

## Director for new Batman movie coming soon

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There is a new Batman movie in the making and a director for it could be announced soon. Ben Affleck was originally going to direct the movie 'The Batman' but has made way for 'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes' director Matt Reeves.

Affleck said it was a tough decision to hand over the directing reins. He explained that he could not act in as well as direct the new Batman film. He said: "Performing this role demands focus, passion and the very best performance I can give. It has become clear that I cannot do both jobs to the level they require. Together with the studio, I have decided to find a partner in a director who will collaborate with me on this massive film."

The movie industry magazine 'Variety' reports that Mr Reeves is in initial talks with the production company Warner Bros. to accept taking over as director. It is reported that Mr Affleck stepped down from the role late last month. Industry sources revealed that the studio has had multiple meetings with Reeves about becoming director. Mr Reeves is currently in post-production with his latest movie 'War for the Planet of the Apes,' which opens on July 14. Variety said it should be no problem for Reeves to take over as 'The Batman' director and that he will likely do so later this year. Filming was initially due to begin in May, as the script has already been written. However, it is now expected to begin later in 2017.

Sources: [HollywoodReporter.com](http://HollywoodReporter.com) / [movieweb.com](http://movieweb.com) / [variety.com](http://variety.com)

## Writing

Batman is the best super-hero ever created. Discuss.

## Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

movie / announced / director / decision / focus / passion / performance / collaborate / magazine / role / sources / meetings / no problem / initially / script / expected

## True / False

- a) Ben Affleck will not be the director of the new Batman movie. T / F
- b) The possible new director also directed Planet of the Apes movies. T / F
- c) Ben Affleck said it would be too difficult to act in and direct the movie. T / F
- d) Ben Affleck said he didn't want to collaborate with anyone. T / F
- e) The movie company has yet to talk to a possible director. T / F
- f) Matt Reeves has totally finished his last film. T / F
- g) The script for the new Batman movie has not been finished. T / F
- h) Filming on the new Batman movie will start later in 2017. T / F

## Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| <b>1. announced</b> | a. intensity   |
| <b>2. tough</b>     | b. beginning   |
| <b>3. demands</b>   | c. huge        |
| <b>4. passion</b>   | d. screenplay  |
| <b>5. massive</b>   | e. made public |
| <b>6. initial</b>   | f. probable    |
| <b>7. sources</b>   | g. difficult   |
| <b>8. likely</b>    | h. informants  |
| <b>9. script</b>    | i. anticipated |
| <b>10. expected</b> | j. requires    |

## Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of Batman?
- b) Who is your favourite superhero?
- c) Are the best superheroes from the USA?
- d) What makes Batman a good superhero?
- e) What exactly does a director do?
- f) What was the last tough decision you made?
- g) What was the last thing you did with passion?
- h) Are you a good person to collaborate with? Why?

## Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. a new Batman movie in             | a. decision            |
| 2. it was a tough                    | b. been written        |
| 3. Performing this role demands      | c. with me             |
| 4. It has become clear that I cannot | d. due to begin in May |
| 5. a director who will collaborate   | e. to begin later      |
| 6. the studio has had multiple       | f. the making          |
| 7. it should be no problem for       | g. focus               |
| 8. Filming was initially             | h. meetings            |
| 9. the script has already            | i. Reeves to take over |
| 10. it is now expected               | j. do both jobs        |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you know about movie production companies?
- What kind of movie would you like to star in?
- What is your favourite movie, and why?
- What do you know about Planet of the Apes?
- What do you think of going to the movie theatre?
- Who is your favourite actor, and why?
- Who is best – Batman, Spiderman or Superman?
- What questions would you like to ask the director?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

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6. b	7. h	8. f	9. d	10. i

## Role Play

### Role A – Batman

You think Batman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Wonder Woman or Superman.

### Role B – Harry Potter

You think Harry Potter is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Batman, Wonder Woman or Superman.

### Role C – Wonder Woman

You think Wonder Woman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Batman or Superman.

### Role D – Superman

You think Superman is the best superhero. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their superheroes. Also, tell the others which is the least heroic of these (and why): Harry Potter, Wonder Woman or Batman.

## Speaking – Superheroes

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| • Superman      | • Batman           |
| • Darna         | • Wonder Woman     |
| • Power Rangers | • Harry Potter     |
| • Sailor Moon   | • Power Puff Girls |

### Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.