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GUEST POST: 2013 HOLIDAY MOVIES ON OUR RADAR

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Thanksgiving is a couple of days away– but before you dive into that juicy turkey and fall into a food coma, remember that there is more to be done! For the holiday season, bond with your family and friends and check out the new movie releases. *Limerence* has a sneak peek at five films that should be on your holiday radar.

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire- (Nov. 22nd)

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire is probably one of the most anticipated sequels of this holiday season (next to last week's *Thor: The Dark World* of course). Loyal fans–the ones who have read the trilogy and watched

the one installment are buying tickets as we speak and are eager to hit the theaters tonight. Will you be amongst them?

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug- (Dec. 13th)

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug will have more daring adventures with some of the franchise's favorite characters, including a long-awaited battle with a ferocious dragon. Even though this sequel doesn't release until next month, after seeing movie after movie with the same theme, love story, or characters, *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug* will be a refreshing one.

Saving Mr. Banks- (Dec. 20th)

This family-friendly Disney flick is coming out five days before Christmas! Instead of freaking out over what toys to get the kids, take them to see *Saving Mr. Banks*. Based upon the true story of how Walt Disney convinced P. L. Travers to allow his company to adapt her beloved novel, *Mary Poppins*, this family-oriented film is sure to be a holiday hit.

The Wolf of Wall Street- (Dec. 25th)

A film based upon the rise and fall of stockbroker Jordan Belfort, *The Wolf of Wall Street* guarantees quite the rollercoaster ride for adults. From the parties to crime and corruption, Belfort lived life in the fast lane. From acclaimed director Martin Scorsese and starring Leonardo DiCaprio, the sounds of Oscar buzz are already in the air.

August: Osage County- (Dec. 25th)

This dark comedy centers on the Weston family as they deal with the aftermath of the patriarch's unexpected death. *August: Osage County* (same as the Tony award-winning play) is a must-see treat this Christmas. The film's leading lady is Meryl Streep and honestly, what can be better than that?

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