



# PRIEST

**Director** Scott Stewart **Stars** Paul Bettany, Karl Urban, Cam Gigandet  
**In Cinemas** 13 May **On Disc** October

"It's like a cross between *The Searchers* and *Blade Runner*," says helmer Scott Stewart of *Priest*, adapted from the Korean comic series. And it sounds like creator Hyung Min-woo approves: "He didn't pull an Alan Moore, so we were really pleased," Stewart says.

Part futuristic horror-thriller, part Western and set for both 2D and 3D releases, *Priest* unfolds on an alternate Earth ruined by

centuries of human-vampire warfare, where Paul Bettany's warrior priest disobeys church law to look for the vampires who kidnapped his niece. Among the cast are *Twilight*'s Cam Gigandet and *True Blood*'s Stephen Moyer. "It's not a sexy vampire movie," Stewart says, though. "It's a scary vampire movie..."

**DISC PREDICTIONS** Stewart used to work in visual effects - including on *Blade Runner*, *Sin*

*City*, and *Harry Potter* - so we're expecting an insightful commentary and featurettes on the page-to-screen process.

**This One's For Fans Of...** All things retro-futuristic. Think *Blade Runner* meets *Mad Max* meets *Blade* meets, erm, *Wild Wild West* - with solar-powered motorbikes.



# PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: ON STRANGER TIDES

**Director** Rob Marshall **Stars** Johnny Depp, Gemma Ward, Ian McShane  
**In Cinemas** 18 May **On Disc** October

Captain Jack Sparrow's back, but don't expect a reprise of the Depp-Knightley-Bloom love triangle. *On Stranger Tides* kick-starts a fresh phase for the series. The original stars have been made to walk the plank, and instead the latest adventure sees Sparrow (Depp) seeking the fabled 'Fountain of Youth' alongside long-time frenemy Captain Barbosa (Rush).

Shot in 3D, *On Stranger Tides* features an old love-interest played by Penélope Cruz, and dastardly pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane). "I have this extraordinary beard which takes two hours to make up," says McShane of filming. "It's like having a cat round my neck all day..."

**DISC PREDICTIONS** Previous instalments enjoyed lavish treatment on DVD and Blu-ray,

including a 'Lost Disc' edition three-DVD re-release of the first film. So we're expecting another bumper crop of bonus treasure.

**This One's For Fans Of...** Depp's greatest creation, Jack Sparrow. *World's End* entered shark-jumping territory but *On Stranger Tides* is taking the series back to basics...



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# THE HANGOVER PART II

**Director** Todd Phillips **Stars** Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper  
**In Cinemas** 27 May **On Disc** November

The question of who is and isn't appearing in *The Hangover Part II* has inspired a few rumours and ructions. Mel Gibson's out - he was meant to film a cameo and "Would have been great," says director Todd Phillips, but "Ultimately did not have the support of my entire cast and crew." Ouch. Bill Clinton's in, though. Yes, *that* Bill Clinton.

In this follow-up to the 'bromantic' comedy centred around a badly planned Las Vegas bachelor party - a well-worn setup, but the beauty was in the execution - ineptitude and potential for a comedy of errors goes off the scale with a badly-planned trip to Bangkok, complete with regrettable tattoos. *Part II* teams Paul Giamatti, Juliette Lewis and Liam Neeson with the original sore-headed trio,

with the slightly disturbing super-camp gangster Mr Chow also returning.

After *The Hangover's* super-smash success, director Phillips decided against rushing into filming a sequel. "After a massive hit, some people start overthinking what they're going to do next," he says. He's also adamant that *The Hangover Part II* won't be just another cash-in sequel. "We're making a really worthy follow-up. That pressure, if it was there, has been alleviated just by having all of those guys back in a room every day and just working out scenes and laughing."

**DISC PREDICTIONS** After *The Hangover's* record-smashing success on disc, we're expecting to see the second film get some red-carpet treatment on DVD and Blu-ray.

No doubt the likes of Phillips, Cooper and Galifianakis will again record an audio commentary and we're hoping for another good gag reel, plus there's scope for a good clutch of featurettes.

Despite shifting discs by the bucketload, though, *The Hangover* still hasn't quite seen the release it deserves, with even the extended Blu-ray not really hitting the spot. Fingers crossed for a packed triple-disc that includes both films.

**This One's For Fans Of...** Hangovers. If you laughed your head off at the first movie don't miss this. If you haven't, you're playing catch up so you'll got till May to drink it in...

