

# Hollywood on Fire

✘ *Pisces Productions*

When I was a teenager, I wanted to be an actress. But I decided that I couldn't be one because I didn't want to have to take roles that compromised my Christian values. But after watching the new documentary *Hollywood on Fire*, I realized that I could have gone to Hollywood without compromising my faith. There are many Christians who have done just that, and this film features interviews with a variety of people who have worked in front of and behind the cameras while maintaining their faith and integrity.

It can be said that as movies go, there goes society. I saw how this could be true when I learned the history of Hollywood. It originally began as a Christian community, and churches were the first theaters. But eventually the church lost, or gave up, its involvement and influence. Ted Baher, who shares an impressive amount of history throughout the film, says when the church was involved the films didn't include immoral and violent content, and the crime rate was lower; but when the church retreated, the films were filled with violent and sexual content, and the crime rate increased. I understood more than ever how important it is for Christians to be involved in every aspect of storytelling, whether on the big screen or on television.

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## What's the Big Idea

✘ Zidgel, Midgel, Fidgel and Kevin are back in 3-2-1 *Penguins!:: Blast in Space!* Big Idea's loveable space cadets

return for three new episodes. The quartet and brother and sister Jason and Michelle have to face giant ants, dancing tikis and a volcano on the verge of eruption. There is always a lot of fun with this group around. But the stories also teach kids lessons from the book of Proverbs about patience, diligence and compassion. This 66-minute DVD, available in stores Feb. 28, also offers commentary, preview, how-to-draw segments and so much more. Click [here](#) to preorder *Blast in Space!* And earlier this month, Big Idea also released the latest VeggieTales DVD *Abe and the Amazing Promise*. Bob the Tomato is trying to direct the story about Abraham and Sarah and how they waited on God to fulfill His promise. But Bob has to contend with the wacky French peas film crew and spitting camels, and everyone's patience is running out. This Bible story with the VeggieTales touch will teach kids that even though it isn't easy to be patient, it is always worth the wait. Also included on this DVD is "Blunders in the Boo-Boo-Ville" (guess who stars in this segment? Yep, Larry the Cucumber). Click [here](#) to purchase this DVD.

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## It's a Wrap ... Well Almost

 Christian recording artist, author, conference speaker and now actress Rebecca St. James has only a few more scenes to film to wrap *Sarah's Choice*. In her film debut St. James plays the lead character, Sarah—who doesn't exactly have the same life values St. James has. Sarah is a career-minded, single woman who gets pregnant and is faced with a life-changing choice. St. James, a long-time advocate of abstinence, said this movie appealed to her because it allowed her to share the pro-life message. "We live in a very real world where scores of young women every day are being impacted by the heart-wrenching issues and life-changing choices that my character

is suddenly forced to come face to face with. I feel it's an important film with a godly message that I am praying will profoundly touch lives" she said. This film is scheduled to release this fall. For more information on Rebecca St. James, visit .

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## Follow You

 *By Hillsong Kids, Integrity Music.*

Follow You is a rousing collection of songs wrapped in melodies that will immediately captures kids' attention and spirits. From the get-go children will sing and praise-and bounce and head-bob. Even the most reserved child (or parent) will get into the groove hearing the young audience sing along. The title track is a fun, energetic, rocking song about prayer and declares that "nothing will ever stop me from living for You." "Spinning Around" reminds us that God is everywhere and His love is deep and wide. The slower ballad "Trust and Obey" is a song of commitment to doing what God says. A highlight is "I'm So Glad/You Are Here (The Same Power)." Hearing the younger lead vocalists leading the crowd in declaring their need for Jesus is particularly moving. The music on this CD is certainly geared to a young audience, but there is nothing childish about the lyrics and truths presented. Children will be continually encouraged to devote themselves to the all-powerful, all-loving, ever present God. The fun energy on this live recording will remind kids that God is not boring-a reminder "big church" needs from time to time. Kids can also join in the action with the DVD, which features music, memory verses, teachings, funny moments and

more. [Click here](#) to order the CD.

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# Finger of God

Wanderlust Productions



I wasn't sure what to expect when I sat down to watch the DVD *Finger of God*. I immediately noticed the quality cinematography and the filmmaker and director Darren Wilson's easygoing commentary and humor. It was off to a great start, but this film just got better and better. Wilson says in the beginning that to him "God was kind of an invisible friend whose greatest hits had happened a long time ago." He wondered why God still did the miraculous, so he set out to capture miracles on film.

He films people receiving gold teeth, and jewels, gold dust and even manna, people being healed. He travels across the United States and to Africa, to China, to Eastern Europe witnessing and documenting the miraculous power of God at work today.

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# Atheists Need the God They Don't Believe Exists

In his new book, *You Can Lead an Atheist to Evidence but You Can't Make Him Think*, Ray Comfort writes: "Some atheists are nasty. Some are nice. One thing I do know: *all* atheists are lost, and they desperately need a Savior." He also explains that the issue of atheism isn't the existence of God but that "the real gamble is that there's no hell."

Says Comfort: "If it were just a matter of God's existence and the evolutionists and atheists die and say : 'Oh, God, You are here. Sorry about that.' No big deal. They just say, 'I was wrong.' But if it's the God of the Bible they have to face, the God who is perfect in holiness, who says every idle word a man speaks he will give an account thereof on the day of judgment. The God who says hatred is the same as murder, lust is the same as adultery, the God who says all liars will have their part in the lake of fire, then they have to face a holy God, they're morally responsible, and they will end up in hell without the Savior.

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## Evidence for the Resurrection

*By Josh McDowell and Sean McDowell, Regal Books, hardcover, 224 pages, \$.*

With Easter approaching and modern skeptics still questioning Christ's resurrection, this volume by a leading apologist (and his son) provides reassurance of the truth of those accounts. Released simultaneously in editions for teens (*Jesus: Dead or*

Alive?) and children (*Jesus is Alive!*), this heavily researched book is divided into three parts. They explore the need for the resurrection, its personal meaning and the evidence of this event. Mature believers may want to skim the first two sections to delve into the last half concerning the evidence. Of note is the chapter where the authors review facts that must be reckoned with in any discussion of the resurrection. They also address various attempts to explain it away, documenting ways in which critics have relied on fancy or personal opinion to attack its veracity. Ultimately, the McDowells show how historical accounts and scriptural testimony line up at the same place—the resurrection is for real. No other explanation can account for a church that survives 2,000 years after Jesus rose from the grave. [Click here to purchase this book.](#)

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## Kari Jobe

*By Kari Jobe, Integrity Music.*




Kari Jobe's voice is smooth and airy but there is no fluff to her music. The rich lyrics are enveloped by easy melodies that will replay in people's heads and hearts long after the CD has stopped spinning. Jobe knew since she was 10 years old that she would be a worship leader, and her calling and gift are clearly evident on her debut CD. She kicks off the album with the upbeat "I'm Singing," with the chorus: "I'm singing to the God who brings redemption to the nations / Kings and oceans bow to Him in praise / And I'm singing to the God who wrote the book on our salvation / To the One who covers me in grace / I'm singing / Praise, Praise to the Savior / Praise to the Lamb of God / Praise in all of His splendor / Praise for saving my life." With the ballad "Beautiful" it's as if we are

sharing a devotional moment between Jobe and God as she surrenders “everything that’s of myself” and simply worships. “Everyone Needs a Little” is a lighthearted song that reminds us that in the midst of our needs He is there. This worshiper exudes joy—even in surrender and vulnerability. She offers a collection of upbeat praise songs and worship ballads that first and foremost honor the Lord, but also encourage and renew believers. Jobe is surely an example of what it means to worship in spirit and in truth. [Click here to purchase this CD.](#)

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## New in Town

 Lionsgate and Golden Circle Films

Starring Renée Zellweger, Harry Connick Jr., Siobhan Fallon, J.K. Simmons and Frances Conroy  
Rated PG for brief language

Finally! A romantic comedy I can recommend. *New in Town* is certainly a chick flick but it’s not so sugary sweet that guys will gag. It’s cute, fun ... and it’s actually funny.

Lucy Hill (Renée Zellweger) is the ultimate power woman. She’s into fashion, fitness and her career. When her company decides to restructure one of their manufacturing plants, Lucy volunteers to oversee the process on site. She knows that her success in this temporary assignment will guarantee her a big promotion.

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# Norman Hutchins: Seeing God in Difficult Times

When recording artist Norman Hutchins sensed God calling  him to pray every day at 5 a.m. in early 2006, he didn't know why. But when complications from a delicate eye surgery left him completely blind that same year, he soon discovered the answer.

"The Lord said, 'Norman, no matter how gifted and talented and anointed you may be, you are no good to Me if you don't take care of you.'"

Hutchins, 46, is referring to his battle with diabetes, a disease he was diagnosed with years ago. The singer said for six months he depended on his wife, Karen, and others to escort him to his pulpit where he preached every Sunday during the ordeal. He says losing his sight forced him to repent for not taking care of the body God gave him.