 Vin Diesel (9)	#11 Enrique Iglesias (6)
#22 Rick Fox (7)	#10 Lenny Kravitz (19)
#21 Richard Gere (20)	#9 Hugh Jackman (8)
#20 Guy Pearce (17)	#8 Benjamin Bratt (1)
#19 Orlando Bloom (-)	#7 Michael Vartan (13)
#18 Simon Baker (23)	#6 George Clooney (10)
#17 Pierce Brosnan (12)	#5 Johnny Depp (-)
#16 Hugh Grant (14)	#4 Ashton Kutcher
#15 Will Smith (15)	#3 Ben Affleck (2)
#14 Russell Crowe (-)	#2 Brad Pitt (4)
#1 Colin Farrell (3)	

source: E! Online

9/17 First Riddy set pic, xXx casting rumors etc.

CineScape reports: "Thanks to "Necromonger Joe", we've been given the first look ever of a set being used in THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK, the upcoming sequel to PITCH BLACK. Directed by David Twohy and starring Vin Diesel, Colm Feore, Judi Dench, Thandie Newton and Alexa Davalos, so far no images from the production have been shown anywhere in the media, official or otherwise.

Our pal Joe says that what we're looking at is the inside of the Necromongers starship. Led by the Lord Marshal (Feore), the Necromongers warrior race have arrived at a planet called Helion and are in the midst of subjugating the population. On Helion is the ex-con Riddick (Diesel), hiding out from the bounty placed on his head. Little is known for sure of the Necromongers; there are reports that the Lord Marshal might be using the reanimated dead as warriors in his army.

The photo in question shows part of an old church that the Lord Marshal had relocated inside his command ship. We're told by Joe that some terrifying acts are committed in gruesome ceremonies inside this dark church including beheadings and self-mutilations.

The first film in a proposed three-part series, THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK is scheduled for release on June 11, 2004.

['Necromonger Joe' thinks the hours are long but the satisfaction of being an undead soldier are great.] "

click thumbnail to see the full sized image

source: CineScape

Riddy official website?

check out www.riddickmovie.com. right now there is no actual website there, but the url is redirected to the Universal site, so its the address, where sooner or later the official site will show up

Eric Bana offered Xander's role?

Eric Bana doesn't do XXX.

The Hulk's reluctant hunk, who has been shooting the sword-and-sandals epic Troy with Brad Pitt, was offered the lead role played by Vin Diesel in the 2002 film, but instead chose to star in a comedy called The Nugget. Bana probably picked the film, about gold prospectors, because it made him laugh--which XXX inadvertently did for most people past the age of 12.

source: Premiere Magazine Oct issue

thanks to DZBlonde

9/4 The Chronicles of Riddick teaser coming in January!

Dark Horizons reports: Meanwhile on the preview front, 'Eric' has heard some dates to look out for: "Barbershop 2 trailer to debut in October, Harry Potter 3 teaser to debut in December 5th in front of The Last Samurai, **Chronicles Of Riddick teaser set for a January debut**, and Lord Of The Rings trailer may get a September 26th Internet debut". 'theatre Nazi' hears the December release of Sony's "The Missing" will contain a teaser for "Spider-Man 2" and a trailer for "Hellboy".

8/29 Lee Tamahori to direct xXx2

Die Another Day, Rob Cohen!!!! :-D

Revolution Studios is moving forward on the sequel to last year's "XXX," but who will direct the project has not been made clear. Rob Cohen, who directed the original, has right of first refusal. However, if the helmer plans to make Columbia Pictures' "Stealth" as his next feature, the reins will likely go to Lee Tamahori, who is in discussions to direct the sequel, now titled "XXX2." Cohen has spent the summer location scouting for "Stealth," but there is no firm start date for the project, and Cohen has not officially stepped off "XXX2." Meanwhile, should Tamahori come aboard the project, it would mark the New Zealand helmer's third franchise after directing the most recent installment of the James Bond series, "Die Another Day," and "Along Came a Spider," which continued the adventures of Detective Alex Cross from James Patterson's best-selling novels.

source: Hollywood Reporter

Vin is 10th best dressed male celebrity?!

CHICAGO, Aug. 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Teenage girls don't care what block she's from, they only want to know where Jennifer Lopez shops. Teen boys, on the other hand, are hoping to get "nSync" with Justin Timberlake's fashion sense.

In a nationwide survey of 2,000 teen shoppers, General Growth Properties, one of the country's largest shopping center owners, developers and managers, as well as a premier retail industry research company, has released its Top 10

list of fashionable celebrities teenagers will be dressing like this back-to-school season.

- 1 Justin Timberlake
- 2 Nelly
- 3 Eminem
- 4 P. Diddy
- 5 Ashton Kutcher, Brad Pitt (tie)
- 6 50 Cent
- 7 Ben Affleck
- 8 Will Smith, Tom Cruise, Johnny Knoxville (tie)
- 9 Colin Farrell, Michael Jordan, Marilyn Manson (tie)
- 10 DMX, Vin Diesel (tie)

Vin best dressed in his grandma shirt and sweatsuits?! llllinteresting :b

8/22 Riddy preview + Singleton talks Vin-less TFATF 2

Hollywood Reporter: 2004 Summer Movies Preview

June 11 is opening day for two films targeted to very different audiences and both look like they should do well. Universal's "Riddick" is a sci-fi horror thriller that is targeted to the young male audience. It's a higher profile sequel to the 2000 hit "Pitch Black," which was released by USA Films and grossed about \$39 million domestically. The film's success in home video suggested it could work as a mainstream franchise at Universal, where USA Films became one of several companies folded into the studio's new Focus Features specialized films division. Directed by David Twohy, who wrote the original "Pitch," the sequel stars Vin Diesel as Riddick, a hunted man who can see in the dark and winds up between two opposing forces during a major crusade 500 years in the future. Also starring are Judi Dench and Colm Feore. "Riddick" sounds like a perfect summer chiller.

-also they list xXx 2 for next summer, but it wont happen earlier than 2005!

Revolution and Columbia's sequel "XXX 2" is a perfect film to split June 18 as an opening date with "Garfield," which is exactly where some schedules have it. (Others have it somewhere in the future, but time will tell.) With its extreme sports storyline, "XXX 2" is, needless to say, targeted to an action adventure audience that will be heavily male. Directed by Rob Cohen and written by Rich Wilkes, the director and writer of the original, it reteams Vin Diesel as Xander Cage and Samuel L. Jackson as Agent Augustus Gibbons. The original "XXX" grossed over \$141 million last year.

source: Hollywood Reporter - Martin Grove

E! Online Movie Scoop: John Singleton talks TFATF2

"I think all of them are full of s--t," he said of Industry reporters. Folks at, say, Variety and the Hollywood Reporter are in his sights because of recent reports about failed summer sequels. He's irate because his 2 Fast 2 Furious has been unfairly lumped in with the dud sequels to Legally Blonde, Lara Croft: Tomb Raider and Bad Boys.

So far, 2 Fast has earned \$126 million domestically, which is less than the original. But overseas, the film has already cleared \$90 million, dwarfing the first flick's \$60 million. With several foreign releases to go, Singleton expects the tally to reach at least \$108 mil.

"They still won't give it up," Singleton ranted, explaining that because Vin Diesel didn't star in the sequel, most Industry types wrote it off. The write-offs continued even after it was released. In her L.A. Times review, Manohla Dargis scribbled that 2 Fast was "like The Godfather without Al Pacino."

Huh? I mean, I liked the movie, but The Fast and the Furious isn't The Godfather.

Meanwhile, Singleton has his own theory, which is a tad more grounded in reality: "I think it's because they want the star system to work," he told me. "Our movie had no names. It was about fast cars, sexy girls and Miami. It was the vibe of the movie. It worked without Vin, and they said it wouldn't. I just think we shocked them too much."

source: E! Online Movie Scoop - Anderson Jones

8/12 Vin's Riddy eye problems

Action star Vin Diesel had no problem focusing on his character in The Chronicles of Riddick—he just couldn't see! The actor had to wear special hard contacts to make his eyes glow, and suffered in silence from blurred vision and itching. After walking smack into the catering table, tipping over drinks and a plate of sandwiches on the Vancouver set, he finally admitted his pain and experts replaced his lenses with a more wearable version.

quote taken from the Star magazine, scan under this thread
thanks to DanistaBaby & DF25

Vin enjoying Vancouver

Another Hollywood heartthrob has been hanging out in inconspicuous Burnaby these days. Action star Vin Diesel is finally here, making a feature called Riddick at Mammoth Studios in Lake City. Diesel's been spotted chowing down at the trendy eatery, Global, in Vancouver's Yaletown and even Jet-Skiing near the Bayshore hotel. Riddick will take longer than expected to shoot in the wake of a fire at Mammoth studios that set back production.

source: Hollywood North Report Board

thanks to Unc and Ice*!

8/8 Site is back from summer vacation!!

Hi all,

hope you all have a marvellous summer :) I have just returned from my amazing summer vacation and have yet to catch up with many things, like Vin news and emails. New bdays and links will be submitted next week only, but i try to answer to all site mails asap. To help my job not to mix your mail with the usual spam mails, pls add VXMail to the subject of each email you'll send to me.

thank you, Kriszta

All Vin news 07.12-08.08.2003, linked headlines from the message board

- AICN Riddick update
- Neil Moritz gives XXX2 update: Rob Cohen wont direct xXx 2 !!
- New Pitch Black Production Interview
- tiny VIN pic in Savoy Mag
- Vin donates item to Boys & Girls Club Auction
- CHUD Update on Riddick
- Vin Diesel to film life story of a Morris Park decorated cop
- Riddick Crew Additions: July 25, 2003
- Update on Inside Edition
- C.H.U.D. Visiting Riddick Set

click [here](#) to read all news

thanks to waimeawahine, MAVDementia, DieselFan25, windmill71 and MyOwnWrite

New image alerts

- NEW VIN PIC FROM TAMARA IN BELGIUM! THANKS!!
- Poor Vin....E! Sexy Stars Body Swap!

click [here](#) to see the pics

thanks to DieselFan25

7/12 VX goes to Vacation !!!

Finally, its july, sunshine, vacation and time to take a break from the site. I'll spend the next 3 weeks visiting friends and family and spend some quality time away from the computer. My internet access will be limited, so prolly wont be able answer my mails on the daily dose and wont be able to update the site at all. If you need your Riddy/Vinny fix, pls visit the message board to read the latest info, or if you have one, share with the other fans and socialize with them :))

have a great summer everyone and see you all in August!

Kriszta - the webmistress

7/8 Translated Vinterview from Score magazine + new scans

People are talking about a 30M\$ paycheck for 'Hannibal'. It's even more than the 20M\$ you will earn for XXX2 and would make you the highest paid actor of all time ...

I would be pleased to be the first actor to earn over 25M\$. It's like in sports; in Hollywood too the concept of performance is exciting and important. I'm still in negotiations with the different financial partners gathered for 'HANNIBAL'. It's too early to give any details, but let's say that this project is gearing up to be even more spectacular than TITANIC was its own time. Who knows? It could be the new "most expensive movie in the history of cinema". Apart from this, I've never been so interested by a movie before. I've been living with this myth for years and I dream of playing an ancient character. I already wear a bracelet with Hannibal's elephants as a lucky charm. I built a tent in my backyard, similar to the ones of Hannibal's times and I go there on a regular basis, at dawn, to meditate. I also began the preparation and I learned to ride elephants. I've never so serious in my life. HANNIBAL will be the project of my career. It can't be otherwise.

7/2 Universal Pictures Begins Production on the Science Fiction Action-adventure Epic, 'the Chronicles of Riddick'

Riddick has spent the last five years on the move among the forgotten worlds on the outskirts of the galaxy, eluding mercenaries bent on collecting the price on his head. Now, the fugitive finds himself on planet Helion, home to a progressive multicultural society, which has been invaded by the Lord Marshal (Colm Feore), a zealot who targets humans for subjugation with his army of warriors known as Necromongers.

Exiled to a subterranean prison where extremes of temperature range from arctic nights to volcanic days, Riddick encounters Kyra (Alexa Davalos), the lone survivor from an earlier chapter in his life. His efforts to free himself and Kyra lead him to the Necromonger command ship, where he is pitted against the Lord Marshal in an apocalyptic battle with possibly the fate of all beings-both living and dead-hanging in the balance.

The filmmakers have assembled a talented production team for The Chronicles of Riddick: cinematographer Hugh Johnson ("G.I. Jane," "White Squall"), production designer Holger Gross ("Windtalkers," "Stargate"), visual effects supervisor Peter Chiang ("Below," "Pitch Black"), costume designer Ellen Mirojnick ("It Runs in the Family," "Unfaithful"), three time Academy Award®-winning makeup effects designer Ve Neill ("Ed Wood," "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Beetlejuice") and editor Martin Hunter ("Underworld," "Below").

click [here](#) the read the full article from PR Newswire
thanks to AZSue!

Vin interested in a sport movie/romance with J.Lo. and James Cameron himself!!

Twentieth Century Fox-based producer Barry Josephson has acquired the rights to "The Dive," the working title of the forthcoming autobiography from world champion freediver Francisco "Pipin" Ferreras.

Freediving is a burgeoning extreme sport in which participants zip hundreds of feet undersea after taking only a single breath of air, then race to the surface attached to a sled pulled by an inflated balloon. The sport is physically demanding, and in 2002 claimed the life of Ferreras' wife, female world champion freediver, Frenchwoman Audrey Mestre, then 27. Ferreras himself holds the world record for diving without bottled oxygen. In May 2000, the Cuban diver descended to an astonishing 531 feet in just over three minutes, roundtrip, near Cozumel, Mexico.

Story of "The Dive" will revolve around Ferreras' romance and marriage to Mestre, and her untimely death in October 2002. She died while attempting to break the world record off the coast of the Dominican Republic.

Production entities involving Vin Diesel, Jennifer Lopez and James Cameron have already expressed interest in the romance, which has been chronicled in Sports Illustrated and in the Miami Herald, among other pubs.

Regan described the duo's tale as "not just a love story, but one about pushing limits" -- noting that Mestre had suffered through scoliosis as a child and had been shaped by her physical challenges to push the envelope in extreme sports.

source: Variety

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12/17 Vin as extra in Awakenings!!!

"LOL! Yeah, well... Seems that back in '90, Vin (He's not in the credits, so we won't quibble over what he was going by at the time.) was in the movie AWAKENINGS with Robert FRIGGIN DeNiro and Robin FRIGGIN Williams. Non-speaking role. Not listed in the credits. Look in Ch 46 of the DVD, right after Leonard gets put in with the semi-violent patients after attempting to break out of the hospital. About 5 second of face time. Lots of hair involved... :: giggles ::"

[full story, pics here @ message board](#)

thanks to GreenEyedMonsterGrrr!

Riddy teaser trailer is online

click [here](#) to see the teaser + and [here](#) to see a few Riddy screencaps

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

12/16 Vin visited Downtown movie screening

For a brief moment Sunday the Motion Picture and Television Fund campus became a "home" of a different kind. It was a safe haven for street kids and an oppor tunity for them to watch a film that tells their story and offers hope. The film, "Downtown," is produced by Michele Berk ("Bandits") and Joey Dedio, a former street kid who wrote, produced and stars in the film about life on the streets. It boasts a remarkable performance by Genevieve Bujold and a cameo by Jon Savage. Vin Diesel surprised the youngsters by attending the screening even though he is

not in the film ...

source: Variety

12/15 Vin 'Chronicles' His New Flick for Maria

'XXX' action hero VIN DIESEL is returning to the big screen this summer with his most spectacular production yet, 'The Chronicles of Riddick.' Tonight on ET, get a sneak preview of the film as our own MARIA MENOONOS takes an exclusive tour of the futuristic film's set with the ultimate tour guide, her pal Vin!

The sequel to the 2000 sci-fi favorite 'Pitch Black,' 'Chronicles' catches up five years later with Vin's enigmatic anti-hero Riddick, a man with a price on his head who's dodging mercenaries across the galaxy. "I knew that this was a character that had such a complex and interesting dynamic that I wanted to revisit him," Vin tells Maria. "[When I shot 'Pitch Black'] I wanted to imagine what his universe would look like, and that's what this is. We're not making a movie, we're making a universe."

full article with pics and a very cool videoclip is at [ET Online](#)

Other new posts on the board:

- [Teaser site screencaps](#) by DF25/Tadema
- [Riddick Necromonger Extra Costume, perhaps?](#) by DF25
- [Dog bite scan](#) (scroll down to DanistaBaby's post)

12/11: [Riddick teaser site](#) has just opened!!!

Aereon:

*"By the supersitious they are called The Hood of The Devil.
By those who lose contact with loved ones on distant worlds, never knowing why, their name is The Great Silence.
By those who've seen the towering statues left behind on dead planets they are simply called The End."*

[click here to read the full transcript by DieselFan25](#)

12/10: Riddy trailer details

" Next week will see three high profile Summer 2004 movie teaser trailers debutting in cinemas and online. "Spider-Man 2", "World of Tomorrow" and Universal's massive sci-fi action epic "The Chronicles of Riddick" with Vin Diesel. Today the first details have emerged on right here on the content of that last one's preview.

The teaser piece is said to include some sweet FX shots like Judi Dench walking down a large desert temple stairs (though from the back she seems almost transparent), giant alien statues, lots of combat fighting, women in elaborate dresses, some great epic army shots and silhouettes/close-ups of Vin Diesel reprising his role of the mirror-eyed Riddick.

Other great standout 'fantasy' shots include someone in an almost old diving bell style design suit but the inside is filled with transparent purple light. The Necromonger ships are glimpsed, and the doozy of a final moment where a giant falling elaborate stone coffin/statue crushes everything in its path. "

source: Dark Horizons

12/09 2nd Update: Riddy rulez!!

Source: JoBlo.com by: JoBlo

" What the shit's going on with RIDDICK, the prequel to one of the cooler sci-fi flicks to come out in the past few years, you may ask? Well, after spending months shooting the film up in Canada, writer/director David Twohy was nice enough to drop me a line with the lowdown on this anticipated movie. Not much is known about the film other than the fact that it stars Vin Diesel, as well as Colm Feore, Judie Dench and Thandie Newton. Here's what the man himself told us that we can look forward to very soon:

- This Wednesday at midnight, the old PITCH BLACK website (www.pitchblack.com) will be transformed into a dimensional portal that will take you on a fly-by of one (yes, just one, folks) of the worlds in the RIDDICK universe
- On Monday/Tuesday the 15th/16th of December, the film's first trailer will hit Apple Trailers, followed shortly by its addition to the RETURN OF THE KING theatrical prints on the 17th. The trailer will provide a sneak look at some of the other worlds and characters from the film
- Sometime in the spring, the official website will allow everyone to join in a bounty hunt for Richard B. Riddick himself through the site. The person who finds him first...is invited to the film's premiere in June. Sweet.

RIDDICK is set to be released on June 11, 2004

Sounds like a plan to me. I was a fan of the original film (read my review here), but even more so, of Vin Diesel and his character, who I thought ruled the f*ckin' screen. I think the idea of looking back into his past is brilliant and with all systems go, it looks like the film is set to be one of Universal's big summer centerpieces. Riddiiiiiiiiickkkkk!!! "

12/09 Schwarzenegger cameo in Hannibal?!

Moviehole.net reports: Latest rumours have Arnold Schwarzenegger poised to make a cameo in the upcoming "Hannibal" opposite Vin Diesel

Vin and Maria on ET

Caps from the quick clip of Vin and Maria together at a documentary screening about the Holocaust.

[click here to see the rest of the pics!](#)

thanks to DieselFan25

12/02 Riddick trailer attached to The Return of the King 17th of December!!

I'm sure you've heard by now the news that the first SPIDER-MAN 2 trailer will be attached to prints of RETURN OF THE KING when it opens on December 17th. But do you know what other trailers will be attached? Well we here at JoBlo.com have a first look at the list of trailers scheduled to be playing before ROTK on the 17th and what an impressive list it is! Besides SPIDER-MAN 2, there are no less than eight trailers scheduled to run before the film and almost all will be your first look at big 2004 films.

The first of the biggies is a teaser trailer for RIDDICK, Vin Diesel's follow-up to PITCH BLACK. The film, which has officially ditched THE CHRONICLES OF from its title, is scheduled for release on June 11th.

Thanks to HazeLavendar for the tip and joblo.com for the information! Thanks to Dieselfan25 for posting it at the board.

/Ms M

11/27: Daddy Diesel - The Pacifier got quite a funny/mean reception by the writers + ghost roles in ghost movies

"Move away from the nappy pins! Vin Diesel is ditching his well-honed tough guy image by considering a kiddy comedy caper as his next film project. Was all that xXx hard work for nothing! The Pacifier – as the pap-fest will be called – looks at the story of a scientist who needs protecting by undercover government agents when his family become in danger.

All OK so far.

However, Mr Diesel will walking the path well-trodden by Arnie in Kindergarten Cop and star as an undercover agent in the film, forced to look after a gaggle of kids. Which, of course, proves to be both simultaneously tricky, yet hilarious.

We can feel our sides splitting already.

We can only hope the bulldog-mushed actor gets sidetracked by his own self-funded film which he is mysteriously calling the Abbey project – for no apparent reason. Not only is the gravel-voiced gun-toter putting up the cash for the flick – he will also 'ghost act' in the film.

Right.

"We're familiar with the term 'ghost writers', but we've never heard of a 'ghost actor' which essentially would be acting without ever revealing who you are," explains the poor, deluded action star. "So you'd be in a different costume, you'd be in prosthetics, you'd have an affected accent, you'd play a different age. You wouldn't present that it's Vin Diesel doing the role, you'd hide within that character. That's something innovative and fascinating to me."

Maybe he should do the same for his forthcoming child-based Hulk Hogan foray and save all our blushes.

source: megastar.co.uk

thanks to TopazSLC

One more article about the ghost roles can be found @ [BBC](#)

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

Vin Diesel in the family way

Vin "Does this guy need some career counselling or what?" Diesel seems to think he's discovered his funny bone. The "Fast and the Furious" star is set to star in "The Pacifier", the story of an undercover agent who, after failing to protect an important government scientist, learns the man's family is in danger. In an effort to redeem himself, he agrees to take care of the man's children only to discover that child care is his toughest mission yet. According to Variety, the film, written by Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant and developed by Spyglass, will start shooting in the Spring. Some may think the title ["The Pacifier"] sounds familiar. It was mentioned as a possible Jackie Chan venture a couple of months back. And of course, Vin's also interested in doing "Fast and the Furious 3". Paul Walker gave About.Com, an update. "Me, Tyrese and Vin. That'd be such a good time. The studio should foot the bill for that, I'll tell you that. They should bring all three of us. I think it'd be a gas."

source: moviehole.net

New fan encounter added

"I would like you to add a fan encounter. I have had the pleasure of meeting him when he was

promoting at TRL and Jon Stewart. When he came in at TRL, he didn't do anything, on the way out he stood up on the door out of the limo and shook hands with fans since there was so many of them out there. He was saying stuff like thanking us to come out and support him. Then I went to Jon Stewart and he walked straight in, on the way out I got his autograph. I wanted to get a pic with him but that wasn't happening. He's not good with taking pics with people. I still think he's great. "

submitted by Avrils1Fn

11/25: New Movie : The Pacifier

The Walt Disney Co. and Spyglass Entertainment are teaming on action/comedy "The Pacifier," with Vin Diesel inked to star.

Pic will be financed and distributed by Disney for the Walt Disney Pictures label and produced by Spyglass.

Penned by Thomas Lennon and Robert Ben Garant and developed by Spyglass, pic is the story of an undercover agent who, after failing to protect an important government scientist, learns the man's family is in danger. In an effort to redeem himself, he agrees to take care of the man's children only to discover that child care is his toughest mission yet.

Spyglass partners Gary Barber, Roger Birnbaum and Jonathan Glickman will produce pic with Diesel's producing partner, George Zakk. Spyglass' Derek Evans will exec produce. Pic is expected to start shooting in the spring.

Diesel next stars in "The Chronicles of Riddick" for Radar Pictures and Universal; Zakk also produced that pic, a sequel to "Pitch Black."

Diesel is repped by Endeavor and the Firm.

source: The Variety

11/24 DIESEL'S DOG LANDS THE ACTOR IN TROUBLE

A Hollywood writer has filed a hefty lawsuit against XXX star VIN DIESEL after claiming the actor's dog almost cost him his genitals.

MICHAEL KERNER claims he was viciously attacked by Diesel's mastiff ROMAN last year (02) and had to have painful stitches in his penis and scrotum.

Kerner was in Diesel's home working on a script with the movie hunk when Roman attacked, and he now claims the incident has left him with "nerve damage, loss of physical sensation, psychological harm and mental distress".

source: Contactmusic.com

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](http://Greetings4rmVin.com)

11/21: kilts, pics and co.

Important domain name info: vindiesel.info is temporarily not available, pls update your bookmarks to vindiesel.hu!!!

Vin, the thief: he kept the kilt!!

HOLLYWOOD star Vin Diesel is keeping the black leather kilt he wore at the MTV awards in Edinburgh - even though it was only given to him on loan.

Capital kilt-maker Howie Nicholsby, who let the tough guy actor borrow his own personal kilt for

the ceremony in Leith, said he has yet to return it. Mr Nicholsby, creator of the 21st Century Kilts brand at Geoffrey Tailor Kilt-makers, said: "He was meant to bring the kilt back to us after the awards but he hasn't done so." However, he insisted the Fast and the Furious star can keep the kilt if he allows the designer to use his picture on his website. He said: "Vin Diesel is a great guy and I'll be contacting him to sort something out."

source: scotsman.com

thanks to July @ [Greetings 4rm Vin](#)

Reed Pics/Auctions - Vin SAG Card (As in- NEW PIC!!!!)

Reed'll say he's not a professional photographer, but he has several coffee table type erotic photo books (along with a Pulitzer Prize nominated biographical novel and several other published books under his belt. Not pro my ASS!) So anyway... he's sitting at home in his Hell's Kitchen (NYC) apt.. and the phone rings. Some guy was with a friend picking up some prints at a processing place... saw some of his work. The guy's signing with a major NY agency (Which shall remain nameless.), and wants Reed to do his pics for his first portfolio. Reed's busy- says TY but no thanks. The guy tells him QUOTE "No. You'll wanna shoot me." But Reed's seriously busy, and still declines. Later, there's a knock at his door. He answers it, and there stands our boy in all his charming glory... And sure as Hell, Reed changes his mind. (He says Vin was very CUT then, but not nearly as bulky...) So they shoot through '90-'91, with Vin getting pics for his portfolio for free, and Reed getting pics for his amusement (and his books) without paying a model.

to see the pics and read more, [click here!](#)

thanks to GoSpeedGrrrr / G.E.M.

11/15: MTV updates

New pics added to MTV pics collection

images are now moved to a [new page](#)
thanks to Aaya, Tigster and Tami Matta

Another anecdote from the Europe Awards

"Scots hotel staff rushed to the rescue when movie star Vin Diesel forgot the words to Flower of Scotland at this weeks MTV Europe Music Awards in Edinburgh.

The xXx actor gave a rousing rendition of our national song during his appearance at Thursday's star-studded ceremony. But Vin, 35, had to phone staff at Edinburgh's posh five-star Sheraton Hotle to be reminded of the words to the classic. A showbiz insider said: "He got himself really psyched up and was singing it to himself over and over backstage. But suddenly he froze and couldn't remember the words. He went absolutely mental, shouting, 'Oh s***! Get me the hotel, get me the hotel!' "

Vin was put in touch with a helpful concierge called Brian - but only after a number of other Scots workers admitted THEY didn't know the anthem's words either. A hotel insider said: "We're used to dealing with emergencies but this is the first time we've had to act as a dialogue coach to a Hollywood actor. Brian told Vin to calm down and take a couple of deep breaths, then he went through the words with him. By all accounts Vin was mightily relieved - and I expect Brian will be getting a massive tip!"

Vin first heard Flower of Scotland whilst watching Scotland's recent Euro 2004 match against Lithuania. One pal said: "He'd loved it and when the MTV thing was arranged he was determined to learn the words".

Upon his arrival at the Sheraton Hotel late on Tuesday night, Vin immediately asked for help to

learn the song. Concierge Brian then visited Vin in his suite and practised with him in front of his room's mirror.

One hotel insider said: "It must have been quite a sight because Vin is a very intense guy. But I think he's got a really good idea of what it means to be Scottish - and we'd love to have him back".

story thanks to AnaRio

11/11: Paul more on Vin

Diesel gears up for 'Fast' return

"Vin wants to come back," confirms "Fast" star Paul Walker. Diesel opted out of what became a \$127 million hit (and the 11th most profitable film of the year), "2 Fast 2 Furious," to do other things. Those things, including his underperforming "A Man Apart," didn't work out so well. And recently, it was reported that Ice Cube and not Diesel would star in the new "XXX."

Walker, who drove "2 Fast" to box office glory, didn't tell Diesel to eat his dust. "No way," he dishes to GLARE. "I want him back for the third. ...It would be me, Tyrese and Vin. Come on! That would be bitchin'."

Walker, who says lots of teen fans were "bummed" that Diesel didn't return for the sequel, also says it was gratifying to know he can pull in a big audience. "Yeah, to a degree that's cool," he says. "I guess the kids must think I'm all right." Big Picture News Inc.

source: Chicago Sun-Times

11/10 Paul Walker: Vin vs Tyrese in TFATF3

The actor continues to devote time to his five-year old daughter while juggling a high profile acting career, which may or may not include a Fast and the Furious 3. "I think I'll do a third one, to be honest with you. Walking around the streets, kids come up to me. I always ask which they like more, and the consensus is that the sequel was better because the action and the car sequences are better. Will you do a third one? And I say: I don't know. **Well, if you do a third one, who's going to be in it - Tyrese or Vin? Well, I don't know. And they say: Well, it should be Tyrese because Vin's ego precluded him from being in the second one. So my whole thing is: I don't want them saying that about me. Because the studio will go and make a third one, and in a way I'd feel that I was letting these kids down. And on top of it, it's a great time, and I'd get paid a lot of money.**"

quote taken from Dark Horizons

11/8 DIESEL IN SCOTTISH ABBEY QUEST

Action man VIN DIESEL is visiting abbeys in Scotland with his mother - to seek out locations for an upcoming personal project.

The Hollywood hardman has been scouting for locations for a secret new film - and decided to take his mum along as he travels round some of Scotland's most beautiful religious buildings, because she's got Scottish blood in her.

He says, "I love Scotland and I've been talking to the agency LOCATION SCOTLAND because there's an independent project I want to do up here.

"It is called the ABBEY PROJECT, it is self-funded in Scotland and located in an existing abbey.

"My mum and I are going to see the abbey over the next couple of days. She's a SINCLAIR (a Scottish surname)."

article from [Contactmusic](#)

11/6 MTV Europe Music Awards

The biggest stars in pop were today gearing up for the MTV Music Awards.

Beyonce, Kylie Minogue and Pink are all performing live at tonight's extravaganza in Edinburgh, hosted by Christina Aguilera.

Justin Timberlake, who is presenting an award, is one of dozens of celebrities who will appear at the Ocean Terminal Arena in Leith. The 22-year-old singer leads the race with five nominations – best male, best new act, best pop, best single (Cry Me A River) and best album (Justified). Vying with Justin for the best male award are Craig David, Eminem, Robbie Williams and Sean Paul.

The most fiercely fought category promises to be best female, which will go to either Beyonce, Christina Aguilera, Kylie, Madonna or Pink. Beyonce, fresh from wowing the crowds on her UK tour, will put in her customary raunchy stage act. But Kylie threatens to outdo her with a Star Wars themed performance of new single Slow.

Best group will go to either Coldplay, Evanescence, Metallica, Radiohead or The White Stripes.

Show host Christina will be aided by action star Vin Diesel, who is starring a series of comedy sketches between presentations. The Hollywood hardman was spotted on Edinburgh's Royal Mile having a kilt fitting especially for the occasion.

Britney Spears, also due to present an award, pulled out at the last minute, citing ill health.

Edinburgh has been in the grip of MTV fever for weeks as the city prepares to stage the biggest music event Scotland has ever seen. The 2,000 L34 (€49) tickets sold out in just 14 minutes and are being offered on online auction site ebay for more than L400 (€586). The final 50 went on sale yesterday and fans queued through the night to get their hands on one.

Every hotel room in the city is booked out and MTV are laying on 120 limousines to ferry the stars to the venue. After the awards have finished, the celebrities will party at a lavish bash in the Ocean Terminal complex.

Irish Examiner

10/28 Vin Diesel to be a guest star at next week's MTV Europe Music Awards

***updated with USA MTV2 schedules**

Vin Diesel, the action film hero, is to be the special guest star at the MTV Europe music awards in Scotland next week.

The rising star of Hollywood will join Christina Aguilera, the host of the event, and performers like Beyonce, Dido, Kylie Minogue and Travis on stage in the giant marquee in Leith on November 6.

Diesel, a New Yorker, will also make an appearance at the MTV in the Gardens event, featuring the Chemical Brothers, at Princes Street Gardens, as part of what the organisers call "a number of sketches".

The 36-year-old actor has appeared in Saving Private Ryan, A Man Apart and The Fast And The Furious, and cinema audiences will see him in the forthcoming sci-fi film The Chronicles of

Riddick – a sequel to the box office success Pitch Black.

Source: The Herald

- USA MTV 2:

Thu 11/06 - 3:00 PM

Sat 11/08 - 4:00 PM

Sun 11/09 - 8:00 AM

10/27 Dreadnaught is now Deadnaught

Upcomingmovies reports: Sony has once again put this movie on the backburner, as they are instead greenlighting a similar project called 'Stealth' (Rob Cohen's new movie) for a big summer, 2005 release instead. Instead of pitting two Naval ships against each other, 'Stealth' is about a stealth bomber controlled by an artificial intelligence pilot who decides to go a.w.o.l., forcing the best human pilot the military has to offer to try to bring it down. Vin Diesel might not be making this one anytime soon, or XXX2 at all, but his next film *is* for Sony: Hannibal the Conqueror.

10/24 Vin as Lex Luthor in McG's Superman?

Superman: Whether it be Gene Hackman's ego-maniacal buffoon, John Shea's insidiously charmer or Michael Rosenbaum's slightly tragic interpretation of the role - the part of archnemesis Lex Luthor in "Superman" is always going to be one carefully watched by fans and a plum gig for any actor. Yet despite all the brou-ha-ha over the casting of the hero in the new incarnation, little attention has been paid as to who'll be up for the darker half of the new franchise. 'Turncoat' reveals one potential today: "Heard that Vin Diesel - as Luthor - has met with McG and Jon Peters about Superman. Diesel turned down a couple of films lately - "xXx 2" for one - and someone I know seems to think it's because he'll be booked out for a good year or so on Superman LSOK. BUT...there's another stumbling block, McG has plans to do another movie first. I don't think he or anyone else associated is very interested in it anymore - yes THAT many people have met for Superman. It's been ongoing. The only difference now is that they might have an idea where they'll film, they've got a script, they've got a director and they've got a potential Lois [Selma Blair and Drew Barrymore fighting for it]. You really think Vin Diesel's going to put up with all the delays?"

source: [Dark Horizons](#)

10/21 Vin returning to TFATF 3?!

October 21, 2003 -- VIN Diesel won't be starring in any more "XXX" movies. But after the success of "The Fast and the Furious" sequel, "2 Fast 2 Furious," he may be returning to the third segment of the drag-racing series. "Vin is in talks to star in the third 'Fast' movie. His character will return," said one insider. Meanwhile, Ice Cube will star in the next "XXX" movie - creating a rotating lead for the series which producers hope will keep costs down. A rep for Diesel didn't return calls.

source: NY Post Online - Page Six

thanks to Windmill 71

10/20 Vin is one of H'wood's most wanted bachelors

The former New York nightclub bouncer-turned-film action hero may fuel women's fantasies, but The Fast And The Furious star isn't moving any too quickly to settle down.

scan from the November issue of Biography Magazine

thanks to Betty Tarbuck

Vin in EW's Oct 24 issue Power issue

1) On the News and Notes page (11) there's a snippet about Vin:

Quote:

Vin Diesel pocketed \$10 million for XXX, but when the movie underperformed, Revolution Studios passed on his \$20 million options deal for the sequel.

2) Under the title "In Flux", on page 44, they include a (very nice) picture of Vin in (what else?) a black suit, and then have this to say:

Quote:

If A Man Apart's box office belly flop didn't sting, the \$51 million opening of 2 Fast 2 Furious -- a sequel many thought would tank without him -- must have. With The Rock and Ice Cube (Diesel's XXX replacement) threatening to usurp his throne as beefy-armed action king, he might have to kiss those \$20 million paydays goodbye. Next year's Riddick -- the sequel to his career-making Pitch Black -- is suddenly looking very Pivotal Moment.

thanks to windycitylady and pegasus rose 99

10/09 Random Riddy numbers

- 1,500 employees
- up to 800 extras per day
- 130-day shooting schedule
- 1.5 million board feet of lumber
- 4,000 gallons of paint
- 400 miles of electrical cable
- 5th largest BC Hydro customer

article abot the production @ [Vancouver Sun](#)

10/03 It's official: Vin opts out from the xXx sequels, Ice Cube replaces

Vin Diesel and director Rob Cohen have opted out of the upcoming sequel to the 2002 actioner about an extreme athlete-turned-secret agent, prompting Revolution Studios to tap Ice Cube to star and "Die Another Day" helmer Lee Tamahori to direct the second installment of the franchise, which will begin production in the summer and hit theaters in 2005.

According to Revolution, all parties involved determined that the franchise was best served by the introduction of a new "XXX" character in each film. Although Diesel and Cohen will not reprise their roles for the sequel, they will remain executive producers on the project.

click [here](#) to read the full article

source: Hollywood Reporter

10/02 Rhiana Griffith and Riddy book

PUTTING UP A FIGHT

TEEN actress Rhiana Griffith had to become a "bad ass" if she was any chance of snagging a role in Hollywood film The Chronicles of Riddick Why? Because Vin Diesel said so. Griffith

played a lead role, Jack, with Diesel in the 2000 science-fiction thriller Pitch Black. It was that film that propelled Diesel to become one of Hollywood's leading action heroes and it was there a young Griffith, then 13, forged a close friendship with the actor.

The Chronicles of Riddick, a trilogy, follows Diesel's Pitch Black character Richard B. Riddick. Griffith was never a certain to snag the role of Kyra, apparently an extension of Jack's character. In fact, it was won by a young American former model Alexa Davalos. It came down to a top-level audition, with much deliberation from the studio as it made the tough decision. Diesel was behind Rhiana, now 18, all the way.

"He said I should go out and get punched in the face to toughen up," she said. Griffith turned to Renhshi Peter [blank], a freestyle martial arts whiz with his own form of self defence [blank] [blank] [blank]. He gave Rhiana private lessons, [blank] [blank] [blank], with a combination of kick boxing and karate training, and sparring.

"She had a purpose and was very dedicated," [blank] [blank]. "She had no martial arts experiences and initially had only three weeks to prepare before going to Los Angeles. She ended up being quite brilliant in a very short space of time."

Riddick novelization is ready

From [Alan Dean Foster.com](http://AlanDeanFoster.com) Quote:

UPDATES: 1 October 03

THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK is finished. I think it turned out rather well. Release date from Del Rey is May of next year, approximately one month prior to the release of the film.