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# MOVIES

## PHASE ONE

Phase One of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is a series of American superhero films produced by Marvel Studios based on characters that appear in publications by Marvel Comics. The phase began in 2008 with the release of Iron Man and concluded in 2012 with the release of The Avengers. Kevin Feige produced every film in the phase, alongside Avi Arad for Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk, with Gale Anne Hurd also producing The Incredible Hulk. The six films of the phase grossed over \$3.8 billion at the global box office and received generally positive critical and public response.

Samuel L. Jackson appeared the most in the phase, starring or making cameo appearances in five of the Phase One films, while The Avengers actors – Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, and Jeremy Renner – signed contracts to star in numerous films. Marvel Studios created three short films for their Marvel One-Shots program to expand the MCU, while each of the feature films received tie-in or adaption comic books and tie-in video games. Phase One, along with Phase Two and Phase Three, make up The Infinity Saga.

*Table 1 - Soundtracks of Phase One films*

Movie	Composer(s)	Length
Iron Man	Ramin Djawadi	54:14
The Incredible Hulk	Craig Armstrong	1:50:55
Iron Man 2	John Debney	1:12:01
Thor	Patrick Doyle	1:11:53
Captain America: The First Avenger	Alan Silvestri	1:11:53
The Avengers		1:04:25

## Iron Man (2008)

Main article: Iron Man (2008 film)

Billionaire industrialist Tony Stark builds himself a suit of armor after he is taken captive by a terrorist organization. Free from his captors, he decides to upgrade and don his armor in order to hunt down weapons that were sold under the table.[29]

In April 2006, Marvel hired Jon Favreau to direct Iron Man,[17] with the writing teams of Art Marcum and Matt Holloway and Mark Fergus and Hawk Ostby writing competing scripts.[17][30] Favreau consolidated both into one script, which was then polished by John August.[18] Robert Downey, Jr. was cast in the title role in September 2006, after growing out a goatee and working out to convince the filmmakers he was right for the part.[31] Principal photography began on March 12, 2007,[32] with the first few weeks spent on Stark's captivity in Afghanistan,[33] which was filmed in Inyo County, California.[34] Production also occurred on the former Hughes Company soundstages in Playa Vista, Los Angeles, California,[35] with additional filming at Edwards Air Force Base[36] and Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada.[37] Iron Man premiered at the Greater Union theater in George Street, Sydney, on April 14, 2008,[38] and was released internationally on April 30, and in the United States on May 2.[39][40]

The film ends with a post-credits scene featuring Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, who approaches Stark regarding the "Avenger Initiative". Favreau said that he included the scene as "a little tip of the hat for the fans...a way to sort of tee up The Avengers." Jackson was only on set for a day, with a skeleton crew to avoid the news of his cameo leaking.[41] Captain America's shield is also visible in the background of a scene; it was added by an ILM artist as a joke, and Favreau decided to leave it in the film.



Figure 1 - Iron Man (Poster)

## The Incredible Hulk (2008)

Main article: The Incredible Hulk (film)

After being exposed to gamma radiation that causes him to transform into the monstrous Hulk, scientist Bruce Banner goes on the run and isolates himself from his love, Betty Ross. Hunted by the military, Banner seeks to cure himself and prevent his condition from being weaponized.[43]



In January 2006,[44] Marvel reclaimed the film rights for the Hulk character from Universal Pictures after Universal failed to meet a deadline to develop a sequel to director Ang Lee's 2003 film *Hulk*.<sup>[45]</sup> Universal retained distribution rights for future Hulk films.<sup>[45]</sup> Instead of moving forward with a sequel, Marvel hired Louis Leterrier to direct *The Incredible Hulk*, a reboot.<sup>[19]</sup> Leterrier initially turned down the job out of respect for Lee, but later reconsidered and signed on.<sup>[19]</sup> The script was written by Zak Penn, who drafted a treatment for the 2003 film.<sup>[46]</sup> In April 2006, Edward Norton entered negotiations to portray Bruce Banner and rewrite Penn's script,<sup>[47]</sup> although Penn received sole credit for the screenplay.<sup>[20]</sup> Production began on July 9, 2007 and filming primarily took place in Toronto,<sup>[48]</sup> with additional filming in New York City and Rio de Janeiro.<sup>[49]</sup> The film premiered at the Gibson Amphitheatre on June 8, 2008, and was released on June 13.<sup>[50][51]</sup>

The film takes place simultaneously with the events of *Iron Man 2* and *Thor*,<sup>[52]</sup> the former of which is set six months after the events of *Iron Man*.<sup>[53]</sup> Downey briefly reprised his role from *Iron Man* as Tony Stark in a cameo appearance at the end of the film. Downey said that the filmmakers "were just cross-pollinating our superheroes. It happens to be a scene where I basically approach [actor William Hurt's character General Ross], and we may be considering going into some sort of limited partnership together. The great thing is he—and I don't want to give too much away—but he's in disrepair at the time I find him. It was really fun seeing him play this really powerful character who's half in the bag."<sup>[54]</sup> In addition, Captain America is briefly seen frozen in ice in an alternate opening of the film, included in the DVD release.<sup>[55]</sup>



Figure 2 - *The Incredible Hulk* (Poster)

## Iron Man 2 (2010)

Main article: *Iron Man 2*

After Tony Stark reveals himself to be Iron Man, the U.S. government demands he hand over his technology. Meanwhile, a rival industrialist and a Russian scientist conspire to use his own technology against him.<sup>[56]</sup>

Immediately following the successful release of Iron Man in May 2008, Marvel Studios announced it was developing a sequel, Iron Man 2.[57] Favreau returned as director[21] and Justin Theroux was hired to write the screenplay, which would be based on an original story by Favreau and Downey.[22] In October 2008, Downey signed a new four-picture deal, that retroactively included the first film, to reprise his role and Don Cheadle was hired to replace Terrence Howard as James Rhodes.[58][59] Jackson signed on to reprise his role as Nick Fury from the Iron Man post-credits sequence in up to nine films,[60] and Scarlett Johansson was cast as the Black Widow, as part of a multi-film commitment.[61] Principal photography began April 6, 2009,[62] at the Pasadena Masonic Temple in Pasadena, California.[63] The majority of filming took place at Raleigh Studios in Manhattan Beach, California.[64] Other locations included Edwards Air Force Base,[65] Monaco,[66] and the Sepulveda Dam.[64] Iron Man 2 premiered at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, California on April 26, 2010,[67] and was released internationally between April 28 and May 7 before releasing in the United States on May 7.[68]

The film is set six months after the events of Iron Man,[53] and takes place simultaneously with the events of The Incredible Hulk and Thor.[52] The filmmakers continued to refer to other Marvel films by again including Captain America's shield. Favreau explained, "We introduced Captain America's shield briefly in one shot in the last film. So now it really was in his room, so we had to figure out how to deal with the reality that the shield was in his workshop." [42] A scene toward the end of Iron Man 2 in a S.H.I.E.L.D. safe house contains several Easter eggs, ranging from footage from The Incredible Hulk displayed on a monitor to pointers on a map indicating several locales related to other Marvel films, including one pointing toward a region of Africa in reference to the Black Panther.[69] A young Peter Parker appears as the child wearing an Iron Man mask whom Stark saves from a drone; the appearance was confirmed in June 2017 by Spider-Man actor Tom Holland, Kevin Feige and Spider-Man: Homecoming director Jon Watts.[70][71] The film's post-credits scene shows the discovery of Thor's hammer in a crater.[72]



Figure 3 - Iron Man 2 (Poster)

## Thor (2011)

Main article: Thor (film)

Thor, crown prince of Asgard, is banished to Earth and stripped of his powers after he reignites a dormant war. As his brother, Loki, plots to take the throne for himself, Thor must prove himself worthy and reclaim his hammer Mjolnir.[73]

The film takes place simultaneously with the events of *The Incredible Hulk* and *Iron Man 2*,<sup>[52]</sup> the latter of which is set six months after the events of *Iron Man*.<sup>[53]</sup> Clark Gregg, who appeared in *Iron Man* and *Iron Man 2* as S.H.I.E.L.D. agent Phil Coulson, reprised the role in *Thor*. About his role in *Thor* he stated, "Agent Coulson was one of the guys who wasn't really in the comic books, and he [had] a very kind of small role in *Iron Man*. And I was just very lucky that they chose to expand that character and [chose] to put him more into the universe of it."<sup>[84]</sup> After signing on to appear as Clint Barton / Hawkeye in *The Avengers*, Jeremy Renner made a cameo appearance as the character during a scene in *Thor*.<sup>[85]</sup> Branagh said that they "were always going to have a guy in a basket above the action where Thor breaks in the S.H.I.E.L.D. camp", and that he was thrilled when the producers told him they wanted to use Renner's Hawkeye for that role.<sup>[86]</sup> The film ends with a post-credits scene featuring Loki, watching as Erik Selvig and Nick Fury discuss the Tesseract.<sup>[87]</sup><sup>[88]</sup> The scene was directed by Joss Whedon, who directed *The Avengers*.<sup>[89]</sup> Stellan Skarsgård, who plays Selvig, said the scene was not included when he first read the screenplay for *Thor*, and that he was sent pages for the scene after agreeing to appear in *The Avengers*.<sup>[90]</sup>

## Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)

Main article: Captain America: The First Avenger

In 1943, Steve Rogers is deemed physically unfit to enlist in the U.S. Army and fight the German Reich in World War II. Recruited for a secret military operation, he is physically transformed into a super-soldier dubbed Captain America and must battle the Red Skull, head of a Nazi science division known as Hydra.<sup>[91]</sup>

In April 2006, Marvel hired David Self to write the script for a Captain America film.<sup>[17]</sup> Joe Johnston signed on to direct in November 2008,<sup>[25]</sup> and Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely were hired to rewrite the script.<sup>[26]</sup> In March 2010, Chris Evans was cast as Captain America and Hugo Weaving was cast as the Red Skull.<sup>[92]</sup> Production began on June 28, 2010 in the United Kingdom,<sup>[93]</sup> with locations in London,<sup>[94]</sup> Caerwent,<sup>[95]</sup> Manchester and Liverpool.<sup>[96]</sup> The film premiered on July 19, 2011, at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, California,<sup>[97]</sup> and was released in the United States on July 22, and in international markets starting July 27.<sup>[98]</sup>



The Tesseract from the Thor post-credits scene appears as a MacGuffin in Captain America: The First Avenger.[99] In the film, Dominic Cooper portrays a young Howard Stark, the father of Tony Stark,[100] who hosts an early version of the Stark Expo, the fair Tony hosts in Iron Man 2.[101] The final scene of the film includes a brief appearance by Jackson's Nick Fury followed by a teaser trailer for Marvel's The Avengers after the credits.[102]



Figure 4 - Captain America: The First Avenger (Poster)

## Marvel's The Avengers (2012)

Main article: The Avengers (2012 film)

Nick Fury, the director of S.H.I.E.L.D., gathers the superheroes Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, the Hulk, Black Widow, and Hawkeye to fight Thor's brother Loki, who plots to subjugate the Earth.[103]

Zak Penn, who wrote The Incredible Hulk, was hired to write a script for The Avengers in June 2007.[104] In April 2010, Joss Whedon closed a deal to direct the film, and to rework Penn's script.[27] Marvel announced that Edward Norton would not be reprising the role of Bruce Banner / Hulk,[105] and in July 2010, Mark Ruffalo was cast in his place.[106] Downey, Evans, Hemsworth, Johansson, Renner, Hiddleston, and Jackson reprised their respective roles from previous films.[107] Principal photography began in April 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico,[103] before moving to Cleveland, Ohio in August,[108] and New York City in September.[109] The premiere was held on April 11, 2012 at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, California,[110] and the film was released in the United States on May 4.[111]

Gwyneth Paltrow, who portrayed Pepper Potts in Iron Man and Iron Man 2, was included in the film at Downey's insistence. Prior to this, Whedon had not intended the film to include supporting characters from the heroes' individual films, commenting, "You need to separate the characters from their support systems in order to create the

isolation you need for a team."[112] Gregg also returns as Phil Coulson,[113] along with Maximiliano Hernández as Jasper Sitwell from Thor.[114] The supervillain Thanos appears in a mid-credits scene, portrayed by Damion Poitier.



Figure 5 - The Avengers (Poster)

## PHASE TWO

Phase Two of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is a series of American superhero films produced by Marvel Studios based on characters that appear in publications by Marvel Comics. The phase began in 2013 with the release of Iron Man 3 and concluded in 2015 with the release of Ant-Man. It includes the crossover film Avengers: Age of Ultron, also released in 2015. Kevin Feige produced every film in the phase. The six films of the phase grossed over \$5.2 billion at the global box office and received generally positive critical and public response.

Chris Evans appeared the most in the phase, starring or making cameo appearances in four of the Phase Two films. Marvel Studios created two more short films for their Marvel One-Shots program to expand the MCU, while each of the feature films received tie-in comic books. Iron Man 3, Thor: The Dark World, and Captain America: The Winter Soldier also received video game tie-ins, while Lego Marvel's Avengers was also released, which adapted the storyline of multiple films of the franchise. Phase Two, along with Phase One and Phase Three, make up The Infinity Saga.

*Table 2 - Soundtracks of Phase Two films*

Movie	Composer(s)	Length
Iron Man 3	Brian Tyler	1:15:53
Thor: The Dark World		1:17:11
Captain America: The Winter Soldier	Henry Jackman	1:14:32
Gurdiens of the Galaxy		1:04:34
Avengers: Age of Ultron	Bryan Tyler and Danny Elfman	1:17:26
Ant-Man	Christophe Beck	1:05:20
Avengers: Infinity War	Alan Silvestri	1:11:36
Ant-Man and the Wasp	Christophe Beck	56:13
Captain Marvel	Pinar Toprak	1:07:28
Avengers: End Game	Alan Silvestri	1:56:00
Spider-Man: FFH	Michael Giacchino	1:19:43

## Iron Man 3 (2013)

Main article: Iron Man 3

Tony Stark faces a powerful enemy, the Mandarin, who attacks and destroys his mansion. Left to his own devices and battling posttraumatic stress disorder, Stark struggles to get to the bottom of a series of mysterious explosions.[24]

In late 2010, Marvel and Disney announced that they were developing a third Iron Man film.[25] In February 2011, Marvel hired Shane Black to direct Iron Man 3.[26] Black co-wrote the film's script with Drew Pearce.[13][14] Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, and Don Cheadle reprised their roles, with Guy Pearce and Ben Kingsley joining the cast as Aldrich Killian and Trevor Slattery, respectively.[27] Filming began in May 2012, in North Carolina.[28] Additional filming took place in southern Florida,[29] China,[30] and Los Angeles.[31] Iron Man 3 premiered at Le Grand Rex in Paris, France, on April 14, 2013, and at the El Capitan Theatre in Los Angeles, California, on April 24.[32][33] The film was released internationally on April 25,[34] and in the United States on May 3.[25]

Iron Man 3 is set in December 2012,[35] after the events of The Avengers (2012),[36] with Tony Stark experiencing PTSD-like symptoms following the Battle of New York depicted in that film. Black explained, "that's an anxiety response to feeling inferior to the Avengers, but also to being humbled by sights he cannot possibly begin to understand or reconcile with the realities he's used to... There's a line in the movie about 'ever since that big guy with the hammer fell out of the sky, the rules have changed'. That's what we're dealing with here." [37] Bruce Banner appears in a post-credits scene, with Mark Ruffalo reprising the role from The Avengers. About the scene, Ruffalo said "They were about to wrap the movie and I saw Robert [Downey, Jr.] at the Academy Awards... and he said, 'What do you think about coming and doing a day?' I said, 'Are you kidding me? Bang, let's do it!' We sort of spitballed that scene, then I came in and we shot for a couple of hours and laughed." [38]

## Thor: The Dark World (2013)

Main article: Thor: The Dark World

Thor reunites with astrophysicist Jane Foster as a series of portals, linking worlds at random, begin to appear. He discovers that Malekith and his army of Dark Elves have returned after thousands of years, and they seek a powerful weapon known as the Aether. Thor must join forces with his now-imprisoned brother Loki to stop them.[16]

A sequel to Thor (2011) was first announced in June of that year, with Chris Hemsworth reprising his role as Thor.[39] Tom Hiddleston confirmed he would return as Loki in September,[40] and Alan Taylor signed on to direct the film in December.[15] The film's title was announced as Thor: The Dark World in July 2012 at the San Diego

Comic-Con International,[41] and Christopher Eccleston was cast as Malekith a month later.[42] Production started in September 2012 in Bourne Wood, Surrey, with additional filming taking place in Iceland and London.[43][44] The film premiered at the Odeon Leicester Square in London on October 22, 2013.[45] It was internationally released on October 30, 2013, and on November 8, 2013, in the United States.[46]

The film is set one year after the events of *The Avengers*.<sup>[47]</sup> Chris Evans briefly makes a cameo appearance in the film as Captain America when Loki shapeshifts into him while mocking Thor.<sup>[48]</sup> Hiddleston wore the Captain America costume while standing in for Evans, before Evans came to shoot the scene. Hiddleston said, "I did an impression of Loki in the Captain America costume, and then they showed Chris [Evans] my performance on tape. It's him doing an impression of me doing an impression of him. And it's brilliant."<sup>[48]</sup> James Gunn, the director of *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014), directed the mid-credits scene that featured the Collector, played by Benicio del Toro. Asked about shooting the scene, Gunn said, "I got the script that morning, and I did it in two hours at the end of a day of second unit shooting [for *Guardians of the Galaxy*]."<sup>[49]</sup>

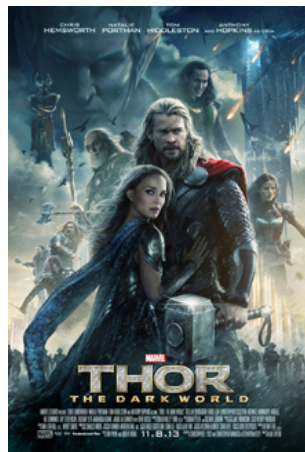


Figure 6 - Thor: The Dark World (Poster)

## Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014)

Main article: Captain America: The Winter Soldier

Steve Rogers, now working with S.H.I.E.L.D., teams up with Natasha Romanoff / Black Widow and Sam Wilson / Falcon to expose a deep conspiracy which involves a mysterious assassin known only as the Winter Soldier.<sup>[50]</sup>

A sequel to *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2011) was announced in April 2012.<sup>[51]</sup> Anthony and Joe Russo were hired to direct in June,<sup>[17]</sup> and in July it was officially titled *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*.<sup>[41]</sup> Evans and Samuel L. Jackson were set to reprise their respective roles as Rogers and Nick Fury,<sup>[17]</sup> and Scarlett Johansson would again play Romanoff.<sup>[52]</sup> Sebastian Stan, who portrayed Bucky Barnes in *Captain America: The First Avenger*, returned as the Winter Soldier.<sup>[53]</sup> Production



started in April 2013 in Manhattan Beach, California, and filming also took place in Washington, D.C. and Cleveland, Ohio.[54][55] The film premiered in Los Angeles on March 13, 2014.[56] Captain America: The Winter Soldier was released internationally on March 26[57] and in the United States on April 4.[51]

The film is set two years after the events of The Avengers.[36] Stephen Strange is mentioned by name in the film by the character Jasper Sitwell, with Maximiliano Hernández reprising his role from previous MCU media.[58] A remodeled Stark Tower from The Avengers, now known as Avengers Tower, also makes an appearance in the film.[59] The Avengers director Joss Whedon directed a post-credits scene featuring Baron Wolfgang von Strucker (Thomas Kretschmann), List (Henry Goodman), Pietro Maximoff (Aaron Taylor-Johnson), and Wanda Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen), who appear in Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015).[60][61] The revelation in the film that S.H.I.E.L.D. had been infiltrated by Hydra informed the final six episodes of the first season of Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., a television series set in the MCU.[62][63]

## Guardians of the Galaxy (2014)

Main article: Guardians of the Galaxy (film)

Peter Quill / Star-Lord and a group of misfits, including Gamora, Rocket, Drax the Destroyer and Groot, fight to keep a powerful orb from the clutches of the villainous Ronan.[64][65][66]

Nicole Perlman began writing a screenplay in 2009.[67] Marvel Studios announced it was developing a Guardians of the Galaxy film in July 2012.[41] The film is directed by James Gunn, based on his and Perlman's screenplay.[19] In February 2013, Chris Pratt was cast in the lead role, as Peter Quill / Star-Lord.[68] The film was shot at Shepperton Studios and in London from July to October 2013,[69] and post-production work was completed on July 7, 2014.[70] The film premiered on July 21, 2014, in Hollywood.[71] Guardians of the Galaxy was released in the United Kingdom on July 31, 2014,[72] and in the United States on August 1.[41]

The film is set in 2014.[73] Josh Brolin provides the voice and performance capture for Thanos,[74] the supervillain who appeared in The Avengers mid-credits scene. Gunn noted that the film would be connected to Avengers: Infinity War (2018).[75] Several other objects of significance appear in the Collector's museum, including a Chitauri from The Avengers and a Dark Elf from Thor: The Dark World, among other characters. About their appearances Gunn said, "There's a lot of stuff in the Collector's Museum. And for me, it was mostly just really fun. As a Marvel fan, giving the actual fans something that they can freeze frame on their Blu-Ray at home and just kind of pick out everything that's in there. So there are, I mean, seriously all those boxes have something interesting in them, so it's pretty fun." [76] Ronan's race, the Kree, were first introduced in the Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. episode "T.A.H.I.T.I.". [77][78]



Figure 7 - Guardians of the Galaxy (Poster)

## Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015)

Main article: Avengers: Age of Ultron

Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, the Hulk, Black Widow, and Hawkeye must work together as the Avengers to defeat Ultron, a technological enemy bent on human extinction, while encountering the powerful twins Pietro and Wanda Maximoff, as well as the new entity Vision.[79][80]

A sequel to The Avengers was announced by Disney in May 2012, shortly after the first film's release.[81] In August 2012, Joss Whedon was signed to return as writer and director.[21] In June 2013, Downey signed a deal to reprise the role of Iron Man for the second and third Avengers films.[82] On July 20, 2013, at San Diego Comic-Con International, Whedon announced that the subtitle of the film would be Age of Ultron.[83] In August 2013, James Spader was announced to portray Ultron.[84] Second unit filming began on February 11, 2014, in Johannesburg, South Africa.[85][86] Principal photography began in March 2014 at Shepperton Studios in Surrey, England,[82][87] with additional footage filmed at Fort Bard and various other locations in the Aosta Valley region of Italy,[88] and Seoul, South Korea.[89] Filming was completed on August 6, 2014.[90] Avengers: Age of Ultron had its world premiere in Los Angeles on April 13, 2015,[91] and was released internationally beginning April 22,[92] and on May 1 in the United States.[93]

The film confirms that the gem in Loki's scepter is an Infinity Stone, specifically the Mind Stone, and Brolin reappears as Thanos in the mid-credits scene wielding an Infinity Gauntlet.[94] Age of Ultron also features references to vibranium and Wakanda, both connections to Black Panther, introducing both to the universe ahead of the Black Panther film (2018). Additionally, Andy Serkis portrays Ulysses Klaue in the film, traditionally a Black Panther antagonist, and would subsequently appear in Black Panther.[95]



Figure 8 - Avengers: Age of Ultron (Poster)

## Ant-Man (2015)

Main article: Ant-Man (film)

Thief Scott Lang must aid his mentor Dr. Hank Pym in safeguarding the mystery of the Ant-Man technology, which allows its user to decrease in size but increase in strength, from various menaces and plot a heist to defend the Earth.[22]

Ant-Man is directed by Peyton Reed with a screenplay written by Edgar Wright & Joe Cornish and Adam McKay & Paul Rudd, from a story by Wright & Cornish, that includes both Scott Lang and Hank Pym.[22][23] Edgar Wright was initially slated to direct and write the film, but left the project in May 2014 due to creative differences.[96][97] In January 2013, Feige stated that Ant-Man would be the first film in Phase Three of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.[5] However, in October 2014, it was revealed that the film would be the last film of Phase Two.[98] Pre-production started in October 2013,[99] and principal photography took place from August to December 2014,[100] in San Francisco,[101] Fayette County, Georgia at Pinewood Atlanta Studios,[102] and Downtown Atlanta.[103] In December 2013, Rudd was cast as Ant-Man,[104] followed in January 2014 with the casting of Michael Douglas as Pym and the confirmation of Rudd as Lang.[105] Ant-Man had its world premiere in Los Angeles on June 29, 2015,[106] and was released in France on July 14,[107] and in the United States on July 17.[108]

The film is set several months after the events of Avengers: Age of Ultron.[109] Hayley Atwell and John Slattery reprise their MCU roles as Peggy Carter and Howard Stark, respectively.[110][111] Scott Lang attempts to infiltrate the new Avengers headquarters in Upstate New York featured in Age of Ultron, and confronts Sam Wilson / Falcon, played by Anthony Mackie. McKay and Rudd decided to add Wilson to Ant-Man after watching Captain America: The Winter Soldier.[112] The Russo brothers filmed the

post-credit scene, which was footage from Captain America: Civil War (2016),[113][114] and features Mackie as Wilson, Chris Evans as Steve Rogers, and Sebastian Stan as Bucky Barnes.



Figure 9 - Ant-Man (Poster)

## PHASE THREE

Phase Three of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is a series of American superhero films produced by Marvel Studios based on characters that appear in publications by Marvel Comics. The phase began in 2016 with the release of *Captain America: Civil War* and concluded in 2019 with the release of *Spider-Man: Far From Home*. It includes the crossover films *Avengers: Infinity War*, released in 2018, and its sequel *Avengers: Endgame*, released in 2019. Kevin Feige produced every film in the phase, alongside Amy Pascal for *Spider-Man: Homecoming* and *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, and Stephen Broussard for *Ant-Man and the Wasp*. The eleven films of the phase grossed over \$13.5 billion at the global box office and received generally positive critical and public response. Upon release, *Avengers: Endgame* became the highest-grossing film of all time.[a]

Chris Evans and Tom Holland appeared the most in the phase, each starring or making cameo appearances in five of the Phase Three films. Marvel Studios also created three mockumentary short films centered on Thor, while each of the feature films received tie-in comic books. Phase Three, along with Phase One and Phase Two, make up The Infinity Saga. It was followed by Phase Four.

*Table 3 - Soundtracks of Phase Three films*

Movie	Composer(s)	Length
Captain America: Civil War	Henry Jackman	1:09:09
Doctor Strange	Michael Giacchino	1:06:28
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	Tyler Bates	43:34
Spider-Man: Homecoming	Michael Giacchino	1:06:40
Thor: Ragnarok	Mark Mothersbaugh	1:12:52
Black Panther	Ludwig Goransson	1:35:07
Avengers: Infinity War	Alan Silvestri	1:11:36
Ant-Man and the Wasp	Christophe Beck	56:13
Captain Marvel	Pinar Toprak	1:07:28
Avengers: End Game	Alan Silvestri	1:56:00
Spider-Man: FFH	Michael Giacchino	1:19:43



## Captain America: Civil War (2016)

The Avengers become fractured into two opposing teams, one led by Steve Rogers and another by Tony Stark, after extensive collateral damage prompts politicians to pass an act regulating superhuman activity with government oversight and accountability for the Avengers while also facing against a new enemy, Helmut Zemo, who seeks revenge upon the Avengers.[39][40]

By January 2014, Anthony and Joe Russo had signed on to return to direct a third Captain America installment, which they confirmed in March 2014, with Chris Evans returning as Captain America, Kevin Feige returning to produce, and Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely writing the screenplay.[19][41] In October 2014, the title was officially announced as Captain America: Civil War along with the reveal that Robert Downey Jr. would appear in the film as Tony Stark / Iron Man.[42][43] The film is an adaptation from the "Civil War" storyline in the comics.[44] It is also the first film of Phase Three.[4][45][46] Filming began in April 2015 at Pinewood Atlanta Studios,[47][48] and concluded in August 2015.[49] Captain America: Civil War had its premiere in Hollywood on April 12, 2016,[50] was released internationally beginning April 27,[51] and was released on May 6 in the United States.[52]

The film is set one year after the events of Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015).[53] Captain America: Civil War introduces Tom Holland as Peter Parker / Spider-Man and Chadwick Boseman as T'Challa / Black Panther to the MCU, who appear in solo films in 2017 and 2018, respectively.[7][54] William Hurt reprises his role as Thaddeus Ross from The Incredible Hulk (2008), with the character being now the US Secretary of State.[55] For the mid-credits scene, in which T'Challa offers Steve Rogers and Bucky Barnes asylum in Wakanda, Joe and Anthony Russo received input from Black Panther (2018) director Ryan Coogler on the look and design of Wakanda.[56]

## Doctor Strange (2016)

Main article: Doctor Strange (2016 film)

After Stephen Strange, the world's top neurosurgeon, is involved in a car accident that ruins his career, he sets out on a journey of healing, where he encounters the Ancient One, who teaches Strange the use of Mystic Arts and to defend the Earth from mystical threats.[57][58]

In June 2010, Thomas Dean Donnelly and Joshua Oppenheimer were hired to write the screenplay for a film starring the character Doctor Strange.[59] In January 2013, Feige confirmed that Doctor Strange would be a part of their Phase Three slate of films.[60] In June 2014, Scott Derrickson was hired to direct.[20] In December 2014, Benedict Cumberbatch was cast in the eponymous role, and Jon Spaihts was confirmed to rewrite the script.[61][62] In December 2015, C. Robert Cargill revealed he was a co-writer on the film,[63] and the following April, revealed that Derrickson also wrote the script.[64] Pre-production began in June 2014,[65] with filming beginning in November 2015 in Nepal, before moving to Longcross Studios in the UK later in the month.[66][67] Filming concluded in New York City in April 2016.[68][69] Doctor Strange had its

premiere in Hong Kong on October 13, 2016,[70] and was released in the United Kingdom on October 25, 2016,[71] and on November 4 in the United States.[43]

Derrickson stated that the events of Doctor Strange take "roughly" a year, ending "up to date with the rest of the MCU",[72] with Cargill noting it begins in February 2016 and ends later that year.[73] Doctor Strange introduces the Eye of Agamotto, a mystical relic that can manipulate time and is revealed to be an Infinity Stone at the end of the film,[72] specifically the Time Stone.[74] The film's mid-credits scene features a cameo appearance by Chris Hemsworth reprising his MCU role of Thor, meeting with Strange, which was footage from Thor: Ragnarok (2017). The scene was directed by Ragnarok director Taika Waititi.[74]



Figure 10 - Doctor Strange (Poster)

## Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017)

Main article: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2

The Guardians of the Galaxy travel throughout the cosmos and struggle to keep their newfound family together while helping Peter Quill learn more about his true parentage and facing against new enemies.[75]

In July 2014, Guardians of the Galaxy co-writer Nicole Perlman confirmed that James Gunn would return to write and direct the sequel.[22][76] Chris Pratt returns for the sequel as Peter Quill / Star-Lord,[77][78] along with the other Guardians from the first film as well as additional cast members.[78] They are joined by Pom Klementieff as Mantis,[78][79] and Kurt Russell as Ego.[78][80] In June 2015, the film's title was revealed as Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2.[81] Filming began in February 2016 at Pinewood Atlanta Studios,[82][83] and concluded in June 2016.[84] Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 premiered in Tokyo on April 10, 2017,[85] and was released on May 5, 2017.[43]

The film is set two-to-three months after the events of Guardians of the Galaxy,[86][87] in 2014.[88] One of the film's post-credit sequences hints at the introduction of Adam Warlock,[89] after Gunn originally intended for Warlock to make a full appearance in Vol. 2. He noted that Warlock could appear in future Guardians films, and is considered "a pretty important part" of the cosmic side of the Marvel Cinematic Universe.[90] The Grandmaster, played by Jeff Goldblum, is seen dancing in the end credits, before his appearance in Thor: Ragnarok.[91]

## Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)

On February 9, 2015, Sony Pictures and Marvel announced that Sony would be releasing a Spider-Man film co-produced by Marvel Studios president Feige and Amy Pascal, with Sony Pictures continuing to own, finance, distribute, and have final creative control of the Spider-Man films.[5] In April 2015, Feige confirmed the character would be Peter Parker and added that Marvel had been working to add Spider-Man to the MCU since at least October 2014, when they announced their full slate of Phase Three films, saying, "Marvel doesn't announce anything officially until it's set in stone."

The film is set several months after the events of Captain America: Civil War,[103] which is four years after the events of The Avengers (2012).[104] In April 2016, Feige confirmed that characters from previous MCU films would appear in the film,[105] with Robert Downey Jr. confirmed to reprise his role as Tony Stark / Iron Man shortly thereafter.[106] Jon Favreau, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Evans also reprise their roles as Happy Hogan,[107] Pepper Potts,[108] and Steve Rogers / Captain America, respectively.[109] The cleanup crew Damage Control appear in the film, after previously being referenced in Iron Man (2008) and the television series Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., ahead of an intended television series about them.[110][111][112] Various weaponry and artifacts from previous films are referenced throughout the film that Toomes and his crew repurpose for their weapons. In Parker's high school, one of his classes has a lesson about the Sokovia Accords,[113] and portraits of Bruce Banner, Howard Stark, and Abraham Erskine are seen within the school.[114]



Figure 11 - Spider-Man: Homecoming (Poster)

## Thor: Ragnarok (2017)

Main article: Thor: Ragnarok

Thor, trapped on another world without Mjolnir, must survive a gladiatorial duel against the Hulk and return to Asgard in time to stop the villainous Hela and the impending Ragnarök.[115]

In January 2014, Marvel announced that a third Thor film was in development, with Craig Kyle and Christopher L. Yost writing the screenplay,[116] and was officially announced as Thor: Ragnarok in October 2014.[43] By October 2015, Taika Waititi entered in negotiations to direct Thor: Ragnarok.[25][117] In December 2015, Stephany Folsom was hired to rewrite the script.[118] A year later, in January 2017, it was revealed that Eric Pearson wrote the screenplay, with Kyle, Yost and Folsom receiving story credit.[115] Pearson, Kyle and Yost would ultimately receive screenwriting credit for the film.[26][27] Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Idris Elba, and Anthony Hopkins reprise their roles as Thor, Loki, Heimdall, and Odin, respectively, and are joined by Cate Blanchett as Hela.[119] Production began in July 2016 in Australia at Village Roadshow Studios,[120][121] and wrapped in late October 2016.[122] Thor: Ragnarok premiered in Los Angeles on October 10, 2017,[123] began its international release on October 24, 2017 in the United Kingdom,[124] and was released on November 3, 2017 in the United States.[125]

The film is set four years after the events of Thor: The Dark World (2013), two years after the events of Avengers: Age of Ultron,[126][127] and around the same time period as Captain America: Civil War and Spider-Man: Homecoming. Producer Brad Winderbaum noted that "Things happen on top of each other now in Phase Three. They're not as interlocked as they were in Phase One." [128] Mark Ruffalo reprises his MCU role of Bruce Banner / Hulk, with Benedict Cumberbatch also returning as Dr. Stephen Strange from Doctor Strange.[74][119] The film reveals that the Infinity Gauntlet first seen in Odin's vault in Thor (2011) was a fake,[129] while also introducing Thanos' ship Sanctuary II in a post-credits scene.[130]

## Black Panther (2018)

Main article: Black Panther (film)

T'Challa returns home as sovereign of the nation of Wakanda only to find his dual role of king and protector challenged by a long-time adversary in a conflict that has global consequences.[131]

Documentary filmmaker Mark Bailey was hired to write a script for Black Panther in January 2011.[132] In October 2014, the film was announced and Chadwick Boseman

was revealed to be portraying T'Challa / Black Panther.[43][54] In January 2016, Ryan Coogler was announced as director,[28] and the following month, Joe Robert Cole was confirmed as the film's screenwriter.[29] In April 2016, Feige confirmed that Coogler was a co-screenwriter.[30] Filming began in January 2017 at EUE/Screen Gems Studios in Atlanta,[133][134] and concluded in April 2017.[135] Black Panther premiered in Los Angeles on January 29, 2018,[136] and began its international release on February 13, 2018,[137] and was released on February 16, 2018 in the United States.[138] The film also had a "cross-nation release" in Africa, a first for a Disney film.[139][140]

The film is set one week after the events of Captain America: Civil War.[131] Florence Kasumba,[141] Andy Serkis, Martin Freeman, and John Kani reprise their roles as Ayo, Ulysses Klaue, Everett K. Ross and T'Chaka respectively from previous MCU films.[131] The film's post-credits scene features a cameo appearance by Sebastian Stan, reprising his role as Bucky Barnes.[142]



Figure 12 - Black Panther (Poster)

## Avengers: Infinity War (2018)

Main article: Avengers: Infinity War

The Avengers join forces with the Guardians of the Galaxy to try to stop Thanos from collecting all of the Infinity Stones.[143]

The film was announced in October 2014 as Avengers: Infinity War – Part 1.[43] In April 2015, Marvel announced that Anthony and Joe Russo would direct the film and in May, that Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely would write the screenplay.[31][32] In July 2016, Marvel revealed the title would be shortened to simply Avengers: Infinity War.[144] Josh Brolin reprises his role as Thanos,[145][146] and is part of an ensemble cast featuring many actors who have appeared in other MCU films.



Filming for Infinity War began in January 2017 in Atlanta,[133][147] and lasted until July 2017.[148] Additional filming also took place in Scotland.[149] Avengers: Infinity War premiered in Los Angeles on April 23, 2018.[150] It was released worldwide on April 27, 2018, with a few debuts beginning as early as April 25 in a handful of countries.[151]

The film is set two years after the events of Captain America: Civil War.[152] Marvel had been planting the seeds for Infinity War since their early films, by introducing the Infinity Stones as MacGuffins: the Tesseract / Space Stone in Captain America: The First Avenger (2011), Loki's Scepter / Mind Stone in The Avengers, the Aether / Reality Stone in Thor: The Dark World, the Orb / Power Stone in Guardians of the Galaxy, and the Eye of Agamotto / Time Stone in Doctor Strange.[74] Additionally, Thanos is shown holding an empty Infinity Gauntlet in Avengers: Age of Ultron.[153] The Red Skull from The First Avenger appears in the film, played by Ross Marquand instead of Hugo Weaving, and is the keeper of the final Infinity Stone, the Soul Stone.[154] The post-credits scene features Nick Fury transmitting a distress signal on a device, which has the insignia of Captain Marvel.[155]

## Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018)

Main article: Ant-Man and the Wasp

Scott Lang tries to balance his home life with his responsibilities as Ant-Man, when Hope van Dyne and Hank Pym present him with a new mission, requiring him to team up with Van Dyne as the Wasp.[34]

Ant-Man and the Wasp was announced in October 2015.[138] Peyton Reed confirmed that he would return to direct in November 2015, and that Paul Rudd and Evangeline Lilly would reprise their roles as Scott Lang / Ant-Man and Hope van Dyne / Wasp, respectively.[33] In December 2015, Andrew Barrer, Gabriel Ferrari, and Rudd were confirmed to write the screenplay,[156] with Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers revealed to have also contributed to the script in August 2017.[34] In February 2017, Michael Douglas confirmed he would reprise his role as Hank Pym in the film.[157] Michelle Pfeiffer was revealed as having been cast as Janet van Dyne in July 2017.[158] Filming began in August 2017 in Atlanta with additional filming in San Francisco,[34] and ended in November 2017.[159] Stephen Broussard also served as a producer on the film.[160] Ant-Man and the Wasp had its premiere in Hollywood on June 25, 2018,[161] and was released in the United States on July 6, 2018.[138]

The film is set two years after the events of Captain America: Civil War and before Avengers: Infinity War.[162][163] In the mid-credits scene, Hope van Dyne, Hank Pym, and Janet van Dyne are disintegrated as a result of the events of Infinity War.[164]

## Captain Marvel (2019)

Main article: Captain Marvel (film)

Carol Danvers becomes Captain Marvel, one of the galaxy's strongest heroes, after the Earth is caught in the center of an intergalactic conflict between two alien worlds.[165]

In May 2013, The Hollywood Reporter reported that Marvel had a working script for Ms. Marvel.[166] In October 2014, Marvel announced the film would be titled Captain Marvel and feature Carol Danvers.[43] In April 2015, Nicole Perlman and Meg LeFauve were announced as screenwriters.[167] At the 2016 San Diego Comic-Con, Brie Larson was confirmed to play the role of Carol Danvers.[168] In April 2017, Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck were hired to direct.[35] That August, Geneva Robertson-Dworet was revealed to be taking over as the film's screenwriter, replacing Perlman and LeFauve.[169] Boden, Fleck, and Robertson-Dworet received final screenplay credits on the film.[36] Location filming occurred in January 2018,[170][171] while principal photography began in March in Los Angeles[172] and concluded in July.[173] The film was released on March 8, 2019.[138]

The film is set in 1995.[174] Samuel L. Jackson, Djimon Hounsou, Lee Pace, and Clark Gregg reprise their MCU roles as Nick Fury, Korath, Ronan the Accuser, and Phil Coulson, respectively,[175][176] while the Skrull species are introduced to the MCU.[177] The Russo brothers filmed the mid-credits scene, which was footage supposed to occur offscreen before the first scenes of Avengers: Endgame (2019), and features Chris Evans as Steve Rogers, Scarlett Johansson as Natasha Romanoff, Don Cheadle as James Rhodes, and Mark Ruffalo as Bruce Banner. The post-credits scene shows Goose regurgitating the Tesseract on Fury's desk after swallowing it during the film's third act.[178]



Figure 13 - Captain Marvel (Poster)

## Avengers: Endgame (2019)

Main article: Avengers: Endgame

After half of all life in the universe was killed due to the actions of Thanos in Avengers: Infinity War, the remaining Avengers and their allies must reassemble to revert those actions in one final stand.[179]

The film was announced in October 2014 as Avengers: Infinity War – Part 2.[43] In April 2015, it was revealed that Anthony and Joe Russo would direct the film and in May, that Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely would write the screenplay.[31][32] In July 2016, Marvel revealed the title would be changed, being known simply at that time as the Untitled Avengers film.[144] Its title was revealed as Avengers: Endgame in December 2018.[180] Brolin reprises his role as Thanos,[145][146] and is part of an ensemble cast featuring many actors who have appeared in other MCU films. Filming began in August 2017 in Atlanta,[181] and ended in January 2018.[182] The film was released on April 26, 2019.[180]

Avengers: Endgame begins three weeks after the events of Infinity War, before jumping ahead five years.[183] It does not have a post-credits scene, but features the sound of an Iron Man suit being hammered at the end of the credits as a callback to the first MCU film Iron Man,[184] and a teaser trailer for Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019) was played after the credits in some screenings of the film a week after the film released.[185] Endgame was intended to mark the final appearances of Robert Downey Jr. as Tony Stark and Chris Evans as Steve Rogers.[186][187]



Figure 14 - Avengers: Endgame (Poster)

## Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019)

Main article: Spider-Man: Far From Home

Peter Parker goes on a school trip to Europe with his friends. While abroad, he is recruited by Nick Fury to team up with Quentin Beck to battle the Elementals.[188][189]

In December 2016, Sony Pictures scheduled a sequel to Spider-Man: Homecoming for release on July 5, 2019.[190] A year later, Watts was confirmed to be returning to direct the film.[37] Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers, two of the writers of the first film, returned to write the script.[38] Holland revealed the film's title as Spider-Man: Far From Home in late June 2018.[191] Filming began in July 2018, in England,[192] with filming also occurring in the Czech Republic, Venice,[193] and New York City.[194] and lasted until October 2018.[195] It was believed that the film would be the first film in Phase Four until April 2019, when Feige first publicly stated Far From Home would serve as the final film of Phase Three.[196] He later added that it would also be the conclusion to "The Infinity Saga".[197] Spider-Man: Far From Home had its premiere in Hollywood on June 26, 2019,[198] and was released in the United States on July 2, 2019.[199]

The film is set eight months after Avengers: Endgame.[200] Jackson and Cobie Smulders reprise their roles as Fury and Maria Hill, respectively, from previous MCU media.[201] The mid-credits scene features J. K. Simmons reprising his role as J. Jonah Jameson, having previously portrayed a different incarnation of the character in Sam Raimi's Spider-Man film trilogy.[202] The post-credits scene features Ben Mendelsohn and Sharon Blynn as the Skrulls Talos and Soren, reprising their roles from Captain Marvel.



Figure 15 - Spider-Man: Far From Home (Poster)

## PHASE FOUR

Phase Four of the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) is a group of American superhero films and television series produced by Marvel Studios based on characters that appear in publications by Marvel Comics. Phase Four features all of the Marvel Studios productions released from 2021 through 2022. It is the first phase in the franchise to include television series, alongside television specials marketed as "Marvel Studios Special Presentations", with Marvel Studios developing several event series for the streaming service Disney+ in addition to the feature films that it was already set to produce. Animation in the phase was produced by Marvel Studios Animation. Phase Four began with the series WandaVision, which premiered in January 2021, while the first theatrical film in this phase is Black Widow, which was released in July 2021 by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. The phase concluded with the television special The Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special in November 2022. The release schedule of Phase Four was changed several times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Kevin Feige produces every film and executive produces every series and special in this phase, alongside producers Jonathan Schwartz for Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings, Nate Moore for Eternals and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, Amy Pascal for Spider-Man: No Way Home, and Brad Winderbaum for Thor: Love and Thunder.

The films of the phase include Black Widow with Scarlett Johansson returning as Natasha Romanoff / Black Widow, Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings starring Simu Liu, the ensemble Eternals, the sequels Spider-Man: No Way Home from Sony Pictures Releasing with Tom Holland returning as Peter Parker / Spider-Man, Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness with Benedict Cumberbatch returning as Dr. Stephen Strange, Thor: Love and Thunder with Chris Hemsworth returning as Thor, and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever with Letitia Wright returning as Shuri / Black Panther.

Table 4 - Soundtracks of Phase Four films

Movie	Composer(s)	Length
Black Widow	Lorne Balfe	1:19:53
Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings	Joel P. West	1:08:19
Eternals	Ramin Djawadi	1:08:17
Spider-Man: NWH	Michael Giacchino	1:13:54
Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness	Danny Elfman	1:01:25
Thor: Love and Thunder	Michael Giacchino and Nami melumad	59:03
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever	Ludwig Goransson	1:23:00



## Black Widow (2021)

Main article: Black Widow (2021 film)

Natasha Romanoff finds herself alone and forced to confront a dangerous conspiracy with ties to her past. Pursued by a force that will stop at nothing to bring her down, Romanoff must deal with her history as a spy and the broken relationships left in her wake long before she became an Avenger.[80][81]

After exploring the backstory of Scarlett Johansson's character Natasha Romanoff / Black Widow in Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015), Kevin Feige expressed interest in further exploring it in a solo film.[82] By January 2018, Jac Schaeffer was hired to write the script,[83] with Cate Shortland hired to direct that July.[66] Ned Benson was rewriting the script the next February.[84] Schaeffer and Benson received story credit on the film, with Eric Pearson credited for the screenplay.[67] Filming began in May 2019 and concluded that October,[85][86] shooting in Norway, the United Kingdom, Budapest, Morocco, and Georgia.[85][87][88] Black Widow premiered on June 29, 2021, at various red carpet fan events in London, Los Angeles, Melbourne, and New York City,[89][90] and was released in the United States on July 9, 2021, in theaters and on Disney+ with Premier Access.[52]

Black Widow is set in 2016, mostly taking place between the main plot of Captain America: Civil War (2016) and its final scene.[91] William Hurt reprises his role as Thaddeus Ross from previous MCU films.[92] Black Widow's post-credits scene features Julia Louis-Dreyfus, uncredited, as Valentina Allegra de Fontaine from the series The Falcon and the Winter Soldier (2021),[41] and sets up Florence Pugh's appearance in the series Hawkeye (2021) as Yelena Belova.[93] Jeremy Renner has an uncredited voice cameo in his MCU role of Clint Barton / Hawkeye, while a picture of him is also featured.[94]



Figure 16 - Black Widow (Poster)

## Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (2021)

Main article: Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

When Shang-Chi is drawn into the clandestine Ten Rings organization, he is forced to confront the past he thought he left behind.[95]

By December 2018, Marvel Studios was actively developing their first Asian-led film for Shang-Chi, with Dave Callaham hired to write the screenplay,[96] and Destin Daniel Cretton to direct by March 2019.[68] At the San Diego Comic-Con that July, Simu Liu was revealed to play the title role, along with Tony Leung as Wenwu.[12][95] Filming began in February 2020,[97][98] but was halted in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.[99] Production resumed in August and concluded that October.[100][101] Shooting occurred in Australia and San Francisco.[97][102] In April 2021, Cretton was revealed as a credited writer along with Callaham and Andrew Lanham.[69][103] Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings premiered in Los Angeles on August 16, 2021,[104] and was released in the United States on September 3, 2021.[52]

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings is set after the events of Avengers: Endgame (2019),[105] during the days leading to the Qingming Festival in early April.[106] Benedict Wong reprises his role as Wong from previous MCU films,[107] along with Ben Kingsley as Trevor Slattery, an impostor posing as the Mandarin, from Iron Man 3 (2013) and the Marvel One-Shot All Hail the King (2014).[108] The Ten Rings organization has been featured or referenced in Iron Man (2008), Iron Man 2 (2010), All Hail the King, and Ant-Man (2015).[109] Tim Roth also provided uncredited vocals for Emil Blonsky / Abomination, reprising the role from The Incredible Hulk (2008),[107][110] while the mid-credits scene features Mark Ruffalo and Brie Larson, uncredited, in their respective MCU roles of Bruce Banner and Carol Danvers / Captain Marvel.[111]



Figure 17 - Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (Poster)

## Eternals (2021)

Main article: Eternals (film)

After the return of half the population ignites "the emergence", the Eternals—an immortal alien race created by the Celestials who have secretly lived on Earth for over 7,000 years—reunite to protect humanity from their evil counterparts, the Deviants.[112][113]

By early 2018, Marvel Studios was developing a film for the Eternals, with Kaz Firpo and Ryan Firpo writing the script to focus on a love story between the characters Sersi and Ikaris.[114][115][70] Late that September, Chloé Zhao was hired to direct The Eternals,[70] and also served as the film's credited writer along with Patrick Burleigh and the Firpos.[71][72] Filming occurred from July 2019 to February 2020, shooting throughout England.[116][117] The main cast, headlined by Richard Madden as Ikaris and Angelina Jolie as Thena, was announced at the July 2019 San Diego Comic-Con,[12] with Gemma Chan cast as Sersi the next month.[24] The title was shortened in August 2020.[118] Eternals premiered in Los Angeles on October 18, 2021,[119] and was released in the United States on November 5.[35]

Eternals takes place around the same time as The Falcon and the Winter Soldier and Spider-Man: Far From Home (2019), six to eight months after Avengers: Endgame in 2024.[120][121] The mid-credits scene features Harry Styles as Thanos's brother Eros / Starfox and Patton Oswalt as Pip the Troll,[122][123] while Mahershala Ali has an uncredited cameo as the voice of Blade in the post-credits scene, before starring in the film Blade.



Figure 18 - Eternals (Poster)

## Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021)

Main article: Spider-Man: No Way Home

A third MCU Spider-Man film was planned by early 2017 to be set during Peter Parker's senior year of high school,[126][127] with Feige later saying it would tell "a Peter Parker story" not previously done on film due to the mid-credits scene in Spider-Man: Far From Home.[128] By August 2019, Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers were writing the script while Disney and Sony split on adjusting their agreement over Marvel Studios' involvement in Spider-Man films,[74][129] but announced the next month they would co-produce the film, with Tom Holland returning to star,[25] along with Jon Watts as director by June 2020.[73] Filming began in October 2020 in New York City,[130] before moving to Trilith Studios in Atlanta, Georgia later that month.[131][132] The title was officially announced in February 2021,[26] before filming concluded in late March.[133] Producer Amy Pascal described the film as "the culmination of the Homecoming trilogy".[134] Spider-Man: No Way Home premiered in Los Angeles on December 13, 2021,[135] and was released in the United States on December 17, 2021.[26]

Spider-Man: No Way Home begins immediately after the events of Spider-Man: Far From Home, and continues over late 2024,[136] while also tying into Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (2022);[137] Benedict Cumberbatch and Benedict Wong reprise their roles as Dr. Stephen Strange and Wong, respectively.[138][139] No Way Home explores the concept of the multiverse and ties the MCU to past Spider-Man film series, with Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield returning as their versions of Spider-Man from Sam Raimi's Spider-Man trilogy and Marc Webb's The Amazing Spider-Man films,[140] who were respectively dubbed "Peter-Two" and "Peter-Three",[141] alongside Willem Dafoe as Norman Osborn / Green Goblin, Alfred Molina as Otto Octavius / Doctor Octopus, and Thomas Haden Church as Flint Marko / Sandman from the Raimi films,[142] and Rhys Ifans as Curt Connors / Lizard and Jamie Foxx as Max Dillon / Electro from the Webb films.[142] Charlie Cox appears as Matt Murdock, reprising the role from Marvel Television's Netflix series,[143] while Tom Hardy appears, uncredited, in the mid-credits scene as Eddie Brock / Venom, reprising his role from Sony's Spider-Man Universe.[144]

## Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (2022)

Main article: Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness

Dr. Stephen Strange protects America Chavez, a teenager capable of traveling between universes in the multiverse, from Wanda Maximoff / Scarlet Witch.[145]

By December 2018, Doctor Strange (2016) director and co-writer Scott Derrickson signed to direct a sequel, with Benedict Cumberbatch reprising his title role.[3] The title was officially announced at the 2019 San Diego Comic-Con, along with

Elizabeth Olsen's involvement.[12] In January 2020, Derrickson stepped down as director over creative differences, but remained an executive producer.[146] The next month, Sam Raimi signed on to direct,[147][148] and Loki (2021) head writer Michael Waldron joined to rewrite the script;[76] Raimi confirmed his involvement in April 2020.[75] Filming began by November 2020 in London,[149][150] but was halted in January 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.[151] Production resumed by that March,[152] and concluded in mid-April 2021 in Somerset.[153] Shooting also occurred at Longcross Studios in Surrey.[154] Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness premiered in Hollywood on May 2, 2022,[155] and was released in the United States on May 6, 2022.[56]

Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness is set after the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home.[156][157] Elizabeth Olsen co-stars as Wanda Maximoff / Scarlet Witch,[13] continuing from her appearance in the series WandaVision (2021),[14] with Julian Hilliard and Jett Klyne portraying alternate versions of Maximoff's sons Billy and Tommy, respectively.[158] The film introduces the Illuminati, a group of heroes from the alternate universe Earth-838, which consists of Patrick Stewart as Charles Xavier / Professor X (after playing a different version of the character in 20th Century Fox's X-Men film series), Hayley Atwell as Peggy Carter / Captain Carter (after voicing a similar version in the animated series What If...?), Lashana Lynch as Maria Rambeau / Captain Marvel (after playing the main MCU version of Rambeau in Captain Marvel), Anson Mount as Blackagar Boltagon / Black Bolt (after playing another version of Black Bolt in Marvel's ABC television series Inhumans), and John Krasinski as Reed Richards / Mister Fantastic, a member of the Fantastic Four.[159]



Figure 19 - Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness (Poster)

## Thor: Love and Thunder (2022)

Thor attempts to find inner peace but ends up recruiting Valkyrie, Korg, and Jane Foster—who has become the Mighty Thor—to help stop Gorr the God Butcher from eliminating all gods.[160]

Chris Hemsworth expressed ongoing interest playing Thor in January 2018, at the time his Marvel Studios contract had come to an end.[161] After previously directing Thor: Ragnarok (2017), Taika Waititi signed to write and direct a fourth Thor film in July 2019,[77] and the title was officially announced at the San Diego Comic-Con later that month, with Hemsworth returning alongside Tessa Thompson as Valkyrie and Natalie Portman as Jane Foster, who becomes the superhero the Mighty Thor.[162][163] Jennifer Kaytin Robinson joined to co-write the script with Waititi in February 2020.[164][78] Filming began late January 2021 in Australia,[165] and concluded that June.[166] Thor: Love and Thunder premiered in Los Angeles on June 23, 2022,[167] and was released in the United States on July 8, 2022.[56]

Thor: Love and Thunder is set after the events of Avengers: Endgame,[160] eight and a half years after Thor broke up with Foster, which had occurred by Ragnarok,[168] and "a few weeks" since Thor joined the Guardians of the Galaxy,[169] who appear in the film, with Chris Pratt, Karen Gillan, Dave Bautista, Pom Klementieff, Sean Gunn, Vin Diesel, and Bradley Cooper reprising their respective MCU roles as Peter Quill / Star-Lord, Nebula, Drax the Destroyer, Mantis, Kraglin Obfonteri, Groot, and Rocket.[170] Daley Pearson appears as Darryl, after first portraying the role in the Team Thor short films.[171]

## Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022)

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The leaders of the kingdom of Wakanda fight to protect their nation in the wake of King T'Challa's death,[172] and a new threat emerges from the hidden undersea nation of Talokan.[173]

By October 2018, Ryan Coogler signed to write and direct a sequel to Black Panther (2018).[79] Joe Robert Cole also returned for the film to once again co-write the screenplay with Coogler.[54] Feige confirmed the film was in development by mid-2019 with the placeholder title Black Panther II.[18][24] Plans for the film changed in August 2020 when Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman died from colon cancer,[174] with his role as T'Challa not recast.[43] Some of the main returning cast members were confirmed by that November,[149] with Letitia Wright headlining the film as Shuri / Black Panther.[149][175] The title, Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, was revealed in May 2021.[53] Production began in late June 2021 at Trilith Studios in Atlanta,[176] and lasted until early November 2021,[177] before a hiatus began later that month.[178] Filming resumed in mid-January 2022.[179] Shooting also occurred in Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts,[180][181] and in Brunswick, Georgia,[182] before wrapping in Puerto Rico in March 2022.[183] Black Panther: Wakanda Forever premiered in Hollywood on October 26, 2022,[184] and was released on November 11, 2022.[56]



Black Panther: Wakanda Forever is set after the events of Spider-Man: No Way Home, and "potentially concurrent" with Love and Thunder and Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (2023) according to producer Nate Moore.[185] Dominique Thorne appears as Riri Williams / Ironheart, ahead of starring in the Disney+ series Ironheart (2023).[186] Julia Louis-Dreyfus reprises her MCU role as Valentina Allegra de Fontaine, now serving as the director of the CIA.[187]



*Figure 20 -Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (Poster)*

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