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SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

Blockbuster Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, \$0.01 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)
093679108
(CUSIP Number)
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January 10, 2008
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Schedule 13D relates to shares of Class A common stock, \$0.01 par value (Class A Common Stock), of Blockbuster Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer), directly owned by private investment funds managed by Fine Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (FCP). The Issuer s principal executive offices are located at 1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, 75270.

Item 2. Identity and Background

- (a) This statement is filed by (i) FCP, as the investment manager to certain private investment funds, with respect to shares owned by such private investment funds, (ii) Fine Capital Advisors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (FCA), as the general partner of FCP, and (iii) Ms. Debra Fine, a principal of FCP and FCA, with respect to the shares owned by such private investment funds (the persons mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) are referred to as the Reporting Persons). Ms. Fine is the sole Manager of FCA and the President of FCP. Brian Jozwiak is the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the Reporting Persons.
- (b) The business address of each of the Reporting Persons and each of the other executive officers of FCP is 590 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10022.
- (c) FCP provides investment management services to private individuals and institutions. FCA serves as the general partner of FCP. The principal occupation of Ms. Fine is investment management. The principal occupation of Mr. Jozwiak is Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of FCP and its affiliates.
- (d) None of the Reporting Persons, or other persons with respect to whom information is given in response to this Item 2, has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) None of the Reporting Persons, or other persons with respect to whom information is given in response to this Item 2, has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, Federal or State securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) FCA is a Delaware limited liability company. FCP is a Delaware limited partnership. Ms. Fine and Mr. Jozwiak are United States citizens.

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Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The net investment costs (including commissions, if any) of the shares of Class A Common Stock directly owned by the private investment funds is approximately \$27,510,985. Ms. Fine, FCP and FCA do not directly own any shares of Class A Common Stock.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction

The purpose of the acquisition of the shares of Class A Common Stock by the Reporting Persons is for investment, and the purchase of the shares of the Class A Common Stock by the Reporting Persons were made in the ordinary course of business and were not made for acquiring control of the Issuer. Depending on price, availability, market conditions and other factors that may affect their judgment, the Reporting Persons may acquire additional shares or dispose of any or all of their shares. The Reporting Persons do not currently intend to acquire the Issuer or to control the management and policies of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) As of March 7, 2008, Ms. Fine beneficially owns 7,428,200 shares of Class A Common Stock, which represents 6.13% of the Issuer s outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock. FCP, FCA and Ms. Fine direct the voting and disposition of 7,428,200 shares of Class A Common Stock representing 6.13% of the Issuer s outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock. The percentage of beneficial ownership of the Reporting Persons, as reported in this Schedule 13D, was calculated by dividing (i) the number of shares of Class A Common Stock beneficially owned by each Reporting Person as of March 7, 2008 as set forth in this Schedule 13D, by (ii) the 121,213,349 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding as of November 6, 2007, based upon the Issuer s Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2007.
- (b) Ms. Fine and FCP have the power to vote and dispose of all of the shares of Class A Common Stock held by the private investment funds.
- (c) The transactions in the Issuer s securities by the Reporting Persons in the last sixty days are listed as Exhibit 1 attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- (d) Not Applicable.
- (e) Not Applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer Not Applicable.

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Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit 1 Transactions in the Issuer s securities by the Reporting Persons in the last sixty days.

Exhibit 2 Joint Filing Agreement dated March 7, 2008, among the Reporting Persons.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 7, 2008

FINE CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Fine Capital Advisors, LLC,

its general partner

By: /s/ Debra Fine

Name: Debra Fine Title: Manager

FINE CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Debra Fine

Name: Debra Fine Title: Manager

/s/ Debra Fine

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No. Description

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