

Will Black Adam & Black Panther: Wakanda Forever save the multi-billion film industry?

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Black Adam and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* are about to jump off in the cinemas. Two of the biggest, most expensive and most diverse superhero films are set to debut within a month of each other. And then few weeks later both films will be battling sort of head to head during the important Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. *Black Adam* comes out on October 21, 2022, from Warner Bros. Pictures and *Black Panther: Wakanda* drops on November 11, 2022, from Walt Disney Pictures and Marvel Studios. So, we get a rare and unusual matchup of WB's The Rock mega-star power *Black Adam* versus Marvel's highly anticipated sequel to *Black Panther* (2017), which earned \$1.3 Billion worldwide. The stakes are tremendous for the new Warner Bros. Discovery "penny pinching" era as well as for Marvel and Walt Disney letting director Ryan Coogler put out a rumored two hour and 41 minute film to honor the late Chadwick Boseman. How far we have become for these multiracial action films being the hope and salvation of the multi-billion film industry when they just endured a dismal Summer 2022 of box office duds. Yes, Hollywood badly needs Black folks, Hispanics, Asians, Gen X, Millennials, Gen Y, Gen Z and else anyone who can run, walk, or crawl to a local movie theater to see *Black Adam* and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* multiple times to guarantee that 2022 movie season won't be remembered as a complete and utter waste.

This is dicey times for theaters as streaming is becoming the premium and primary de facto choice for mainstream entertainment. Going to films on a regular basis is already over. And now it takes blockbusters that cost over \$100 or \$200 million to still get as many hardcore moviegoers as possible to spend \$50 to \$75 million on a film's opening weekend, so the "so-called" blockbuster is not declared a major flop on social media. Personally, I can't wait to see *Black Adam* and *Black Panther: Wakanda Forever* on IMAX or any super-duper screen they are on because I am ready to go back to the movies. And I hope I won't see again that extremely annoying AMC Theater Nicole Kidman PSA that SNL clowned last week. Only great films can save theaters.

Black Adam Synopsis:

The world needed a hero... It got Black Adam

From New Line Cinema, Dwayne Johnson stars in the action adventure “Black Adam.” The first-ever feature film to explore the story of the DC Super Hero comes to the big screen under the direction of Jaume Collet-Serra (“Jungle Cruise”).

Nearly 5,000 years after he was bestowed with the almighty powers of the ancient gods— and imprisoned just as quickly—Black Adam (Johnson) is freed from his earthly tomb, ready to unleash his unique form of justice on the modern world.

Johnson stars alongside Aldis Hodge (“City on a Hill,” “One Night in Miami”) as Hawkman, Noah Centineo (“To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before”) as Atom Smasher, Sarah Shahi (“Sex/Life,” “Rush Hour 3”) as Adrianna, Marwan Kenzari (“Murder on the Orient Express,” “The Mummy”) as Ishmael, Quintessa Swindell (“Voyagers,” “Trinkets”) as Cyclone, Bodhi Sabongui (“A Million Little Things”) as Amon, and Pierce Brosnan (the “Mamma Mia!” and James Bond franchises) as Dr. Fate.

Collet-Serra directed from a screenplay by Adam Sztykiel and Rory Haines & Sohrab Noshirvani, screen story by Adam Sztykiel and Rory Haines & Sohrab Noshirvani, based on characters from DC. Black Adam was created by Bill Parker and C.C. Beck. The film’s producers were Beau Flynn, Dwayne Johnson, Hiram Garcia and Dany Garcia, with Richard Brener, Walter Hamada, Dave Neustadter, Chris Pan, Eric McLeod, Geoff Johns and Scott Sheldon.

“Black Adam” smashes into theaters and IMAX internationally beginning 19 October 2022 and in North America on October 21, 2022. It will be distributed worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures.



Black Panther: Wakanda Forever Synopsis:

Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect the kingdom of Wakanda from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia and Everett Ross and forge a new path for their nation.

At the dawn of King T'Challa's death, invading forces from around the world target Wakanda's vibranium, unleashing chaos, and it will be the duty of Shuri, M'Baku, Nakia and Okoye to defend the nation, especially when a mysterious Mexican civilization emerges from the depths of the sea.

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Winston Duke had campaigned for his character, M'Baku, to be the sequel's main villain.

Marvel stated that due to Chadwick Boseman's untimely death on August 28, 2020, all plans for Black Panther II have been left in an uncertain state. For a time, Marvel was not sure whether they were going to recast another actor to portray Black Panther in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

After Chadwick Boseman's untimely death, some fans have advocated for the next Black Panther film to follow the comics and to have Shuri, T'Challa's sister, take on the role as the new Black Panther

It was announced that the role of T'Challa would not be digitally recreated and not recast, out of respect for Chadwick Boseman's legacy.

Ryan Coogler has stated that making this film without Chadwick Boseman is the hardest thing he's ever done.

The first MCU sequel not to have the same titular superhero character as its predecessor, due to the death of Chadwick Boseman in 2020. (Although, Hulk was played by Edward Norton in the first MCU solo outing, while Mark Ruffalo took over the role of Hulk in *The Avengers* and all subsequent MCU films featuring him, but none of these releases include Hulk in the title). The 30th film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

First movie directed by Ryan Coogler to be filmed in Panavision (anamorphic).

Chadwick Boseman's brother, Derrick Boseman has spoken out against the idea of retiring the character of T'Challa rather than recasting. He believes that his brother wouldn't have been so egotistical as to wanting the character to die with him and would instead want the character's journey to continue.

The film was supposed to release in July 2022. However after a major rescheduling in 2021, Thor: Love and Thunder took that slot, while the Black Panther sequel took the November 2022 release slot of The Marvels when the Captain Marvel sequel was delayed to February 2023.





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