



## UTV ALL SET TO CONQUER THE SILVER SCREEN IN 2010 – 11

**13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010, Mumbai:** UTV Motion Pictures is fully loaded and ready to unleash the very best in movie entertainment on audiences with a bullish slate of films for 2010 - 11. The upcoming films will be directed by some of the most eminent names from the Indian film industry teamed with remarkable casts.

This year UTV is exploring a variety of genres like comedy, drama, action, romance, kids, thriller and even animation. They begin the year with Raajneeti releasing on 4<sup>th</sup> June with the biggest star cast assembled in recent times! Directed by Prakash Jha, Raajneeti is based on the characters from the greatest epic ever told - The Mahabharata. This amazing political thriller is set to take the country by storm. "Experience with UTV has been extremely comfortable and welcoming. They are an easy and understanding team, grooved into creative, man management, scripting and everything else"

This is followed by Peter Gaya Kaam Se starring Rajeev Khandelwal, who after his critically acclaimed performance in Aamir, is back as Peter - a motorcycle taxi rider in Goa. The gorgeous Lekha Washington plays his love interest in this racy thriller where Peter sets out on a journey to hell!

For the first time UTV Motion Pictures and Karan Johar's Dharma Productions join hands for a co-production, I Hate Luv Storys. A romantic comedy starring youth heartthrob Imran Khan and the gorgeous Sonam Kapoor backed by music by Vishal and Shekhar, is sure to keep you asking for more. Commenting on the association, Karan Johar says, "All of us at Dharma are vastly excited about our next 'I Hate Luv Storys' releasing on 2nd of July. UTV and us come together for the first time as co producers. Their tremendous vision, infrastructure and passion for movies makes them flag bearers."

UTV's first film for kids, Chillar Party, is the work of debutant directors Nitesh Tiwari and Vikas Bahl. This is the story of nine children and a dog who come together to fight some silly rules made by adults through a Chaddi March - and is sure to ignite the 'rang de' spirit among kids across the country.

UTV and Aamir Khan Productions join hands for two co-productions this year - Peepli Live and Delhi Belly. Peepli Live, a social comedy about rural life in 'Bharat' is already making waves internationally. It is India's first film ever to be selected in competition at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival and was screened at the Berlin Film Festival too. Delhi Belly - UTV's second co-production with Aamir Khan, stars Imran Khan in a rip roaring caper. "I have had a long and happy association with UTV in different capacities. UTV has a hard working and dedicated team, and it is wonderful to work with them once again on our two co - productions Peepli Live and Delhi Belly," says Aamir Khan.



A biopic, Paan Singh Tomar, is the true story of an athlete who turns into a deadly dacoit. The role of Paan Singh is essayed by the very versatile and internationally acclaimed Irrfan Khan.

There are two stunning animation films ready for release this year from the UTV stable. The first is Arjun: The Warrior Prince, an action filled mythological saga that takes us through the story of the iconic Indian hero - Arjun. This is by far the biggest animation film ever made in the country. With excellent production design combined with music by Vishal and Shekhar, this movie will be a must watch.

An out an out comedy about a spot boy who makes a film with John Abraham, Phillum City directed by Deven Khote has an interesting twist - John knows nothing about the film he stars in!

After giving us blockbusters like Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam, Devdas and Black, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, one of the most acclaimed directors in India is back with the unbeatable pair of Hrithik Roshan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan in what is clearly one of the most anticipated film of the year – Guzaarish.

No One Killed Jessica, starring Rani Mukherjee and Vidya Balan, is a thriller based on the moving story of two women who use the power of the media to fight for their rights! Director Rajkumar Gupta of 'Aamir' says, "I have done my first film with UTV and now I m doing my second film also with them and as producers they are exceptional. UTV is one of the best producers in terms of marketing, promotion, distribution, publicity of a film. If they believe in the script they will aggressively stand by the project."

After Main Hoon Na and Om Shanti Om, Farah Khan is back with another exhilarating entertainer to enthrall audiences. Tees Maar Khan starring the indomitable jodi of Akshay Kumar and Katrina Kaif, is the most awaited movie of the year and is slated for an X'mas 2010 release.

The acclaimed Vishal Bhardwaj re-unites with UTV and national award winner Priyanka Chopra, in his next Saat Khoon Maaf. Priyanka, who has proven her talent with Fashion and stolen our hearts in Kaminey, is all set to stun you again with her portrayal of a woman who loves...and then kills her seven husbands. We can trust Vishal to deliver another bold film with the most anticipated soundtrack of the year. Vishal Bhardwaj says, "UTV has the vision to produce films like Dev D, Kaminey, A Wednesday, Mumbai Meri Jaan and they are willing to taking a chance on strong interesting subjects."

UTV is geared up to bring you Thank You, the biggest comedy of the year directed by Anees Bazmee, the maker of No Entry, Welcome and Singh is Kinng,



starring Akshay Kumar, Bobby Deol, Irrfan Khan, Sunil Shetty, Sonam Kapoor, Rimi Sen and Celina Jaitley.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> UTV animation film slated for release is *Alibaba aur 41 Chor*. An Arabian nights adventure with dream like landscapes and entertaining characters, will immensely appeal to audiences across all ages. With voices of John Abraham and Priyanka Chopra, this one is sure to excite and enchant.

Commenting on the bullish slate for the year Siddharth Roy Kapur, CEO, UTV Motion Pictures, said, "UTV has produced some of the most cult and trendsetting films of the past decade. We are delighted to be associated with some of the best names in the industry – both established filmmakers and debutants - to deliver a slate of movies to entertain viewers of all ages. We are confident of delivering content that will enjoy commercial success and critical acclaim. Hats off to the cast and crew of all our productions, and to the brilliant UTV team - to have put such a wonderful slate together."

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#### **About UTV Motion Pictures**

Established in 1995, UTV Motion Pictures has played an active role in pioneering the studio model in the Indian film industry, where it is able to leverage script development, budget and time management and international distribution.

UTV Motion Pictures has emerged as a strong player in Indian and International cinema with the success of movies like *Rang De Basanti*, *Khosla Ka Ghosla*, *The Namesake*, *A Wednesday* & *I Think I Love My Wife*. UTV has co-produced movies like Ashutosh Gowariker's *Jodhaa-Akbar*, which was the biggest blockbuster of 2008 and M. Night Shyamalan's *The Happening* which is amongst the top grossers in Hollywood. UTV has also distributed movies like Aamir Khan's directorial debut *Taare Zameen Par* & his production *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na* in the international markets. Following an successful line up of films in the year 2009 which comprised of blockbusters like *Dev D*, *Kaminey* and *Wake Up Sid* UTV has an equally aggressive slate of movies for 2010 like Prakash Jha's *Raajneeti*, Sanjay Leela Bansali's *Guzaarish*, Tigmanshu Dhulia's *Paan Singh Tomar*, and many more.

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