

Film Preview: April 2019

Coming to a cinema near you next month – a mix of big studio and small independent films.

Opening on 5 April 2019, Zachary Levi (Chuck television series) is the superhero of the title in the film 'Shazam!' Despite appearing in two Thor films for Marvel, Levi has defected to rival DC for this, the first feature film adaptation of the character with Mark Strong (The Imitation Game) as the villain Dr. Thaddeus Sivana.

Featuring

the voice talents of Hugh Jackman (The Greatest Showman), Zoe Saldana (Avatar),

Timothy Olyphant (Justified television series) and Emma Thompson (Saving Mr

Banks), 'The Missing Link' is the latest stop motion project from Laika, the American

animation studio. All of its previous

releases, 'Coraline', 'ParaNorman', 'The Boxtrolls', and 'Kubo and the Two

Strings' were nominated for Best Animated Film/Feature BAFTAs and Oscars.

Expect brilliant craftsmanship from this film, which is released in direct

competition with 'Shazam!'

In contrast, expect complete box office domination from 'Avengers: Endgame', the 22nd instalment in the all-conquering Marvel Cinematic Universe film empire. With at least 22 superheroes present in this, the fourth part to the Avengers film series specifically, this is event cinema on the largest scale possible. Released on 25 April, this film could become

the highest grossing (unadjusted for inflation) in history.

With

a budget of just \$2million, the comedy-drama 'Eighth Grade' opens the next day

and couldn't be more different. At just 14 years of age, Elsie Fisher was

nominated for a Golden Globe for her leading performance.

Watch

this space for film reviews!