

EVENTS



Marquee at the premiere of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” in Hollywood in December.

New ‘Star Wars’ film to set all-time box office record

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Blockbuster movie “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” will pass “Avatar” Wednesday to become the top-selling film of all time in the United States and Canada, Walt Disney Co. said. Domestic ticket sales for the “Star Wars” movie reached \$758.2 million through Tuesday and will top the record of \$760.5 million set by the 2009 release of “Avatar” Wednesday, Disney said.

“The Force Awakens” has taken in \$1.5 billion so far globally and already is the fourth highest-grossing movie of all time after just three weeks in release, Disney said. To beat the global record haul of \$2.8 billion for “Avatar,” “The Force Awakens” must play well in China, where it opens Saturday, box office analysts have said. “The Force Awakens,” the seventh movie in the 40-year-old franchise,

opened at theaters in much of the world Dec. 16 after a mammoth marketing campaign and glowing reviews. It reunites original cast members Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill as well as introducing new characters who are expected to develop the sci-fi saga through at least three more new movies. Creator George Lucas sold the franchise to Disney in 2012 for \$4.05 billion.

HBO comedy series ‘Girls’ concluding after Season 6

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LOS ANGELES — The end of “Girls” is in the distant future. The Lena Dunham series will wrap up after its sixth season, Variety has confirmed. The news comes before the comedy even enters its fifth season, which premieres in February, so there are still two full rounds of the series to come. Although HBO declined to comment on the show’s fate, sources tell Variety the official announcement is expected to come this week at the network’s Television Critics Association press tour day Thursday.



Lena Dunham

“Girls” ending — reported by E! Online — comes as little surprise, as creator and star Dunham has commented on the ending of her show much in the past. It’s been widely reported that HBO President Michael Lombardo has spoken with Dunham about doing six seasons of “Girls,” and she previously spoke to Variety about not wanting to overstay the show’s welcome on television. “I think America has a tendency to push shows past their due dates,” Dunham said early last year. “I like the British model — in and out.” Dunham also explained she has thought about the series’ final episode long ago. “We spent a lot of time talking about where these girls will end up. We definitely have a distinct idea of where we want to see

them. I even sometimes focus on this final image that I see, but between now and then anything can happen.” Along with Dunham, “Girls” stars Allison Williams, Jemima Kirke and Zosia Mamet star as the main foursome. “Star Wars” villain Adam Driver also stars, along with Alex Karpovsky and Andrew Rannells. Debuting in April 2012, the show launched Dunham into super-stardom, becoming known as multit talented young creator writing as “the voice of her generation” — to quote her character Hannah Horvath. Though “Girls” hasn’t pulled in big numbers for recent seasons, the show brought much critical acclaim and buzz to HBO, especially in its heyday, along with social media attention from a younger demo.

In its first season, “Girls” was nominated for outstanding comedy at the Emmys, and Dunham racked up nominations for lead comedy actress, director and writer. The series won for best comedy and actress (Dunham) at the Golden Globes in 2013 and since Dunham and also Driver have been nominated for numerous awards. When the series wraps, Dunham may still be in business with HBO, as she has a pilot in the works with the cable. Titled “Max,” the half-hour comedy will be directed by Dunham, and executive produced by her and much of the “Girls” team, including creator Murray Miller, who’s a writer/producer on “Girls,” plus Jenni Konner and Ilene Landress. Set in the magazine world of the 1960s, the pilot revolves around the stirrings of second-wave feminism, as seen through the eyes of an ambitious magazine writer who stumbles her way into the women’s movement. Though “Girls” will end after Season 6, Dunham has teased the possibility of a movie follow-up to the comedy — though probably not anytime soon. When she was honored as one of Variety’s Power of Women honorees last year, Dunham told Variety, “I have fantasies of us all coming back and making a movie when we’re 40. I think we’d want to wait long enough for something to have really gone down.”

Things to Do

AUGUSTA — Lithgow Public Library workshop on how to have difficult conversations related to dementia, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 7, Ballard Center, 6 East Chestnut St. Free and open to the public. 626-2415 or lithgow.lib.me.us.

BANGOR — Eastern Maine Camera Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Bangor Recreation, 647 Main St. Guest speaker, photographer Chris Becker of Kennebunkport. easternmainecameraclub.org.

BANGOR — Bangor Historical Society Hands-on History for Kids ages 5-13, 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Thomas Hill House, 159 Union St. \$5; free to children with historical society family membership. 942-1900 or bangorhistoricalsociety.org.

BANGOR — Auditions for Penobscot Theatre Company’s production of “Rock of Ages,” noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Bangor Opera House, 131 Main St. Actors should prepare 32 bars of a rock ballad, and bring a picture, resume and sheet music to the audition. Accompanist provided. Performers may be asked to learn a short dance combination. Dress appropriately. Rehearsals begin May 10. Performances June 9-July 3, 2016. Email casting@penobscottheatre.org with “Rock of Ages” in the subject line.

BAR HARBOR — “Groundwork,” one-man play by Mike Ostroski and Derek Davidson, Maine debut, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Jesup Memorial Library. groundworktheplay.com, 288-4245 or kchagnon@jesuplibrary.org.

BATH — Rock group The Howligans, 7:30-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Curtis Room of Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St. Tickets \$10.

BLUE HILL — Exhibit of colored pencil drawings, “Crystal Gems” by

7-year-old Bean Fitzpatrick, during library hours through February, children’s Larchwood exhibit case, Blue Hill Public Library, 5 Parker Point Road. 374-5515.

BLUE HILL — “The Art of the Book” exhibit, during library hours through March, Howard Room glass cases, Blue Hill Public Library, 5 Parker Point Road. 374-5515.

BLUE HILL — 52 Weeks of Giving program for children of all ages, 4-5:30 p.m. Fridays, starting Jan. 8, Blue Hill Public Library. 374-5515.

BREWER — Work on knitting group’s community service project, in partnership with Brewer Police Department, or bring yarn projects of any sort, 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, Brewer Public Library, 100 South Main St. Experienced or new knitters, crocheters or needle-workers welcome. 989-7943.

BREWER — Next Generation Theatre Teen Troupe performing “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, and 2 p.m. Jan. 10, 39 Center St. Tickets, \$7, \$4 under age 17. 989-7100.

BRUNSWICK — World music and dance from the Balkans, Israel, Western Europe and around the globe, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29, People Plus, 25 Union St. Many dances taught. No partner needed. Admission by \$5 donation. Open to all. 200-7577, brennan.mk@gmail.com or folk-dancebrunswick.com.

CAMDEN — Essential Oil Health Creations hands-on craft workshop for adults, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Camden Public Library. \$10 materials fee. To register, 236-3440.

DEER ISLE — Concert to benefit Danny Judkins, who is facing numerous medical procedures because of an accident, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, The Reach Performing Arts Center, 249 North Deer Isle Road. Entertainment will include Deer Isle-Stonington bands, Isle of Jazz, Derrick Semler and Band, Oliver Scott, Piano Hamster, Deer-Isle Stoning-

ton High School cheerleaders’ competition sneak peak. Snow date, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10. Donations also may be sent to Danny J. Donation Account, Camden National Bank, P.O. Box 570, Bar Harbor 04614.

EASTPORT — Knights of Pythias, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, Eastport Youth Center. All past Knights requested to attend the meeting. Rick Green at 853-3008 or 904-7663.

ELLSWORTH — Dance hosted by DownEast Dancers with music by Banned From Eden, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Ellsworth YMCA gymnasium. \$10; \$6 seniors and students. 667-8333.

ELLSWORTH — “A Piano Recital with Commentaries: Classics to Ragtime” with pianist Masanobu Ikemiyai, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Unitarian Universalist Church, 121 Bucksport Road. \$15. Tickets, 667-5716 or 667-4393.

ELLSWORTH — Comedian Bob Marley, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8; 7 and 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, The Grand. Reserved tickets \$28.50. Box office, 667-9500, grandonline.org or Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — Free preview screening of series premiere of new PBS historic drama “Mercy Street,” 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, The Grand. Lisa Quijano Wolfinger, show co-producer, will speak at the screening. To attend, register at eventbrite.com/e/welcome-to-mercy-street-at-the-grand-tickets-19769746845. Box office, 667-9500, grandonline.org or Facebook.

ELLSWORTH — Hancock County Genealogical Society monthly meeting, 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, Riverview Room, Ellsworth Public Library, 20 State St. Free. Newcomers welcome. 667-6363.

ELLSWORTH — Book Discussion Group, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, Riverview Room, Ellsworth Public Library. “All the Light We Cannot See” by Anthony Doerr will be discussed. 667-6363.

ELLSWORTH — Ellsworth Chess Club, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursdays, Ellsworth Public Library. 667-6363.

NEWCASTLE — VoXX “Music for the New Year” concert, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Newcastle. \$10. voiceoftwenty.com or info@voiceoftwenty.com.

PHIPPSBURG — State Street Traditional Jazz Band concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Phippsburg Congregational Church, 10 Church Lane.

\$12, \$6 students, free to under age 8. Doors open 7 p.m. 389-1770.

PORTLAND — Disney on Ice presents “Treasure Trove,” 7 p.m. Jan. 7; 11 a.m. Jan. 9-10; 3 p.m. Jan. 9-10, Cross Insurance Arena, 1 Civic Center Square. \$15 and up. crossarenaportland.com.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Community Appreciation Party, 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Southwest Harbor Public Library, 338

Main St. To celebrate library’s Five Star Award for fifth year in a row. Music, refreshments. 244-7065.

STEUBEN — “Minions,” 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, Henry D. Moore Library and Community Center. Free. Refreshments are sold by donation. moorelibrary.org.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

Thursday prime time

MOVIES

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	Heroes Reborn (N)	The Blacklist (N)	Shades of Blue (N)	News				
	4 CBC The Nature of Things	Firsthand	The National (N)	CBC Coronation	At the Table				
	5 CBS Big Bang Angel-Hell	Big Bang Life in	(:01) Mom	Angel-Hell	Elementary (N) (HD)	News			
	52 CW Family Guy	The Vampire Diaries	The Originals (HD)	Seinfeld	Cougar				
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed.	Heroes Reborn (N)	The Blacklist (N)	Shades of Blue (N)	News				
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	Beyond the Tank (N)	My Diet Is Better Than Yours (N) (HD)	News	Big Bang	Big Bang			
	WAGM FOX The Insider	American Idol Little Rock, Ark., and San Francisco.	News	Big Bang	Big Bang				
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy!	Beyond the Tank (N)	My Diet Is Better Than Yours (N) (HD)	News					
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD)	Death in Paradise	Doc Martin	Concord: 15 Stories-Now	C. Rose				
	9 PBS Saving Hope (N) (HD)	Big Bang Goldbergs	Law & Order: SVU	News-Lisa	CTV News	Daily Show			
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider	Big Bang Life in	(:01) Mom	Angel-Hell	Elementary (N) (HD)	News			
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam	American Idol Little Rock, Ark., and San Francisco.	FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Mentalist					
	33 IND M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Andy Griffith Happy Days	Laverne Hogan Hero	C. Burnett					
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang	The Mentalist (HD)	The Mentalist (HD)	WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld				
	NICK Make It Pop Thunder	** Scooby-Doo (2002) Freddie Prinze Jr. (PG)	Full House	Full House	Friends				
	DISN Liv-Mad. Austin	Liv-Mad. Austin	K.C. Under.	K.C. Under.	Best Fr. Austin	Girl Meets			
	FAM Willy Wonka	*** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. (PG-13)				700 Club			
	HIST On the Frontlines	Vietnam in HD: On the Frontlines (N)	Vietnam in HD: On the Frontlines (N)						
	DISC Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud (ESP)	Fast N' Loud	Diesel Brothers	Fast-Loud				
	TLC My 600-Lb. Life	My 600-Lb. Life	Extreme Weight Loss		Skin Tight				
LEARN	A&E The First 48	The First 48	The First 48 (N)	(:01) Nightwatch (N)	The First 48				
	ANPL Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska (N)	(:02) Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska: Grizzly	Wild-Alaska				
	CSNE Tailgate Celtics Pre.	Football Quick	Spartan Race	Sports	Celtics	SportsNite			
	ESPN College Basketball Cincinnati at Southern Methodist.	College Basketball Illinois at Michigan State. (N) (L)	SportCtr						
	ESPN2 College Basketball Louisville at North Carolina State.	College Basketball Arizona at UCLA. (N) (L)	Basketball						
	NBCSP NHL Live (N) (L)	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Minnesota Wild. (N) (L)	(:45) NHL Overtime (N)						
	NESN College Basketball Notre Dame at Boston College. (N) ACC	UMass	Sports	Sports	Sports				
	CNBC Restaurant Startup	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Profit	Restaurant				
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Guns in America: Obama Town Hall (N) (L)	CNN Tonight	Guns in					
	FNC Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly Factor (N)	Hannity (N)	O'Reilly				
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show	The Last Word	All In With				
	AMC *** Rocky III (1982, Drama) (ESP) Sylvester Stallone, Mr. T. (PG) ** Rocky IV (1985) (ESP) Sylvester Stallone. (PG)								
	BRV Real Housewives/Beverly Hills 90210	Inside the Actors Studio	Top Chef	Top Chef (N)	Happens				
	CMT Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	I Love Kellie	** Country Strong				
	COM Tosh.0 Tosh.0	Key & Peele Key & Peele	Key & Peele Key & Peele	Workaholics	Workaholics	Daily Show			
	E! E! News (N)	Kardashian	Kardashian	Hollywood	E! News				
	FOOD Chopped	Chopped	Kids Baking	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby			
	FX (5:00) Fast & Furious 6	** 2 Guns (2013, Action) Denzel Washington, Mark Wahlberg. (R)	** 2 Guns (2013) (R)						
	GAC Lakefront Lakefront	Lakefront Lakefront	Lakefront Lakefront	Lakefront Lakefront	Lakefront Lakefront				
	HALL Last Man Last Man	Last Man Last Man	The Middle The Middle	The Middle The Middle	Golden Girls				
VARIETY	HGTV Flip or Flop Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Hunters			
	LIFE Project Runway: Junior	Child Genius: Battle	Project Runway: Junior	Child Genius: Battle	Born-Way				
	MTV Ridiculous. (:45) Ridiculousness	Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Child Genius: Battle	Born-Way				
	OXY Sex-City Sex-City	Sex-City Sex-City	Sex-City Sex-City	Sex-City	(:40) ** Ice Princess (2005) Joan Cusack. (G)				
	SPIKE (6:00) * G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (2009) (PG-13)	Lip Sync Lip Sync	Lip Sync Lip Sync	Lip Sync Battle (N)	Lip Sync				
	SYFY ** Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) (R)	** Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013, Horror) Patrick Wilson. (PG-13)							
	TBN Drive Potters	Trinity Joel Osteen	Prince Hillsong TV	Praise the Lord					
	TBS Seinfeld Seinfeld	Broke Girl Broke Girl	Big Bang Big Bang	Broke Girl Broke Girl	Conan (N)				
	TCM The Great Bank Hoax	** Bulldog Drummond (1929) (NR)	(:45) ** Chandu, the Magician (1932) Alice						
	TCM Jimi Hendrix: Electric Church	Song One (2014) (ESP) Anne Hathaway	After Words (2015) Marcia Gay Harden.						
PREMIUM	TNT NBA Tip-Off (N) (L)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls. (N) (L) (ESP)	NBA Basketball						
	TRAVEL Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	My. Monument	My. Monument	Monument				
	TRU Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers				
	TVL Facts-Life Facts-Life	Facts-Life Facts-Life	Raymond Raymond	Raymond Raymond	King				
	USA (5:30) G.I. Joe: Retaliation	WWE SmackDown! (N)	Colony: Wall	Mod Fam	Mod Fam				
	VH1 ** Space Jam (1996, Comedy) Michael Jordan. (PG)	The Shannara Chronicles	The fate of the world.	Space Jam					
	WGN-A Elementary (HD)	Elementary (HD)	Elementary (HD)	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met			
	ENC (:05) ** Ghost Rider (2007) Nicolas Cage. A motorcycle stuntman is a supernatural agent of vengeance. (ESP)	Black Sails Gates receives a promotion. (ESP)	Spartacus: Blood and Sand	Spartacus: Blood and Sand	Spartacus: Blood and Sand				
	HBO (5:55) ** Emma (1996) (ESP) Gwyneth Paltrow. * Unfinished Business (2015, Comedy) (ESP) Vince Vaughn, Tom Wilkinson. (R) (ESP) Michael McMillian. (R)	* The Hills Have Eyes 2 (2007, Horror) (ESP) Vince Vaughn, Tom Wilkinson. (R) (ESP) Michael McMillian. (R)	Final Destination 3 (R)						
	MAX (5:25) ** Wand Talkers	(:40) *** Face/Off (1997, Action) (ESP) John Travolta, Nicolas Cage. An FBI agent and his nemesis trade physical identities. (R)	** Seventh Son (2014, Fantasy) (ESP) Jeff Bridges, Ben Barnes. (PG-13)						
STARZ	SHOW (6:30) Walter (2015) Neve Campbell. (NR)	Backcountry (2014, Suspense) Missy Peregrym, Jeff Roop, Eric Balfour. (R)	(:35) *** Snowpiercer (2013) Chris Evans. Survivors of a second ice age live aboard a supertrain. (R)						
	(5:10) Million Dollar Arm	(:20) *** The Nutty Professor (1996, Comedy) (ESP) Eddie Murphy. (PG-13)	** Entrapment (1999) Sean Connery. A woman tries to thwart a burglar on Dec. 31, 1999. (PG-13)						