

**GEEKING**

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The "Jurassic Park" franchise stomps back into theaters with new prehistoric thrills for a new generation. Once again, mankind mucks with dinosaurs for profit, this time creating a hybrid that goes berserk. Chris Pratt of "Guardians of the Galaxy" fame plays a researcher who races against time and no doubt runs away from snapping teeth to save the day.

**"INSIDE OUT" (JUNE 19)**

Talk about getting to know the little voices inside your head. This animated film gets into the mind of young Riley as her colorful emotions — Joy (Amy Poehler), Anger (Lewis Black), Fear (Bill Hader), Disgust (Mindy Kaling) and Sadness (Phyllis Smith) — guide her through her new life in San Francisco.

**"TERMINATOR GENISYS" (JULY 2)**

You can't keep a good cyborg down, especially one that comes with a catchphrase like "I'll be back." Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the "Terminator" franchise in this ambitious attempt to reset the future of humanity and save it from the ravages of war with the machines of Skynet.

**"STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS" (DEC. 18)**

Expect director J.J. Abrams to breathe new life into this seventh installment of the "Star Wars" saga much as he did with "Star Trek," by celebrating its original charms with a fresh direction that marries its past to its future. After all, "The Force Awakens" brings back the Original Trilogy's big three with Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), Han Solo (Harrison Ford) and Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher), plus new faces like Finn (John Boyega), Rey (Daisy Ridley) and Poe Dameron (Oscar Issa).

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We're really, really looking forward to "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." Still, there are cultural delights unknown on Tatooine. Here are some that San Antonians will be anticipating in the new year:

**The fifth dimension:** The "X Factor"-spawned girl group Fifth Harmony, featuring San Antonio's Ally Brooke, releases its debut album early in the new year. "Reflection" includes the singles "Bo\$\$" and "Sledgehammer." Jan. 27.

**The rocking dead:** Original shock rocker Alice Cooper was once the bane of parents everywhere, with songs such as "School's Out" and a stage show in which he hanged himself. Now he's a respected senior-citizen rocker, and high school marching bands play "School's Out." He's also an avid golfer. His "Raise the Dead Tour," which is coming to the Majestic Theatre, features a potent three-guitar attack. Feb. 11.

**Heartland Hall of Famer:** Anyone who predicted that Johnny Cougar, the meatheaded Springsteen clone of the late '70s, would morph into a respected singer-songwriter and heartland rocker, raise your hand. Nobody? Didn't think so. Named to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, John Mellencamp released the well-regarded "Plain Spoken" album in 2014. Having Carlene Carter on the bill at the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts is value added. March 3.

**Dance a la master:** Ballet San Antonio got the approval of the George Balanchine Trust to present some of the noted choreographer's work, including "Donizetti Variations." The evening will also

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San Antonio Museum of Art

"Kleberg," a 1984 oil painting by Jamie Wyeth, is part of an exhibit coming to the San Antonio Museum of Art.

hold tour by Gabriel Zertuche, the company's artistic director. March 27-29.

**A Grand adventure:** One of pop music's biggest breakout stars of 2014, thanks to "Problem," her duet with the also-hot Iggy Azalea, Ariana Grande embarks on "The Honeymoon Tour," her debut as a headliner. Her second album, the chart-topping "My Everything," cemented a transition from teen idol and Nickelodeon star to global phenomenon. No word on whether she'll be carried onstage at the AT&T Center. March 31.

**See the show, be the show:** Rick Stern, who wrote the terrific Bollywood/panto mash-up "Open Sesame!," co-wrote "You've Ruined a Perfectly Good Mystery," an interactive comedy in which the audience determines where the story goes. It's getting its San Antonio premiere courtesy of the Rose Theatre Company. April 3-18.

**The (other) other Wyeth:** Son of Andrew and grandson of N.C., Jamie Wyeth has made a name for himself with what has been described as an imaginative approach to realism. Organized by the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, "Jamie Wyeth," the first comprehensive retrospective of the artist, is coming to the San Antonio Museum of Art. It includes about 100 paintings, works on paper,

require intimacy will be in the lobby rotundas, and there will be performances in the Carlos Alvarez Studio Theater and on the River Walk Plaza, as well. May 6-12.

**Portraits of an institution:** To celebrate its 50th anniversary, the Southwest School of Art invited 50 artists associated with the school over its history — as teachers, students, exhibiting artists — to exhibit a new self-portrait. The result, "Selfies: 50 at 50," demonstrates the school's impact on contemporary art in San Antonio and beyond. Opens May 8.

**Watch what happens:** "Newsies" pays its first visit to the Majestic Theatre on its very first national tour. The musical is based on the cult fare 1992 movie about striking newspaper delivery boys. The score includes "The World Will Know," "Watch What Happens" and "Seize the Day." May 12-17.

**The kindness of ballerinas:** The Scottish Ballet will give a one-night-only performance of its adaptation of "A Streetcar Named Desire." Tennessee Williams plays about how a fragile woman comes unraveled during a visit with her sister and brother-in-law. The performance is presented by Arts San Antonio at the Tobin Center. May 12.

**West Coast pop:** In "Richard Duroso: Maestro of Pop," the McNay Art Museum will exhibit 20 large-scale screenprints by the Los Angeles printmaker whose colorful portraits of celebrities such as Jimi Hendrix, Lauren Bacall and Marilyn Monroe earned him comparisons to Andy Warhol. June 3.

**It's a Do Seum.** The San Antonio Children's Museum soon will be moving to its cool new space on Broadway with the cute new name, The Do Seum. It will emphasize hands-on learning with exhibits such as the "Spy Academy" and "Little Town," some of which will appeal to older kids, who aged out of the original downtown location. June.

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"Newsies" makes its first visit to San Antonio with a May 12-17 run.

illustrations and assemblages. Opens April 25.

**San Antonio premiere:** Classic Theatre is staging the much-anticipated S.A. debut of "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike," Christopher Durang's Tony-winning comic take on Chekhov. May 1-17.

**Puppets, puppets, puppets:** The Children's Fine Arts Series is bringing in companies from around the world for its first Children's International Puppet Festival. The week-long fest will take over much of the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts: Shows that