

'The Avengers' - Starring Samuel L. Jackson Sets Box Office Record

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If the economy is still in trouble, you wouldn't know by looking at the box office results of "The Avengers."

Geez, it seems everybody in America turned out for it's opening weekend. The Marvel Comics/Studios film (distributed by Disney), opened to an incredible \$200.3 million(!) the US box office.

That's the largest debut ever and kicks off the Summer movie-going season in high style.

The Avengers — marking a major victory for Disney and Marvel Studios — easily dethroned Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2, which opened to id="mce_marker"69.2 million last summer, then the largest number in history.

Overseas, where Avengers opened a week ago, the tentpole has earned \$441.5 million for a stunning worldwide total of \$641.8 million - already surpassing the lifetime totals of Captain America: The First Avenger (\$364 million), Thor (\$449 million), Iron Man (\$585 million) and Iron Man 2 (\$624 million).

The 3D tentpole is now positioned to reach id="mce_marker" billion in global grosses.

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Among other records, Avengers is the first film in history to cross \$200 million in only three days of play at the domestic box office. It also scored the biggest Saturday gross of all time in earning \$69.7 million.

Here are the top 5 box office films as of 05-2012:

1) Marvel's The Avengers BV: \$200,300,000

2) Think Like a Man SGems/Col: \$8,000,000 Total: \$73,029,000

3) The Hunger Games LGF: \$5,700,000 Total:\$380,727,000

4) The Lucky One WB: \$5,510,000 Total:\$47,917,000

5) The Pirates! Band of Misfits Sony: \$5,400,000 Total:id="mce_marker"8,563,000

Andre 3000 to Begin Filming Jimi Hendrix Biopic in Ireland

After years of buzz about the prospect of Outkast rapper Andre 3000 playing Jimi Hendrix in a biopic, the film is finally about to begin shooting this month in Ireland.

According to the Irish Film & Television Network (IFTN), the film, titled "All Is By My Side," will document the guitar legend's period in England from 1966 to 1967 as he created his iconic debut album.

The feature, written and directed by John Ridley, is currently in pre-production in Wicklow, with

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principal photography set to begin in three weeks in both Wicklow and Dublin. The shoot is expected to last six weeks.

The film will also depict the moment Hendrix was discovered in a New York club by Rolling Stone guitarist Keith Richard's then girlfriend Linda Keith. She subsequently introduced Hendrix to manager Chas Chandler who brought Hendrix to London in 1966, where he recorded his debut album "Are You Experienced" and had his first taste of success.