

# International box office

## 4 A Simple Noodle Story

Asian films dominated the new entries on the international chart this week. Zhang Yimou's *A Simple Noodle Story*, a Chinese reworking of the Coen brothers' 1984 thriller *Blood Simple*, grossed \$13.9m from 725 screens in China through Beijing New Picture Film Co for a sizeable screen average of \$19,200. The film tells the story of a noodle-shop owner's ill-fated plan to kill his wife and her lover.

## 5 One Piece Film: Strong World

In Japan, Toei's *One Piece Film: Strong World*, the 10th in the *One Piece* manga series, grossed \$11.7m from 188 screens with a huge \$62,200 screen average, a record for a nationwide release. From just the two-day weekend, it outgrossed the whole theatrical run of the franchise's previous instalment.



## 10 The Princess And The Frog

Walt Disney SMPN's traditional animation, *The Princess And The Frog*, began its international run in 10 territories, alongside the North America release. The film retells the fairytale in a 1920s New Orleans setting. Playing on 1,739 international screens, it grossed \$7.3m, with key results including a first-place debut in Mexico where it pulled in \$1.3m from 650 screens.

## 37 Dorian Gray

UK period drama *Dorian Gray* continues its international run, adding \$1.2m to its tally, the lion's share of which was generated in Italy, where the Oscar Wilde adaptation has impressed audiences to whom the source material is very well known. After three weeks, the film has grossed \$7.1m for Eagle Pictures, 56.1% of its total international gross to date.

## 38 The Heiress

Greek production *The Heiress* grossed \$1.1m locally through distributor Audio Visual from 133 screens. Panagiotis Fafoutis' comedy stars Smaragda Karydi as a widow who inherits a fortune and a struggling football team, and must lead the latter in order to get her hands on the former.



## ANALYSIS International box-office weekend December 11-13

(Last week)	Film (origin)	3-day Gross \$	Scrs	Cume \$	Terr
1 1	<b>The Twilight Saga: New Moon</b> (US)	\$22,293,538	7,856	\$357,483,605	63
2 2	<b>2012</b> (US)	\$19,812,109	8,536	\$555,878,683	75
3 3	<b>Disney's A Christmas Carol</b> (US)	\$14,068,146	4,918	\$145,923,440	47
4 New	<b>A Simple Noodle Story</b> (Chi)	\$13,911,200	725	\$13,911,200	1
5 New	<b>One Piece Film: Strong World</b> (Jap)	\$11,692,830	188	\$11,692,830	1
6 5	<b>Arthur And The Revenge Of Maltazard</b> (Fr)	\$8,144,103	2,198	\$23,577,765	19
7 6	<b>Zweiohrküken</b> (Ger)	\$7,800,316	846	\$21,753,232	3
8 New	<b>The Storm Warriors</b> (HK-Chi)	\$7,625,080	923	\$7,625,080	4
9 4	<b>Paranormal Activity</b> (US)	\$7,615,451	2,002	\$44,496,236	27
10 New	<b>The Princess And The Frog</b> (US)	\$7,285,712	1,739	\$7,285,712	10
11 8	<b>Up</b> (US)	\$6,559,866	1,835	\$401,795,980	23
12 7	<b>Planet 51</b> (Sp-US-UK)	\$6,150,145	2,924	\$35,693,663	28
13 New	<b>Masked Rider W &amp; Decade Movie 2010</b> (Jap)	\$5,096,420	292	\$5,096,420	1
14 New	<b>The Treasure Hunter</b> (Tai)	\$4,681,300	680	\$4,681,300	1
15 16	<b>Law Abiding Citizen</b> (US)	\$4,515,897	1,380	\$25,047,460	19
16 9	<b>Old Dogs</b> (US)	\$3,565,731	1,185	\$13,121,982	7
17 10	<b>Ninja Assassin</b> (US)	\$2,984,347	1,233	\$17,230,184	19
18 New	<b>R.T.T.</b> (Fr)	\$2,839,775	543	\$2,839,775	1
19 11	<b>Cado Dalle Nubi</b> (It)	\$2,717,174	414	\$16,799,239	1
20 New	<b>Rocket Singh: Salesman Of The Year</b> (Ind)	\$2,617,224	963	\$2,617,224	16
21 25	<b>Where The Wild Things Are</b> (US)	\$2,493,576	766	\$5,681,258	3
22 15	<b>Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs</b> (US)	\$2,302,617	1,203	\$72,185,688	14
23 New	<b>Loup</b> (Fr)	\$2,164,186	530	\$2,164,186	3
24 21	<b>Zombieland</b> (US)	\$2,153,283	734	\$17,667,258	30
25 20	<b>Couples Retreat</b> (US)	\$2,085,455	791	\$45,971,903	36
26 *	<b>The Men Who Stare At Goats</b> (US-UK)	\$1,885,514	501	\$15,150,944	4
27 14	<b>Spanish Movie</b> (Sp)	\$1,807,152	389	\$7,421,844	1
28 19	<b>Saw VI</b> (US)	\$1,743,964	780	\$33,566,405	15
29 12	<b>Paa</b> (Ind)	\$1,739,823	659	\$6,234,009	15
30 17	<b>The Girl Who Kicked The...</b> (Den-Ger-Swe)	\$1,707,385	385	\$13,992,808	3
31 *	<b>Public Enemies</b> (US)	\$1,703,100	349	\$110,677,705	3
32 New	<b>Mega Monster Battle: Ultra Galaxy...</b> (Jap)	\$1,698,375	135	\$1,698,375	1
33 22	<b>Secret (Saving My Wife)</b> (S Kor)	\$1,594,029	370	\$5,131,925	1
34 24	<b>Komt Een Vrouw Bij De Dokter</b> (Neth)	\$1,493,964	132	\$7,334,720	2
35 13	<b>Mulan</b> (Chi)	\$1,411,289	479	\$13,826,979	4
36 New	<b>Actresses</b> (S Kor)	\$1,334,913	258	\$1,637,310	1
37 23	<b>Dorian Gray</b> (UK)	\$1,202,043	229	\$12,650,029	2
38 New	<b>The Heiress</b> (Gr)	\$1,130,875	133	\$1,211,693	1
39 34	<b>Nativity!</b> (UK)	\$1,092,297	405	\$4,378,941	1
40 28	<b>A Serious Man</b> (US-UK-Fr)	\$1,089,578	399	\$6,481,794	9

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