

not be chosen to lead a rescue mission. But when the rescue party gets lost, Balto steps in to save the day, with the help of his friends, a Russian goose and two polar bears. 78 MINUTES

DESPICABLE ME

June 28

Supervillian Gru has made a name for himself stealing things like the Times Square JumboTron and the Statue of Liberty, but he's being outshone by Vector younger villain who stole the Egyptian pyramids. In an attempt to out-do Vector, Gru asks the bank of Evil to bankroll his mission to steal the moon. When Vector grabs a shrink ray Gru needs for his scheme, he decides to adopt three young orphans – Margo, Edith and Agnes – who have access to Vector's heavily guarded lair thanks to their part-time job selling cookies. But once the girls are in his care, Gru has to learn how to parent the orphans that he initially only adopted for selfish reasons. Eventually, he must decide between his mission and his role as a hesitant new father-figure to three sweet little girls. 95 MINUTES

THE SANDLOT

July 12

After getting onto the local sandlot team purely by luck, Scotty Small spends a blissful summer developing his baseball skills with help from his teammates Benny, Yeah-yeah (Marty York), Ham (Patrick Renna), Squints (Chauncey Leopardi), and the rest of the boys. Things take a serious turn when the gang experiences what they believe is a bad omen that will give them bad luck. To infuse the team with good luck, Scotty runs home and grabs his stepfather's baseball. When Scotty hits the ball into the junkyard, the boys discover just how valuable it is and devise an elaborate scheme to retrieve it, a mission that requires getting past "The beast", a terrifying guard dog owned by angry junkman Mr. Mertle. 101 MINUTES

INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD

July 19

In this film adaptation of the popular book by Lynne Reid Banks, a young boy receives a magical cupboard and key that bring to life an 18th century Iroquois warrior who's all of three inches tall. The illusion of the movie is magical, bringing together a wistful school boy and miniature warrior in delightful detail. The friendship between young Omri and the mature Little Bear is a journey of self-discovery and growth. The strength of the film is Little Bear, played by Litefoot, who teaches Omri about the pain of personal loss, and the responsibility that is part of growing up. "Boo Hoo" Boone, the crying cowboy, is a foil for the stoic Little Bear and provides comic relief. 97 MINUTES

BRAVE

August 2

BRAVE is Pixar's first feature with a female main character, and Merida isn't your typical princess. Brought up in the Scottish kingdom of DunBroch, Princess Merida would rather sling her arrows than learn the proper etiquette befitting a future queen. When the realm's three other clans arrive to present their leaders' firstborn sons as potential suitors for betrothal, Merida rebels against her regal mother, Queen Elinor and runs away to the forest. Following a will o' the wisp, Merida encounters a witch who conjures a magical cake to "change the queen". But when the queen eats the magical treat, it's not her mind that changes; she (**possible spoiler alert!**) transforms into a giant black bear – exactly like the bear that took the "Bear King" Fergus' leg a decade earlier. With her mother a bear and her father on the hunt, Merida must find out how to break the spell before her mother stays a bear forever – or worse, is killed by the king and his men. 100 MINUTES

THE MUPPETS

August 9

Gary and Walter aren't just brothers; they're best friends. When Gary announces that Walter can come with him and his girlfriend, Mary, on a trip to Los Angeles, Walter – the Muppets' biggest fan – immediately makes plans to visit the Muppets' studio. But when they get there, Walter discovers that an evil oil baron named Tex Richman plans to tear down the now-crumbling studio for the oil underneath it. The only loophole is that the Muppets have one week to pay \$10 million to buy back the building. Walter enlists Gary and Mary to track down Kermit and spur him to action. Kermit agrees that the only way to raise the money is to put on a show, so the four of them travel across the country (and beyond) to reunite Piggy, Fozzie, Gonzo, and all of the retired Muppets for one all-or-nothing telethon to save the studio. 98 MINUTES