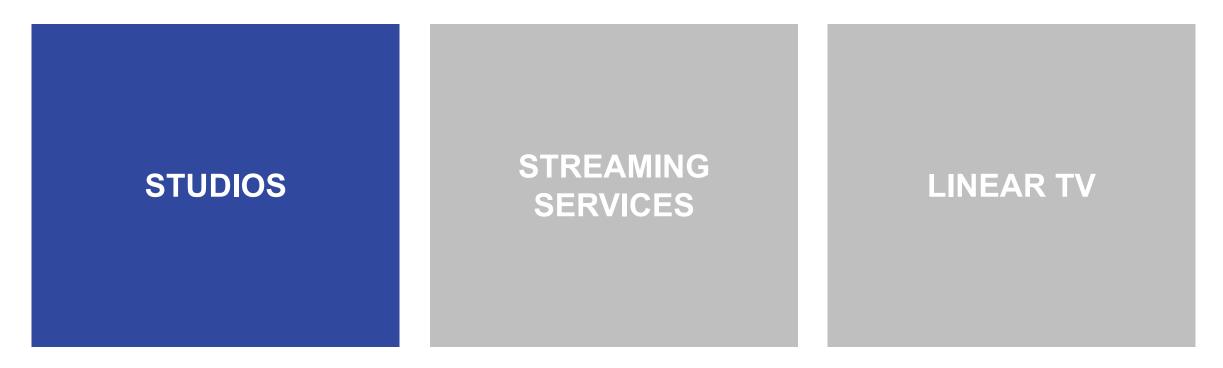
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Studio Category Assessment

## **Defining the Entertainment Category**

What's Covered in this Deck

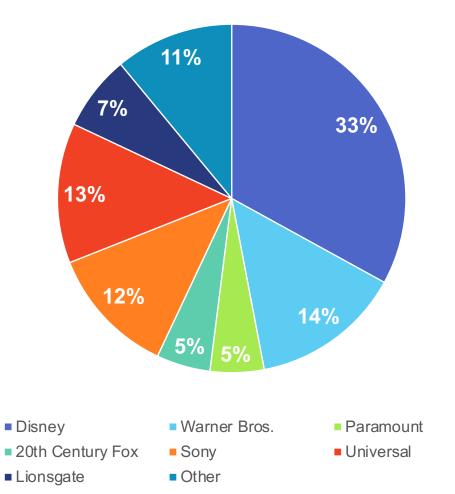


## Need to Know Movie Industry Facts...

Admissions are plateauing, but box office revenue is still growing due to ticket inflation	Action/Adventure remains the most popular genre to date as they can appeal most widely to global market
Opening weekends are an early indicator of a film's expected success, typically accounting for 35-40% of total domestic box office	Over the past decade the average age of movie goers has shifted and skewed older (60+)

### Key Players 2019 Revenue Share by Studio

#### Total U.S. Box Office - \$11.6B



- Releases from 6 major studios typically account for 80% of total box office revenues
- Following the acquisition of Fox, **Disney now controls 38%** of the U.S. box office
- Overall, Disney dominated the box office in 2019, driven by sequels, and these revenue shares are usually consistent year over year

Production is increasingly concentrated around blockbusters, franchises, and sequels:

Disney: Marvel, Star Wars, Pixar Fox: X-Men, Avatar Warner: DC Universe Universal: 007, Fast&Furious Sony: Spiderman, Jumanji, Bad Boys, Ghostbusters, Venom

### The Modern Purchase Journey of Moviegoers (Pre-COVID)



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### DISCOVERY

984 - Official Main Traile

Moviegoers tend to learn about new films by seeing trailers on TV and online and by word of mouth from friends

- 58% discover new films online
- 44% hear about new films through in-person conversations

### **EVALUATION**

Several factors play into a guest's decision to see a particular film in theaters, especially the genre

- 68% of moviegoers decide to see a film before the day of viewing
- 67% say genre is influential, with action and comedy being the most popular to see in theaters



### PURCHASE

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Despite in mobile and digital purchase pathways, the majority of moviegoers buy tickets in person at the box office

- 78% purchase tickets at the theater
- 23% buy tickets online
- 21% buy tickets on mobile



## The COVID Impact

2020 Was a Catastrophic Year for Movie Theater Industry

Box Office Admissions Fell 820/0 In 2020 vs. 2019

#### Status of Brick & Mortar Cinemas across the U.S. as of December 2020



# The Pandemic Has Drastically Impacted Distribution

SHORT TERM		LONG TERM
Theaters on Brink	Studios Off-load Titles to Streamers	Hybrid Distribution Model Takes Hold
Regal Cinemas Owner Lands Financial Lifeline, Averting Bankruptcy WSJ	Streaming Salvation: How Studios Made Bank Selling Movies to Netflix, Amazon	Warner Bros. will release 2021 movies simultaneously on HBO Max
AMC Theatres Plans to Raise \$47.7 Million to Stay Afloat During Pandemic	Hollywood Agents Push to Sell Films to Streamers Amid Theater Shutdown THE <b>WRAP</b>	How COVID-19 Could Spark a Tectonic Shift to Premium VOD

## The COVID Impact

Three Pivots Studios Have Made

#### **Divest Titles**



Sold to Netflix



Sold to Amazon

#### **Monetize Titles Directly**

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Released as PVOD on streaming platforms



Released in theaters, PVOD ~17 days later



Sold as PVOD inside an SVOD

#### Impact to NBCU Ad Business

Monetize campaigns from Netflix/Amazon
at lower budgets

- Monetize campaigns at reduced budgets, adjust rates if competitive issues arise (D+)
- Evaluate marketing partnerships

- Monetize campaigns @ competitive rates
- Eliminate marketing

### Strategic Initiatives

Use Titles to Drive Broader



Acquisition: Streams free for HBO Max subscribers day & date w/ theatrical

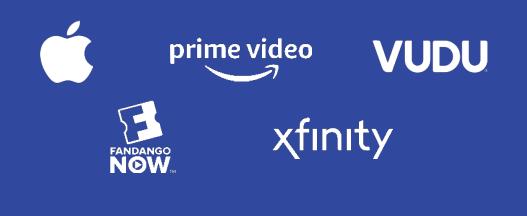


**Retention:** Streams free for Disney+ subscribers, no theatrical release

## Movies & Streaming: Two emerging PVOD strategies

### "WIDE RELEASE" PVOD

- Non-exclusive, "broad digital" approach to distro pushes to pay-as-you-go platforms
- Marketing focuses on the movie, not the distro platform
- Comcast an active participant in multiple distro channels



NBCU POV: Akin to conventional HE strategies, not competitive

### O&O PVOD/SVOD

- Exclusive distro on owned platforms
- Messaging touts titles, with strong CTA for platform
- Multiple competitive issues
  - Peacock streaming competitors
  - DDT concern for NBCU linear



NBCU POV: Competitive due to exclusive O&O distro



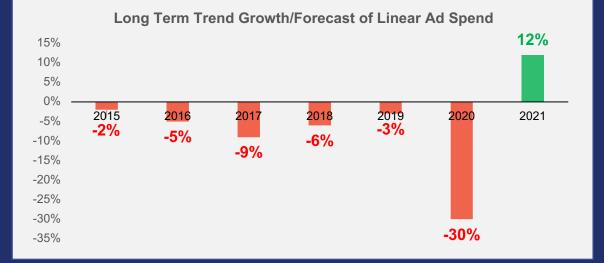
### 2021 Studio Outlook & Recovery Timeline Many Outstanding Questions Remain Which Will Dictate Box Office Futures

#### SLATE

Over 40 films scheduled for release in 2020 moved to 2021, creating a "blockbuster backlog" of content

#### **AD SPEND**

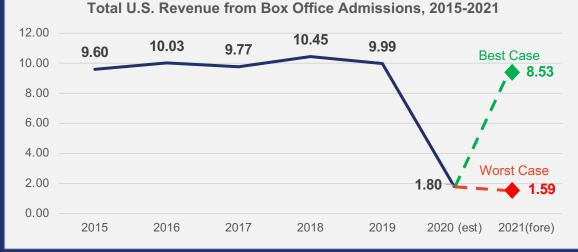
The unusual number of releases in 2021 is expected to give TV spend a +12% bump versus long term growth averages



#### **BOX OFFICE**

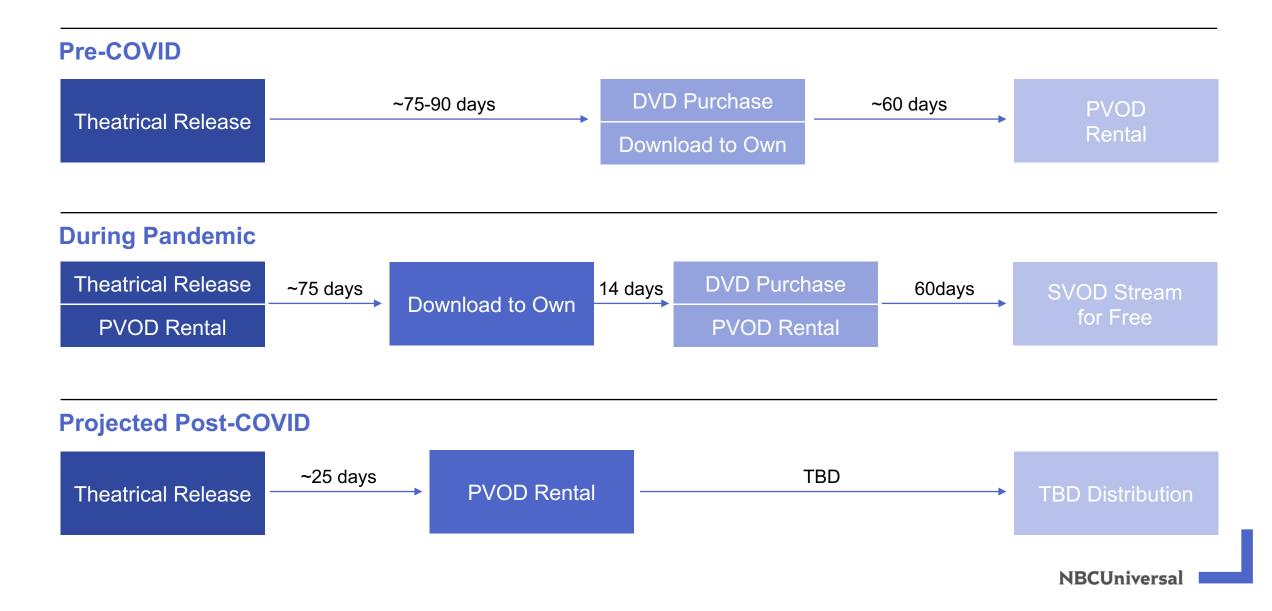
**Best case scenario:** majority of population is vaccinated by late Spring in time for the Summer movie season, resulting in a healthy recovery from year prior

**Worst case scenario:** there's delays in vaccinations coupled with unemployment, fears of safety, and new viewing habits (i.e. SVOD) that continue to jeopardize theaters future



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## **COVID Is Disrupting the Legacy Distribution Model**



## **Studio Category Trends**

What We're Seeing & Hearing in the Industry



#### **COVID-19 is Accelerating Changes to Distribution**

Widespread theater closures caused by COVID-19 necessitated experimentation with distribution and windowing. Now, theatrical openings with fast-follow PVOD releases are quickly becoming the new norm

#### Streamers Generate Increased Competition

Studios face increased competition for consumer mindshare, as audiences enjoy an unprecedented level of choice when it comes to the what, where, when & how to consume premium content

## Franchise Films Dominate the Box Office

The highest-grossing films are reliably tied to established franchises. With box office success as the ultimate north star, many studios' slates depend on existing IP and beloved characters

## A Resolute Commitment to the Big Screen

Although they are experimenting with new distribution windows and rollout, Studios remain committed to the theatrical moviegoing experience and business, despite the challenges presented by COVID and shifts to inhome viewing.

## **Studio Category Trends**

How Studios Are Evolving Their Marketing Approach



#### **Big Reach in a Tight Timeframe**

Studios must achieve big reach in a tight timeframe in order to ignite social chatter for their film. A singular moment – or several moments in close proximity – that garner huge audiences are essential

#### Marriage of Show IP + Movie IP

Integrated marketing remains key in generating excitement for a film. Custom, authentic marketing activations that blend film IP with show IP create the perfect marriage to inspire audiences to want to see the film

#### **Data-Informed Targeting**

With more moviegoer data available than ever, studios are in a unique position to eliminate waste and speak directly to key persuadable audiences and drive ticket purchase

#### **Cobranded Marketing**

Studios are piggybacking off their subscription services to provide exclusive access to new titles, and in turn bringing the movie going experience to living rooms while driving subscription growth as well

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