

International box office

9 District 9

Sony Pictures Releasing International's *District 9* was one of several films that enjoyed a rise in weekend takings this week, jumping 88% to \$5.2m from 1,297 screens. This was largely due to a first-place debut in the UK where it opened on \$3.3m from 447 screens. The South Africa-set sci-fi, from first-timer Neill Blomkamp, has now taken almost \$25m from four weeks on international release.



18 Ballad – Song Of Love Without A Name

Toho's romance *Ballad – Song Of Love Without A Name* is the highest new entry in the international chart, grossing \$2.5m at home in Japan. This put it in second place on the local chart behind *20th Century Boys: Chapter 3*, also from Toho, which held on to the top spot for a second week.

Toho pulled the promotional campaign for *Ballad* after its star Tsuyoshi Kusanagi, was arrested after a drinking session back in April, but the film was released as planned with Kusanagi taking a 'rest' from showbiz.

22 (500) Days Of Summer

Fox International's *(500) Days Of Summer* began its overseas run with a third-place opening in the UK, grossing \$2m from 307 screens for a screen average of \$6,600. The offbeat romantic comedy has been a surprise domestic hit, grossing \$28.5m to date. *Summer* opens in Italy and Australia this weekend.



33 Gamer

Opening in five territories, Lakeshore Entertainment's sci-fi thriller *Gamer* has started its international run with \$1.3m from 450 screens. Gerard Butler stars in the futuristic film about a world where computer game-players take control of real-life convicts in battles to the death. The film expands to a further seven markets this weekend, including France and Russia.



ANALYSIS International box-office weekend September 3-5

(Last week)	Film (origin)	3-day Gross \$	Scrs	Cume \$	Terr
1 (1)	Inglourious Basterds (US)	\$14,895,184	2929	\$83,985,645	34
2 (3)	The Final Destination (US)	\$14,739,401	1865	\$32,250,748	16
3 (2)	Ice Age: Dawn Of The Dinosaurs (US)	\$11,062,092	4594	\$657,751,313	39
4 (7)	Up (US)	\$9,119,653	3094	\$170,841,206	26
5 (15)	The Taking Of Pelham 123 (US)	\$6,658,875	1968	\$48,761,382	38
6 (12)	The Proposal (US)	\$5,825,174	2160	\$124,595,839	42
7 (4)	20th Century Boys: Chapter 3 (Jap)	\$5,722,005	374	\$22,825,221	1
8 (9)	The Hangover (US)	\$5,162,080	2441	\$171,531,183	47
9 (20)	District 9 (US-NZ-S Afr)	\$5,150,672	1297	\$24,851,819	21
10 (6)	G-Force (US)	\$4,809,851	2624	\$76,778,349	27
11 (5)	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood... (US-UK)	\$4,410,836	3785	\$627,957,912	53
12 (11)	The Ugly Truth (US)	\$4,164,418	1384	\$28,362,909	18
13 (10)	GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (US)	\$3,641,501	4197	\$139,750,923	53
14 (8)	High Security Vacation (Rus)	\$3,354,996	1141	\$15,633,394	2
15 (19)	Aliens In The Attic (US)	\$2,827,122	1549	\$20,399,546	16
16 (28)	Orphan (US)	\$2,568,449	1122	\$14,597,441	24
17 (13)	Take Off (S Kor)	\$2,522,967	458	\$40,221,066	1
18 New	Ballad – Song Of Love Without A Name (Jap)	\$2,486,194	331	\$2,486,194	1
19 *	Knowing (US)	\$2,460,244	428	\$101,145,435	3
20 (22)	Horst Schlammer – Isch Kandidiere! (Ger)	\$2,111,774	658	\$9,692,564	2
21 (17)	Neuilly Sa Mere! (Fr)	\$2,042,911	467	\$13,984,684	3
22 New	(500) Days of Summer (US)	\$2,029,448	307	\$2,029,448	1
23 (34)	Case 39 (US)	\$2,026,538	526	\$3,712,035	4
24 *	He's Just Not That Into You (US)	\$2,016,439	340	\$82,479,463	2
25 (18)	Public Enemies (US)	\$1,875,219	1598	\$94,998,795	40
26 (14)	Gasp (Chi)	\$1,835,600	420	\$6,010,300	2
27 (21)	A Prophet (Fr)	\$1,787,935	362	\$4,900,933	3
28 (25)	My Sister's Keeper (US)	\$1,637,946	880	\$27,385,131	19
29 (16)	Haeundae (S Kor)	\$1,555,554	603	\$64,733,391	2
30 (30)	Funny People (US)	\$1,486,590	609	\$6,062,234	5
31 (26)	So Normal 2 (Brazil)	\$1,381,580	380	\$4,063,394	1
32 (27)	The Time Traveler's Wife (US)	\$1,299,355	761	\$14,425,332	10
33 New	Gamer (US)	\$1,268,865	450	\$1,268,865	5
34 New	Julie & Julia (US)	\$1,175,818	402	\$1,175,818	4
35 (29)	Year One (US)	\$1,125,483	501	\$14,267,444	12
36 New	Making Plans For Lena (Fr)	\$1,112,095	200	\$1,112,095	1
37 (31)	Coco Before Chanel (Fr)	\$1,036,136	645	\$32,361,378	18
38 (63)	A Perfect Getaway (US)	\$1,019,036	471	\$5,097,838	5
39 (23)	Sophie's Revenge (Chi)	\$1,002,099	303	\$13,883,038	3
40 (33)	Black (Ind)	\$963,512	223	\$19,245,892	1

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