Film Preview: at the cinema in December 2018

Oscar winning director Robert Redford (Ordinary People) undertakes his final film performance in 'The Old Man and the Gun', where he plays real life career criminal Forrest Tucker. Also featuring a cast that includes Casey Affleck (Manchester by the Sea), Donald Glover (The Colour Purple) and Sissy Spacek (Coal Miner's Daughter), could this be the year that Redford finally wins an acting Oscar, after another three competitive nominations in various categories?

Another upcoming biographical film is 'White Boy Rick', based on the true story of Richard Wershe Jr, who became the youngest ever FBI informant at 14 years of age during the 1980s. Matthew McConaughey (Dallas Buyers Club), Jennifer Jason Leigh (The Hateful Eight), Bruce Dern (Nebraska) and Piper Laurie (Carrie) are among the most notable cast members.

'Aquaman', the sixth addition to the DC Comics' Extended Universe franchise, provides the eponymous superhero portrayed by Jason Momoa (Justice League), with his first solo adventure after appearances in two previous ensemble superhero productions. Willem Dafoe (Platoon), Patrick Wilson (The Phantom of the Opera) and Nicole Kidman (The Hours) also appear. Brace yourself for the water wonderland.

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After 54 years, 'Mary Poppins Returns' is finally here. Emily Blunt (Into The Woods) steps into the shoes previously worn by Julie Andrews, in Oscar winning form no less, in the 1964 musical masterpiece. With (Julie Walters (Educating Rita), Colin Firth (The King's Speech) and Meryl Streep (The Iron Lady) in support, so far this eagerly anticipated sequel appears practically perfect in every way. You're welcome.

Watch this space for film reviews.