

# Cast



**Christian Bale**  
(Bruce Wayne)



**Anne Hathaway**  
(Selina Kyle)



**Michael Caine**  
(Alfred)



**Gary Oldman**  
(Comm. Gordon)



**Morgan Freeman**  
(Lucius Fox)



**Tom Hardy**  
(Bane)



**Josh Pence**  
(Young Ra's al Ghul)

The Dark Knight Rises is an upcoming epic superhero film. Based on the DC Comics character Batman, the film will be the third and final installment in Nolan's Batman film series, and is a sequel to Batman Begins and The Dark Knight. The film will be directed by Christopher Nolan, written by Nolan and his brother Jonathan and starring Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, and Morgan Freeman as Batman/Bruce Wayne, Alfred Pennyworth, James Gordon, and Lucius Fox, respectively. The film will introduce the characters of Selina Kyle and Bane—portrayed by Anne Hathaway and Tom Hardy—two villains from the Batman mythology.

### Premise

Batman, being hunted by the law to protect district attorney Harvey Dent's reputation, faces a colossal threat caused by a criminal mastermind bent on the destruction and chaos of Gotham City called Bane. Batman must also "face old wounds" and confront the mysterious Selina Kyle before the tide is turned into a climactic final battle.

### Development

Warner Bros. president of production Jeff Robinov had hoped a third film would be released in 2011 or 2012. Nolan wanted the story for the third installment to keep him emotionally invested. "On a more superficial level, I have to ask the question," he reasoned, "how many good third movies in a franchise can people name?" He returned out of finding a necessary way to continue the story, but feared midway through filming he would find a sequel redundant. By December 2008, Nolan completed a rough story outline, before he committed himself to Inception. Later in December, Alan F. Horn confirmed that while discussions with Nolan about a third film were ongoing, no casting had been done, and Horn denied all such rumors. Before Nolan confirmed his involvement, Gary Oldman had said he was confident Nolan would return. It was not until February 9, 2010 that it was announced Nolan had "cracked" the story of a sequel to The Dark Knight and was committed to return to the project. Shortly afterward, it was announced David S. Goyer and Jonathan Nolan were working on a screenplay.

Warner Bros. Pictures presents, in association with Legendary Pictures, a Syncopy Production, a Christopher Nolan film, "The Dark Knight Rises." Nolan directed the film from a screenplay written by Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan, story by Christopher Nolan & David S. Goyer. Charles Roven, Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan are the producers, with Benjamin

Melniker, Michael E. Uslan, Kevin De La Noy and Thomas Tull serving as executive producers. "The Dark Knight Rises" is based upon characters appearing in comic books published by DC Comics. Batman was created by Bob Kane. Goyer would leave the project during pre-production to begin work on Man of Steel; Jonathan Nolan continued writing the script based on the story by his brother Chris and Goyer. On March 10, 2010, Nolan confirmed his involvement in the project and said it will be his last Batman movie and a conclusion to the story:

"Without getting into specifics, the key thing that makes the third film a great possibility for us is that we want to finish our story. And in viewing it as the finishing of a story rather than infinitely blowing up the balloon and expanding the story... I'm very excited about the end of the film, the conclusion, and what we've done with the characters. My brother has come up with some pretty exciting stuff. Unlike the comics, these things don't go on forever in film and viewing it as a story with an end is useful. Viewing it as an ending, that sets you very much on the right track about the appropriate conclusion and the essence of what tale we're telling. And it hearkens back to that priority of trying to find the reality in these fantastic stories. That's what we do."  
- Christopher Nolan



### Official Synopsis

"Every hero has a journey. Every journey has an end. Christopher Nolan returns to complete the epic Gotham trilogy that launched with Batman Begins and reached the stratosphere with the billion-dollar blockbuster The Dark Knight.

Batman is now hunted by the law led by his friend Commissioner Gordon for taking the blame of Harvey Dent's murders and protecting his reputation. He must quickly deal with the arrival of new villain Bane who is bent on the destruction and chaos of Gotham City, face old wounds and get a handle on the enigmatic Selina Kyle before his city is lost for good.

Oscar Winner Christian Bale reprises his role as Bruce Wayne/Batman for the third time along with stars Michael Caine as Alfred, Gary Oldman as Commissioner Gordon and Morgan Freeman as Lucius Fox. Inception stars Marion Cotillard and Joseph Gordon-Levitt join the cast as WayneEnterprise board member Miranda Tate and Gotham Cop John Blake. Rounding out the cast are Anne Hathaway as the sleek Selina Kyle and Tom Hardy as the powerful villain Bane."

# Production Photos



# Christopher Nolan

Christopher Nolan is a British-American film director, screenwriter and producer who received serious notice after his second feature "Memento".



- He has directed and produced works such as:
- Insomnia (2002)
  - Inception (2010)
  - Batman Begins (2005)
  - The Prestige (2006)
  - The Dark Knight (2008)

# MARVEL THE AVENGERS

## Cast

The Avengers is an upcoming American superhero film produced by Marvel Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Pictures, based on the Marvel Comics superhero team of the same name. It is the sixth installment of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, which crosses over several Marvel superhero films including Iron Man (2008), The Incredible Hulk (2008), Iron Man 2 (2010), Thor (2011) and Captain America: The First Avenger (2011). The film is written and directed by Joss Whedon and features an ensemble cast, which includes Robert Downey, Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner and Samuel L. Jackson. In The Avengers, Nick Fury, director of the peacekeeping organization S.H.I.E.L.D., recruits Iron Man, Hulk, Thor, and Captain America to save the world from destruction.

### Development

Marvel Studios chair-CEO Avi Arad first announced plans to develop an Avengers film in April 2005 after Marvel Enterprises declared independence by pacting with Merrill Lynch to produce a slate of films that would be distributed by Paramount Pictures. In September 2006 Marvel confirmed their crossover plans in a brief presentation to Wall Street analysts. The studio's plan was to release individual films for the main characters, to establish their identities and familiarize audiences with them, before merging the characters together in an Avengers movie. Marvel Studios announced in July 2007 that screen writer Zak Penn, who wrote The Incredible Hulk, had been hired to write the film and will be titled, The Avengers. Penn confirmed his involvement but said he did not believe work would begin soon.

In January 2008, Marvel struck a deal with the striking Writers Guild of America so that the company could go back to work on films based on its comic book characters, including Captain America, Ant-Man and The Avengers. After the successful release of Iron Man in May, Marvel announced that The Avengers is scheduled for release in July 2011. In September Paramount signed an agreement with Marvel Studios that locks Paramount in as the worldwide distributor of Marvel's next five self-produced feature films. The partnership extended a 2005 agreement that saw Paramount agreeing to distribute as many as ten Marvel films.[41] In October it was announced that Robert Downey, Jr. and Don Cheadle would reprise their Iron Man 2 roles as Iron Man and War Machine respectively in The Avengers. However Don Cheadle later revealed in a January 2011 interview that he will not be appearing in The Avengers despite previous reports.

## Joss Whedon

Whedon is an American screenwriter, executive producer, director, comic book writer, actor, founder of Mutant Enemy Productions and co-creator of Bellwether Pictures



He has directed and produced works such as:

- Toy Story (1995)
- X-Men (2000)
- Thor (2011)
- Captain America (2011)

It was also announced that Jon Favreau will executive produce the film. Also in October, Marvel Studios signed a long-term lease with Raleigh Studios to film four big-budget movies at Raleigh's Manhattan Beach, California complex. The films are Iron Man 2, Thor, Captain America: The First Avenger and The Avengers. Lou Ferrigno, who voiced Hulk in 2008's The Incredible Hulk, stated that he would be involved in the film.

### Filming

On an estimated \$220 million budget, principal photography began on April 25, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico with filming scheduled to continue in Cleveland, Ohio and New York City. The following day Paul Bettany confirmed he would return to voice Tony Stark's computerized assistant, JARVIS. In May 2011, Gwyneth Paltrow stated that she might "possibly" appear very briefly in the film as Pepper Potts. Also in May, Stan Lee confirmed through his Twitter account that he will have a cameo appearance in the film unless they "shoot it on the moon".

In June, stuntman Jeremy Fitzgerald injured his head while attempting a stunt involving a 30-foot fall from a building after getting hit by an arrow. A Marvel spokesperson later told TMZ.com that, "[Fitzgerald] was fine. He slid briefly along the side of the building. He got right back up and did several more takes." In July 2011, it was reported that secondary filming took place about an hour outside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the Butler area.

Visual effects for the film were created by Industrial Light & Magic (Iron Man, Iron Man 2), Legacy Effects (Iron Man 2, Thor) and Luma Pictures (Thor, Captain America: The First Avenger).

### Official Synopsis

"Marvel Studios presents in association with Paramount Pictures 'Marvel's The Avengers' - the Super Hero team of a lifetime, featuring iconic Marvel Superheroes Ironman, The Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America, Hawkeye, and Black Widow. When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, Director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. Spanning the globe, a daring recruitment effort begins.

Starring Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner and Samuel L. Jackson, and written and directed Joss Whedon, 'Marvel's The Avengers' is based on the comic book series 'The Avengers'"

## Production Photos



**Robert Downey Jr.**  
(Tony Stark)



**Chris Evans**  
(Steve Rogers)



**Chris Hemsworth**  
(Thor)



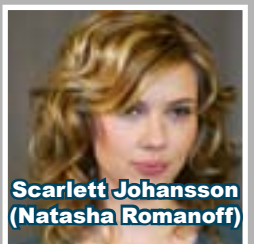
**Mark Ruffalo**  
(Dr. Bruce Banner)



**Samuel L. Jackson**  
(Nick Fury)



**Jeremy Renner**  
(Clint Barton)



**Scarlett Johansson**  
(Natasha Romanoff)