

Super-heroes take over HBO this March

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HBO, three time winner of the Best English Movie Channel brings superheroes into Indian homes all March with the biggest TV premiere on **HBO Blockbuster of the Month and Fantastic Five**, an exciting line up of films featuring our favorite superheroes. Celebrate Holi with rib tickling comedies on HBO Holi Hugs and enjoy your weekly dose of brand new premieres on HBO Saturday Nights.

The \$ 411 million grossing box office hit **Batman Begins** makes its Indian TV premiere on **HBO's Blockbuster of the Month**. Tune in on March **9 at 9 pm** to watch the birth of a superhero. Bruce Wayne bears witness to his parents' murder, a trauma that leads him to become obsessed with revenge. Escaping to the East, Wayne (Christian Bale) returns seven years later, only to find Gotham City overrun by organized crime and dangerous individuals manipulating the system. The discovery of a cave under his mansion and a prototype armored suit leads him to take on a new persona, one that will strike fear into the hearts of men who do wrong.

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Enter the supernatural world of Blade (Wesley Snipes) in Blade Trinity on March 15. Blade is a vampire hunter who has a new challenge to face as the vampires have resurrected the ancient and all-powerful Count Dracula. Meet Max's favourite superheroes, Shark Boy and Lava Girl, in an excursion to Planet Drool on March 22 in **The Adventures of the Shark Boy and the Lava Girl**. Our favorite toon solves another mystery in **Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** on March 29.

Saturday nights continue to be special on HBO with brand new premieres at 9 pm. Set in the exotic country of South Africa, Duma is the powerful tale of an unbreakable bond between a cheetah named Duma and a gallant young boy named Xan on March 3. When men from four generations are brought together by chance, and the eldest passes away, the remaining trio go in search for an old family secret that is somehow connected to their past in **Around The Bend** on March 10.

A secret government operation is creating a global catastrophe. On March 17 enormous plates make the Earth's crust shift, huge cracks begin to open up, threatening to annihilate the planet in the **Descent**. Both explorer and princess fall in love in **The New World** but face internal and external uphill battles as they are torn between their love for each other and their duty to their nation on March 24. Don Johnston (Bill Murray) is urged to investigate the mysterious pink letter from an anonymous former lover, informing him that he has a 19-year-old son and embarks on a cross-country trek in **Broken Flowers** on March 31.

HBO celebrates Holi with **HBO Holi Hugs** a colorful package of adventure, thrill, excitement and comedy, every Saturday after the 9 pm movie. Sundays only gets bigger with Sunday Super Hits at

8 pm. Catch **Big Fish on March 4, Wolf on March 11, Cellular on March 18** and **Lethal Weapon 3 on March 25.**

HBO brings the best of Hollywood by premiering the top blockbuster movies on television first in South Asia through exclusive licensing deals with four major Hollywood studios - Paramount, Sony Pictures Entertainment (Columbia/ TriStar), Universal and Warner Bros.

Prime time viewing on HBO includes HBO Blockbuster Of The Month, a special television event that premieres a mega blockbuster movie every month, HBO Saturday Nights, which premieres a new box office hit each week throughout the year; HBO Sunday Super Hits, which showcases the blockbuster hits, star-studded hits, favourite genre hits, Asian hits, highly acclaimed hits and so much more. In addition, HBO features at least 3- 4 new movie showcases every month to offer viewers an interesting mix of Hollywood movies based on exciting themes.

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