

The Elfkins, The Nest and Love, Weddings & Other Disasters

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The films opening at South African cinemas, this week, include the computer-animated film *The Elfkins - Baking A Difference*; a thriller starring Jude Law, *The Nest*; and the multi-story romantic comedy *Love, Weddings & Other Disasters*.

The Elfkins – Baking A Difference

The Heinzels are back! Headed by lively little Helvi, the gnomes breathe new life into a tumbledown pastry shop and discover their true purpose. For more than 200 years, the Elfkins have been living underground, hiding from the upper world and avoiding any interaction with the ‘ungrateful and mean’ human beings. But one day, Helvi cannot bear the lack of space and individual fulfilment any longer.

Together with two companions, Kipp and Butz, she climbs up to the earth’s surface to find her fate. After hilarious adventures, Helvi’s growing friendship with the initially grumpy pastry chef Theo will remind her and all the other Elfkins of their true purpose in life: helping others!

Computer-animated film directed by Ute von Münchow-Pohl.

The Nest

Rory (Jude Law), an ambitious entrepreneur and former commodities broker, persuades his American wife, Allison (Carrie Coon), and their children to leave the comforts of suburban America and return to his native England during the 1980s.

Sensing an opportunity, Rory rejoins his former firm and leases a centuries-old country manor, with grounds for Allison's horses and plans to build a stable. Soon the promise of a lucrative new beginning starts to unravel, the couple has to face the unwelcome truths lying beneath the surface of their marriage.

Directed, and produced by Sean Durkin.

Love, Weddings & Other Disasters

It is a multi-story romantic comedy about the people who work on weddings to create the perfect day for a loving couple – while their own relationships are outlandish, odd, crazy and far from perfect. This rom-com centres on a wedding worker who works to create the perfect day for a loving couple — while their own relationships are outlandish, odd, crazy and far from perfect. With Diane Keaton and Jeremy Irons.

Written and directed by Dennis Dugan.

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