

Tarantino

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8. 'Death Proof' (2007)

Part of the "Grindhouse" double feature (with Robert Rodriguez's "Planet Terror"), "Proof" goes to some intriguing places in mashing up genres, from slasher tropes to feminist empowerment. And "Proof" also gives us the rare Kurt Russell supervillain: Stuntman Mike is a serial killer who chases women and murders them using his "death-proof" car. That is until he messes with a trio of female friends (Zoe Bell, Rosario Dawson, Tracie Thoms) who fight back in an equally vicious manner.

7. 'Django Unchained' (2012)

Tarantino gives Southern slavery and racism the spaghetti Western treatment with a noteworthy team-up: Freed man Django (Jamie Foxx) and dentist bounty hunter King Schultz (Christoph Waltz) take down sibling outlaws in Tennessee before heading to Mississippi to find Django's wife. The super-violent and brutal death matches between slaves are hard to watch, but DiCaprio's smooth and sinister plantation owner Calvin J. Candie is an over-the-top villain to savor.

6. 'Reservoir Dogs' (1992)

From gangsters discussing Madonna's musical catalog in the beginning to the bloodshed and betrayal later, Tarantino's first feature film showed glimpses of the referential and nonlinear storytelling that would soon put him on the map with "Pulp Fiction." The cast is excellent, from Steve Buscemi and Harvey Keitel to Tim Roth and Michael Madsen, as well-dressed crooks in dire straits.

5. 'Once Upon a Time in Hollywood' (2019)

Tarantino's love letter to the L.A. where he grew up in the 1960s finds the tale of a fading TV star (DiCaprio) and his stunt double (Pitt) intersecting with the fate of up-and-coming actress Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie). While somewhat staid considering the auteur's usual work, he conjures some magic recreating the changing culture of the time and unleashes his male leads — especially DiCaprio — for a couple of knockout performances.

4. 'The Hateful Eight' (2015)

Tarantino goes the Western route again but this time with a bunch of blizzard-bound ne'er-do-wells stuck in a cabin for a murder-mystery potboiler. From a couple of post-Civil War bounty hunters (Samuel L. Jackson and Kurt Russell) to an unhinged fugitive (Jennifer Jason Leigh) and a loquacious executioner (Tim Roth), they're a morally questionable crew and you can't trust a one. In other words, the kind of folks Tarantino does best.

3. 'Kill Bill: Volume 1' (2003)

There aren't a lot of pure heroes in Tarantino's films, but Thurman's The Bride is the closest — and one an audience easily gets behind, thanks to the actress' natural charisma, her circumstances (getting shot in the head on her wedding day) and the unholy hell she unleashes in a Bruce Lee jumpsuit. The Tokyo action sequence pitting a sword-wielding Bride against any army of Yakuza henchmen (and a schoolgirl with a deadly ball and chain) is all-time stuff, yet Tarantino ventures outside the box, too, as with an animated back story for Bride foe O-Ren Ishii (Lucy Liu).

2. 'Inglourious Basterds' (2009)

Tarantino makes his war picture that's just as much a revenge fantasy, and one that playfully uses a David



Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah, top) tries to take out a comatose Bride (Uma Thurman) in "Kill Bill: Volume 1." ANDREW COOPER/MIRAMAX FILMS



Mr. Pink (Steve Buscemi, left) and Mr. White (Harvey Keitel) share a tense moment in "Reservoir Dogs." LINDA R. CHEN/MIRAMAX FILMS



Eli Roth (left) and Brad Pitt are Nazi hunters with a dangerous mission in "Inglourious Basterds." FRANCOIS DUHAMEL/THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY



Playing gangster Vincent Vega in "Pulp Fiction" was a career comeback for John Travolta. LINDA R. CHEN/MIRAMAX FILMS

Bowie song before a vengeful woman (Melanie Laurent) torches a theater full of Nazis. While maybe not the most historically accurate World War II film, "Basterds" is one of the most pleasurable and fun — depending on your point of view — with Pitt as the leader of a team of German-scalping soldiers and Christoph Waltz as one of the more rascally and despicable villains in the director's rogues' gallery.

1. 'Pulp Fiction' (1994)

We don't get many game-changing movies anymore, but those who watched this in a movie theater 25 years ago — once they wrapped their head around the intertwining stories and character interactions — knew it was something special. The iconic art-house film made stars again of John Travolta and Bruce Willis and launched Thurman and Jackson into pop-culture prominence. Its memorable lines become a part of the lexicon (and had everybody quoting from the Book of Ezekiel for the first time in forever), and the movie was just crazy enough to work on a mainstream level. If only QT would tell us what was in that golden briefcase ...



Christoph Waltz (left) and Jamie Foxx are an unlikely duo on a mission of revenge in "Django Unchained." ANDREW COOPER/THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Socorro Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in the District Service Center, Board Room, 12440 Rojas Dr. El Paso, Texas 79928.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| Maintenance Tax | \$ 0.970000 | / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| School Debt Service Tax | \$ 0.388954 | / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness) |

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|----|--|--------------|
| Maintenance and operations | 5.25 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Debt service | 22.34 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |
| Total expenditures | 5.61 | % increase | or | | % (decrease) |

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

| | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property | \$ 13,016,449,876 | \$ 13,740,171,391 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 418,615,509 | \$ 446,000,171 |
| Total taxable value*** of all property | \$ 10,357,932,419 | \$ 10,858,712,786 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 394,695,830 | \$ 385,945,030 |

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 805,211,938

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

| | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Last Year's Rate | \$ 0.981640 | \$.398954 * | \$ 1.380594 | \$ 3,223 | \$ 6,293 |
| Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service | \$ 0.943250 | \$ 0.391820 * | \$ 1.335070 | \$ 3,102 | \$ 6,454 |
| Proposed Rate | \$ 0.970000 | \$ 0.388954 * | \$ 1.368954 | \$ 3,227 | \$ 7,380 |

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Average Market Value of Residences | \$ 137,767 | \$ 141,342 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences | \$ 112,325 | \$ 115,849 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.380594 | \$ 1.368954 |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence | \$ 1,550.75 | \$ 1,585.92 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes | | \$ 35.17 |

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.368954. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.368954.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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|--|---------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 47,553,590 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) | \$ 13,325,521 |

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