

THINK PINK! ALL-STAR COMEDY CAST STEALS *PINK PANTHER 2*

**Steve Martin, Jean Reno, and Emily Mortimer Return;
John Cleese, Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, Aishwarya Rai Join Cast**

CULVER CITY, Calif., August 9, 2007 – An all-star cast has lined up to join Steve Martin, Jean Reno, and Emily Mortimer as they reprise their roles in Columbia Pictures'/MGM's upcoming comedy *The Pink Panther 2*, it was announced today by Doug Belgrad and Matt Tolmach, presidents of production for Columbia Pictures, and Charles Cohen, Senior Executive Vice President, Finance & Corporate Development, MGM.

Martin reprises his roles as the famed, bumbling Inspector Clouseau, and Reno and Mortimer re-team with Martin as Ponton and Nicole in the sequel. John Cleese joins the cast, taking on the role of Chief Inspector Dreyfus. In addition, Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, and Bollywood star Aishwarya Rai have all signed on for the film, playing detectives and experts from around the world who, with Clouseau, join forces as an international “dream team” of detectives. When several famous artifacts from around the world – including the famed priceless diamond, the Pink Panther – turn up missing, it is up to Clouseau and the team to retrieve the stolen items and catch the thief behind it all.

The film will be directed by Harald Zwart, written by Scott Neustadter & Mike Weber and Lowell Ganz & Babaloo Mandel and Steve Martin, produced by Robert Simonds, and executive produced by Ira Shuman. It is slated for release on February 13, 2009.

Commenting on the announcement, Belgrad said, “We’re thrilled with the way this film has come together. With John Cleese, Andy Garcia, Alfred Molina, and Aishwarya Rai joining Steve Martin, Jean Reno, and Emily Mortimer, we have a world-class cast for our sequel. We believe *Pink Panther 2* will be a great addition to our 2009 slate.”

The film is being overseen by Columbia executives Elizabeth Cantillon and DeVon Franklin.

“Steve Martin has successfully re-energized the Pink Panther franchise and with this new dynamic cast, *Pink Panther 2* is destined to be a commercial success and one of the most highly anticipated films in 2009,” said Cohen.

STEVE MARTIN is a celebrated writer, actor, and performer. His film credits include *The Jerk*, *Father of the Bride*, and *The Spanish Prisoner*, as well as *Roxanne*, *L.A. Story*, and *Bowfinger*, for which he also wrote the screenplays.

He was most recently seen in the smash hit *The Pink Panther*. He is the author of the play *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* and of the bestselling collection of comic pieces *Pure Drivel*, as well as the bestselling novellas *The Pleasure of My*

Company and *Shopgirl*, which was made into a popular movie. His upcoming works include *Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life*, a memoir of his years as a comedian, and *The Alphabet from A to Y with Bonus Letter Z!*, a children's book, illustrated by Roz Chast.

JEAN RENO is the renowned French actor who rapidly gained recognition among American audiences with pivotal roles in such box-office blockbusters as *Mission: Impossible*, *Godzilla*, *The Professional*, *Ronin*, and, most recently, *The Pink Panther* and *The Da Vinci Code*. One of France's biggest box-office draws, Reno led the cast of the blockbuster hits *Tais-Tois*, *Les Visiteurs*, *Les Visiteurs II*, *L'Empire de Loups*, and *La Femme Nikita*, among many others. He will next be seen in *Margaret* for director Kenneth Lonergan.

EMILY MORTIMER'S many film credits include her breakout role in the critically-acclaimed *Lovely & Amazing*, which brought her a 2003 Independent Spirit Award. She was most recently seen in the feature films *Match Point*, *The Pink Panther*, and *Paris, Je T'Aime*, as well as in a recurring role on the television series "30 Rock." She will soon be seen in Warner Independent Pictures' *Chaos Theory*, MGM's *Lars and the Real Girl*, Brad Anderson's *Transsiberian*, and David Mamet's *Redbelt*.

The legendary film actor and comedian **JOHN CLEESE** was most recently heard in voice roles in the films *Charlotte's Web* and *Shrek the Third*. Recent film work for the Monty Python co-founder, Academy Award® nominee, and Emmy winner includes *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (as Nearly Headless Nick), the James Bond adventures *The World is Not Enough* and *Die Another Day* (in which he played Q), *Pinocchio*, *Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle*, *Man About Town*, *Valiant*, and *Shrek 2*.

ALFRED MOLINA is an accomplished and versatile actor with more than 70 film, television, and theater productions to his credit. He will soon star in the motion picture *The Little Traitor*, the HBO film "As You Like It" for director Kenneth Branagh, and the miniseries "The Company" for TNT. His most recent film credits include *The Hoax*, *The Da Vinci Code*, *Frida*, and *Spider-Man™ 2*. On stage, he recently appeared in the Los Angeles production of "The Cherry Orchard." He has been recognized with two Tony nominations, for his work in "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Art"; he won the Drama Desk Award and Outer Circle Critics Award for "Art."

ANDY GARCIA'S recent film credits include the smash hits *Ocean's 11*, *Ocean's 12*, and, most recently, *Ocean's 13*, as well as *Smokin' Aces*, the independent drama *The Air I Breathe*, *Twisted*, and *Modigliani*. He received Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations for his role in Francis Ford Coppola's *The Godfather Part III*. He also received Emmy and Golden Globe nominations as producer and star of HBO's "For Love or Country: The Arturo Sandoval Story." In 2005, he made his directorial debut with *The Lost City*, in which he starred

opposite Dustin Hoffman and Bill Murray. He will next star in the feature film *The Last Full Measure*.

AISHWARYA RAI is one of Bollywood's preeminent leading ladies. The star of many hit films in India, including *Dhoom 2* and *Devdas*, her English-language films include *Bride & Prejudice* and *The Mistress of Spices*.

HARALD ZWART is the director of *Agent Cody Banks* and *One Night at McCool's*. He also provided the story for *Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London*.

ROBERT SIMONDS is one of Hollywood's most prolific producers of comedies and family films. His over 30 features have generated in excess of \$3.5 billion worldwide.

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