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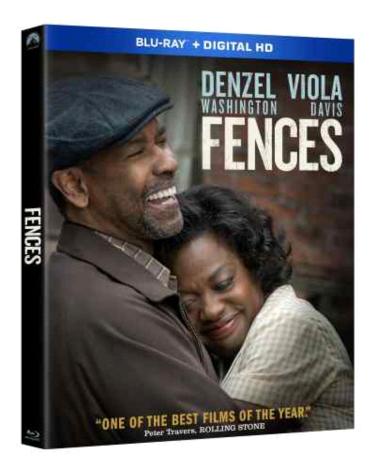
# Denzel Washington and Viola Davis Star in the Oscar®-Nominated Masterpiece FENCES, Arriving on Blu-ray™ Combo Pack March 14, 2017

# Triumphant Adaptation of August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-Winning Play is Nominated For Four Academy Awards<sup>®</sup> Including Best Picture, Best Actor and Best Supporting Actress

# Digital HD Debuts February 24, Just in Time for the Academy Awards<sup>®</sup>

HOLLYWOOD--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Academy Award<sup>®</sup> winner\* Denzel Washington directs and stars in the powerful and moving drama *FENCES*, arriving on Blu-ray, DVD and On Demand March 14, 2017 from Paramount Home Media Distribution. The film arrives on Digital HD February 24, two days before the 2017 Academy Awards ceremony.

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Denzel Washington and Viola Davis star in the Oscar®-nominated masterpiece FENCES, arriving on Blu-ray<sup>™</sup> Combo Pack March 14 and Digital HD on February 24, just in time for the Academy Awards® (Photo: Business Wire) Hailed by critics and audiences alike, *FENCES* has been nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Actor (Denzel Washington), Best Supporting Actress (Viola Davis) and Best Adapted Screenplay (August Wilson). *FENCES* also has been named one of the best films of the year by the American Film Institute, <u>Rolling Stone, Entertainment Weekly</u>, the Producers Guild of America and more. In addition, Washington and Viola Davis both won SAG Awards for their performances and Davis' transcendent performance earned her the 2017 Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actress and more than a dozen critics' group awards.

Adapted by legendary writer August Wilson from his own renowned play, *FENCES* follows former Negro-league baseball player Troy Maxson (Washington) in 1950s Pittsburgh as he fights to provide for those he loves in a world that threatens to push him down. An unforgettable and timeless masterpiece, *FENCES* "connects with people on a deep, emotional level" (Glenn Whipp, <u>Los Angeles</u> <u>Times</u>) and pulses with the universal truths of love and forgiveness, despite what lies beyond your own fence.

The *FENCES* Blu-ray Combo Pack includes over 30 minutes of fascinating bonus content. With interviews from the cast and crew, including actor/director Denzel Washington and Viola Davis, discover how August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play was adapted from stage to screen. Plus, visit the movie's Pittsburgh set, learn how Davis prepared for her award-winning performance, and much more. Buy *FENCES* on Blu-ray Combo Pack and get a bonus digital copy of *The Manchurian Candidate* (2004), starring Denzel Washington, for a limited time only.

# FENCES Blu-ray Combo Pack

The *FENCES* Blu-ray is presented in 1080p high definition with English 7.1 DTS-HD Master Audio and English Audio Description and English, English SDH, French, and Spanish subtitles. The combo pack includes access to a Digital HD copy of the film as well as the following:

### Blu-ray

- Feature film in high definition
- Bonus Content:
  - Expanding the Audience: From Stage to Screen
  - The Company of Fences
  - Building Fences: Denzel Washington
  - Playing the Part: Rose Maxson
  - August Wilson's Hill District

The Blu-ray Combo Pack available for purchase includes a Digital HD Version of the film that can be accessed through UltraViolet<sup>™</sup>, a way to collect, access and enjoy movies. With UltraViolet, consumers can add movies to their digital collection in the cloud, and then stream or download them—reliably and securely—to a variety of devices.

#### FENCES Single-Disc DVD

The single-disc DVD is presented in widescreen enhanced for 16:9 TVs with English 5.1 Dolby Digital and English Audio Description and English, French, and Spanish subtitles. The disc includes the feature film in standard definition.

Paramount Pictures presents in association with Bron Creative in association with Macro Media - Denzel Washington, Viola Davis: "Fences." Stephen McKinley Henderson, Jovan Adepo, Russell Hornsby, Mykelti Williamson, Saniyya Sidney. Music by Marcelo Zarvos. Costumer designer Sharen Davis. Edited by Hughes Winborne, ACE. Production designer David Gropman. Director of photography Charlotte Bruus Christensen. Executive producers Molly Allen, Eli Bush, Aaron L. Gilbert, Andy Pollack, Dale Wells, Charles D. King, Kim Roth. Produced by Scott Rudin, p.g.a., Denzel Washington, p.g.a., Todd Black, p.g.a. Screenplay by August Wilson based upon his play. Directed by Denzel Washington.

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# **FENCES**

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U.S. Rating: PG-13 for thematic elements, language and some suggestive references Canadian Rating: PG, violence, coarse language

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\*Best Actor in a Leading Role: Training Day (2002); Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Glory (1990)

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