



Warner Bros. Pictures' and Legendary Pictures' "The Dark Knight Rises" is the epic conclusion to filmmaker Christopher Nolan's *Dark Knight* trilogy.

It has been eight years since Batman vanished into the night, turning, in that instant, from hero to fugitive. Assuming the blame for the death of D.A. Harvey Dent, the Dark Knight sacrificed everything for what he and Commissioner Gordon both hoped was the greater good. For a time the lie worked, as criminal activity in Gotham City was crushed under the weight of the anti-crime Dent Act.

But everything will change with the arrival of a cunning cat burglar with a mysterious agenda. Far more dangerous, however, is the emergence of Bane, a masked terrorist whose ruthless plans for Gotham drive Bruce out of his self-imposed exile. But even if he dons the cape and cowl again, Batman may be no match for Bane.

Leading an all-star international cast, Oscar<sup>®</sup> winner Christian Bale ("The Fighter") again plays the dual role of Bruce Wayne/Batman. "The Dark Knight Rises" also stars Anne Hathaway, as Selina Kyle; Tom Hardy, as Bane; Oscar<sup>®</sup> winner Marion Cotillard ("La Vie en Rose"), as Miranda Tate; and Joseph Gordon-Levitt, as John Blake.

Returning to the main cast, Oscar<sup>®</sup> winner Michael Caine ("The Cider House Rules") plays Alfred; Gary Oldman is Commissioner Gordon; and Oscar<sup>®</sup> winner Morgan Freeman ("Million Dollar Baby") reprises the role of Lucius Fox.

The screenplay is written by Jonathan Nolan and Christopher Nolan, story by Christopher Nolan & David S. Goyer. The film is produced by Emma Thomas, Christopher Nolan and Charles Roven, who previously teamed on "Batman Begins" and the record-breaking blockbuster "The Dark Knight." The executive producers are

Benjamin Melniker, Michael E. Uslan, Kevin De La Noy and Thomas Tull, with Jordan Goldberg serving as co-producer. The film is based upon characters created by Bob Kane and published by DC Comics.

Behind the scenes, "The Dark Knight Rises" reunites the director with several of his longtime collaborators, all of whom worked together on the "The Dark Knight." The creative team includes director of photography Wally Pfister, who recently won an Oscar® for his work on Nolan's "Inception"; production designers Nathan Crowley and Kevin Kavanaugh; editor Lee Smith; and Oscar®-winning costume designer Lindy Hemming ("Topsy-Turvy"). In addition, Paul Franklin and Chris Corbould, who both won Oscars® for the effects in "Inception," supervised the visual and special effects, respectively. The music is composed by Oscar® winner Hans Zimmer ("The Lion King").

In helming the film, Christopher Nolan utilized IMAX® cameras even more extensively than he did on "The Dark Knight," which had marked the first time ever that a major feature film was even partially shot with the large-format cameras.

"The Dark Knight Rises" will be presented on 70-millimeter film in 102 IMAX 15/70mm locations worldwide. Christopher Nolan stated, "Having shot almost half the picture with large-format IMAX film cameras, it is very important to me that we show 'The Dark Knight Rises' in the IMAX film format wherever possible. Audiences everywhere should be assured that every presentation of the film will be of the highest standard—having benefited from the clarity and depth IMAX cameras offer. However, these 102 screens will showcase the original IMAX film photography in its optimum form, and I hope anyone who has an opportunity to experience the film in these theatres will seek it out."

Warner Bros. Pictures presents, in association with Legendary Pictures, a Syncope Production, a Film by Christopher Nolan, "The Dark Knight Rises." Opening in theatres and IMAX, the film will be distributed worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company.

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## ABOUT THE PRODUCTION

GORDON

**Batman is the hero Gotham deserves  
but not the one it needs right now.**

Those words, spoken by Commissioner Gordon at the end of 2008's "The Dark Knight," set in motion a fateful conspiracy that labeled Batman a murderer and Harvey Dent—who died, unbeknownst to the public, as the vengeful Two-Face—a crime-fighting crusader who paid the ultimate price. Predicated on that lie, Gotham City enacted tough new laws that put criminals behind bars or drove them beyond Gotham's borders.

Director/writer/producer Christopher Nolan says, "Our story picks up eight years later, when it seems that Batman and Commissioner Gordon have succeeded—the Dark Knight is no longer needed in Gotham. In that regard, Bruce Wayne has won the battle, but he is traumatized by what happened and doesn't know how to move on from being the figure of Batman. 'The Dark Knight Rises' very much deals with the consequences of his and other characters' actions in the previous films."

With this film, the last in his *Dark Knight* trilogy, Nolan completes the story arc he commenced with 2005's "Batman Begins." He recalls, "We were all very excited to bring this tale full circle; that was our chief inspiration for returning to Gotham. We also felt a tremendous sense of responsibility to fulfill expectations based on the first two movies while giving the audience something they hadn't seen before. It was a tricky balance."

The filmmakers and cast were also intent on maintaining a balance between heart-pounding action and intimate emotion. Producer Emma Thomas affirms, "Right from the start, Chris set out to make each of these films something that could not be categorized into any one genre. 'The Dark Knight Rises' has all of the excitement and fun that a big summer movie ought to have. The action is huge, but the story and characters are equally, if not more, important, because it's hard to care about all the bells and whistles if there isn't something to engage you in an emotional way."

Producer Charles Roven adds, "We all want to be wowed, but we also want to be invested. Regardless of the scope, Chris has never lost his focus on the story and relationships, which goes back through all of his movies."

At the center of the story through all three films is one character. Nolan states, "Our guiding impulse in this telling of the Batman legend has always been to follow

Bruce Wayne's journey. That was something I was very keen on, as were (co-writers) David Goyer and my brother, Jonah (Nolan)."

Christian Bale, who reprises the film's title role, details, "In 'Batman Begins,' you see the tragedy and the pain that motivates this angry young man, who feels useless and is searching for a path—who wants to find out who he is and what he can become. Then in 'The Dark Knight,' he's discovered that path. He *is* useful; he is doing what he imagines is the best thing for him to be doing in his life. Now, we are eight years on and he has lost the one thing that gave him a purpose...until he is forced to deal with a new threat to the city and to himself."

That threat comes in the form of a merciless, masked villain named Bane, who makes his presence known to the citizens of Gotham with an explosive display of power. While the Scarecrow was a madman and the Joker an anarchist, "Bane is a terrorist in both his mentality and his actions," says actor Tom Hardy, who plays Batman's new arch-nemesis. "He is physically intimidating and he's also very intelligent, which makes him even more dangerous."

Nolan relates, "In deciding on who the next villain would be, it was imperative that it was someone completely different from the Joker—that he be a brute force. The physical component of what Bruce Wayne does as Batman is of extraordinary importance, and we had not truly challenged that in the first two films. I really wanted to see Batman meet his match physically, as well as intellectually. Bane is raw strength with a fanatical devotion to duty, and that combination makes him unstoppable."

"This is the first time it appears highly unlikely that Batman will come out on top in a physical altercation," Bale allows. "He has been dormant for years, so he's in a weakened condition to begin with, and Bane is not only incredibly strong but ruthless in terms of his sheer militancy and the ideology that drives him."

Initially, however, it is not Bane who draws Bruce Wayne out of Wayne Manor; it is an intriguing encounter with a particularly skilled thief named Selina Kyle—better known in the *Batman* canon as Catwoman. Nolan says, "We felt very strongly that we should have Catwoman in this film, but we always look for an organic way of grounding the characters in our world. Selina is a cat burglar, a grifter, a classic movie femme fatale, really. That was my way in, and we drew the iconic figure of Catwoman from that."

The only member of the main cast who counts this film as her first collaboration with Nolan, Anne Hathaway admits, "It's hard to reveal anything about Selina Kyle

because she is intensely private and very mysterious. She has her own code of ethics, which sometimes involves doing things that other people might consider questionable.”

Screenwriter Jonathan Nolan says, “Something about her morally ambiguous philosophy finally gives Batman someone he can relate to. In a weird way, she’s the yin to his yang. The dynamic between them is so fresh—the playful way she kind of pokes fun at him—it sparks a connection between them and takes some of the somberness away from his character.”

“The Dark Knight Rises” introduces two new allies for Bruce Wayne and, by extension, Batman. Marion Cotillard plays Miranda Tate, a wealthy philanthropist, who sits on the board of Wayne Enterprises and later becomes a trusted friend. Joseph Gordon-Levitt joins the ensemble as another original character: Gotham City police officer John Blake, who impresses Commissioner Gordon with his courage and integrity.

Gary Oldman returns to the role of Gotham City’s top cop, Commissioner Gordon, who withheld the truth of Harvey Dent’s demise at great personal cost. “He respects Batman’s sacrifice, but allowing the citizens of Gotham to be fed a lie goes against everything that Gordon believes in,” the actor says.

Bruce Wayne’s loyal butler, Alfred is portrayed once more by Michael Caine. Nolan says, “Alfred and Bruce have the strongest of emotional bonds, which has been tested in one way or another in each film, but in ‘The Dark Knight Rises,’ it’s tested as never before. As somebody who cares deeply for Bruce, Alfred questions the decisions he’s making and the direction his life is going, and that inevitably brings about conflict.”

Another person who has been entrusted with the knowledge of Batman’s true identity is Wayne Enterprises’ ingenious CEO Lucius Fox, again played by Morgan Freeman.

Jonathan Nolan remarks, “One of the great pleasures of working on this film is the opportunity to write again for Michael Caine, Gary Oldman and Morgan Freeman. The common link of their three characters is that each has represented a father figure for Bruce Wayne, the closest, of course, being Alfred. But Alfred, Gordon and Lucius have all, in their own way, shown him different aspects of how to be a better man.”

Throughout the trilogy, Fox has equipped Batman with his ever-evolving resources, from his Batsuit, to the Tumbler, to the agile Bat-Pod, which enabled the Dark Knight to maneuver nimbly through the streets of Gotham City. In this film, he can finally navigate *above* them, via his new airborne vehicle—part helicopter, part jump jet and aptly named The Bat.

The director also raised the bar for “The Dark Knight Rises” in expanding on his use of IMAX cameras. Nearly half of the movie was shot with the large-format cameras, utilizing ultra resolution 15 perf/65-millimeter film. Nolan states, “We got great results with the IMAX cameras on the last film. I appreciate what it offers from the technical side, but I’m most interested in what it can give me as a storytelling tool. How can it help me pull the audience deeper into this world? IMAX provides the broadest possible canvas, creating the most immersive experience.”

Principal photography on “The Dark Knight Rises” took the cast and filmmakers across three continents, and from the ground up. The action begins in mid-air, where Bane initiates his violent rampage with a deadly hijacking and kidnapping. Much of the harrowing aerial sequence was actually captured in mid-flight in the skies above Scotland. Filming in the UK was also done in Wales and at Cardington, the massive airship hanger that has become something of a home base for Nolan and company, housing a number of the interiors.

The global footprint of the production also stretched as far as India, as well as to the United States. For the first time, three separate cities provided locations and backdrops for Gotham City, with scenes filmed in Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, and the city sometimes nicknamed Gotham, New York.

Nolan offers, “When you look back on the films, you can see the world we’re living in reflected, but we don’t want to be specific about it. We just come at the stories from the point of view of what concerns us. What gives us fear? What gives us hope? What would require a hero of Batman’s stature to rise up in our world?”

**GORDON**

**The Batman has to come back.**

**BRUCE**

**What if he doesn’t exist anymore?**

**GORDON**

**He must. He must.**

Fulfilling the promise he made in “Batman Begins,” Bruce Wayne has had Wayne Manor rebuilt, “just as it was.” But the mansion has become more of a refuge than a home for its owner, who has retreated behind its stately walls.

David S. Goyer, who crafted the story of “The Dark Knight Rises” with Christopher Nolan, says, “The reason we decided on a gap of eight years is that there

needed to be significant enough time for the Batman legend to have faded a bit, and we wanted Bruce Wayne himself to have withdrawn behind a veil of rumor and mystery.”

Taking on the dual role of Bruce Wayne and Batman for the third and final time, Christian Bale says, “Bruce feels absolutely isolated since the tragedy of losing the woman he loved, Rachel, and the terrible turn of events with what happened to Harvey Dent. He carries a certain amount of guilt that if he had not chosen the course of becoming Batman, none of that would have happened. His belief has been rocked, and that has caught up with him, physically and emotionally. But how much longer can he allow the pain of what has happened in his life control what he does with his life? And at what point does it start to become completely self-destructive?”

Nolan observes that, in giving up the guise of Batman for all those years, Bruce has, in a very real way, sacrificed both identities. “We come back to find a man who is no longer on a mission, even though that had always been the goal.”

“On the surface, Gotham has become what Bruce had hoped for,” Thomas adds, “but because it was all founded on a lie, nothing is quite that simple. It falls along the lines of ‘be careful what you wish for’ because without Batman, Bruce has no sense of purpose.”

“The reason I have always gravitated to the character of Batman is that, as often noted, he is a superhero with no super powers, apart from his wealth,” Nolan says. “His extraordinary nature has always come down to his extreme motivation and sheer dedication, which makes him a very credible individual.”

“One of the great things about this character is that the least relatable thing about him is his billionaire status. Having those kinds of resources is something very few people could ever fathom. But the rest of it is understandable from an emotional perspective,” Bale comments.

“It’s been very rewarding to watch Christian chart the progression of his role through the three films,” says Nolan. “He always had a strong commitment to finding the truth of the character, and I think you especially see that in this film, where he really embraced that Bruce is older, but not necessarily wiser. It’s a very thoughtful performance, and that’s what you consistently get from a talent like Christian.”

In spite of Bruce Wayne’s seeming absence, Gotham’s most influential citizens have gathered at Wayne Manor for a benefit honoring Harvey Dent Day. It is the perfect hunting ground for an audacious and undeniably attractive cat burglar, whose name is Selina Kyle. Her encounter with Bruce Wayne has an unexpected effect on him.

Bale reveals, "What really impacts Bruce is that, after years of isolation, he's meeting this woman he finds fascinating and funny. He suddenly recognizes he's been seeking something, even unconsciously...that he's lost all the color in his life and needs some human contact."

Anne Hathaway asserts, "I think Bruce owes Selina a big thank you because he was leading a pretty lonely life until she came in and got his blood pumping and reminded him that there are fun people out there in the world. One of the things that fans have always enjoyed about Bruce and Selina is the playful side of their relationship. They may operate very differently, but they actually have a lot in common: they like to keep certain things hidden; they're usually several steps ahead of everyone else in the room; and they prefer to dress in black," she smiles. "I had so much fun working with Christian. He's quick to laugh and have a good time, but he's also so solid. He's the kind of actor that raises your game."

Acting alongside Bale was not the only reason Hathaway was excited to portray what she calls "one of the most famous female comic book characters ever." She recounts, "I did look back at some archival comics and read a lot about Bob Kane's inspirations for Catwoman, but the most important thing was to be Catwoman in *this* film and fit into Christopher Nolan's Gotham City. I'm such a huge fan of Chris's. With *Batman*, he has been able to pose some really interesting philosophical questions, while shooting these spectacular action sequences and also finding the humor. It was a thrill to work with someone whose mind is so brilliant and whose talent is so very evident."

Nolan offers, "We needed to find the balance between the classic image of the character and a believable person you care about. Casting Anne Hathaway in the role was the key to that. She was able to combine those facets seamlessly so they aren't in conflict, but one is amplifying the other."

"I think Selina does what is necessary to survive," relates Hathaway, "and that includes crossing a few lines that others might find unforgivable. Even if she wants to change, it's hard to escape your past...and she does have a past. That makes her vulnerable, especially these days when anyone with a computer or smartphone can look up almost anything about you. Everybody has moments in life when they think, 'If I knew then what I know now...'. Selina might like the opportunity not to have to live by the choices she was forced to make up to this point."

Bane, however, has no such compunctions. Everything he does is a means to an end. Tom Hardy attests, "Bane has come to do a job and has no feelings of remorse



or shame about the death and destruction he's causing. There is nothing ambiguous about Bane. He is clearly a villain...just a horrible piece of work."

Perhaps less widely known than Catwoman, Bane is infamous among *Batman* comic fans for the terrible harm he inflicts on the Caped Crusader. Having recently worked with Hardy on "Inception," Nolan knew he could project an extreme physical and psychological threat despite having to act from behind a mask. "When you're creating a monstrous presence like Bane in a movie, you could concentrate just on the physical or you could focus on the more psychological aspects. With Tom, I knew I would get the whole package. He is such an incredible actor; he was able to depict this beast of a man who has exceptional fighting skills, but also able to convey the soul of someone who is damaged inside as well as out. Tom is the kind of actor who relished the challenge of having to generate an entire performance with most of his face covered up. What he is able to do with just his eyes is truly amazing."

Hardy states that the mask was not a deterrent when given an opportunity to rejoin the director, especially on a *Dark Knight* film. "Chris called me up and said there was a role I might be good for, but he wasn't sure I'd be interested because I'd have to wear a mask for several months. He wouldn't tell me anything else about the character, except that he was a *very bad guy*. I said, 'Let me get this straight: you want me to come and work with you, travel around the world, have a stunt team and all the weapons I could possibly want to play with, and all I have to do is wear a mask?' He answered, 'Yeah, pretty much...' And I said, 'I'm in!'"

Unlike Batman, Bane does not wear a mask to conceal his identity, but to anesthetize himself against excruciating pain, resulting from injuries he suffered long ago. Countering Nolan's concerns, Hardy says, "I didn't feel limited by the mask. What's cool about it is, as soon as you put it on you become the character."

The actor adds that his portrayal of Bane entailed creating a contradiction between the voice and the body. "He is florid in his speech, but has the physicality of a gorilla. So while he is quite articulate, we also wanted to establish a very imposing presence."

Working underground and undetected, Bane is plotting a multi-pronged attack on Gotham, involving firepower, finance and fear.

Part of his plan requires neutralizing the police department, still led by Commissioner Gordon, although "to a certain extent, Gordon was more useful to the political leaders of Gotham when the city was overrun by organized crime," Nolan points

out. “Now that is under control, so there are people eyeing his job, presuming he’s no longer needed. But Gordon has been struggling with the fact that all of this is based on a false foundation.”

“It’s a secret that’s eaten away at him for years,” confirms Gary Oldman. “Crime is at an all-time low in Gotham, but Gordon knows that it’s tainted. Now he’s ready to come clean, but there doesn’t seem to be a right time or place, and he also questions if the city is ready for the truth. Then, because of Bane, he’s in the field again. I think he’s like a soldier who likes to be on the front lines, getting his hands dirty. He’s probably been doing a lot of paper pushing in the intervening years and that has dampened his spirits. Now you really feel like the old Gordon is back.”

Gordon finds a new protégé in policeman John Blake, whose devotion to the job impresses his boss. Emma Thomas says, “Gordon definitely sees something of himself as a young cop in John Blake. Everyone else seems to have lost focus because things have been so good, but Blake is the first to realize that something’s up, and Gordon recognizes those instincts by promoting him and putting him on his team.”

Describing his role, Joseph Gordon-Levitt says, “John Blake is the kind of guy who probably always wanted to be a cop and dedicates himself to being excellent at his job. He is someone who believes in what he does and I admire that in anybody. In the midst of a lot of cynicism, he remains proud to be a police officer.”

Nolan comments, “Commissioner Gordon and Bruce Wayne have become somewhat jaded, so we wanted to contrast that with a younger, more idealistic individual who, in a way, represents where they’ve come from. Joe really captured the strength and courage of a man who refuses to back down, regardless of the odds.”

The character of Miranda Tate can also relate to Bruce, albeit from a place of affluence. Cast in the role, Marion Cotillard notes, “They both have a lot of money and are trying to use it in a good way, so they understand each other right away.”

Bale agrees. “Miranda is somebody who is encouraging Bruce to use his resources for the betterment of Gotham through an environmental project. She is beautiful, smart and altruistic, and all the good that she aspires to earns his respect and also intrigues him a great deal.”

Having collaborated with Nolan on his original drama “Inception,” Cotillard and Gordon-Levitt were both excited to reunite with the director on the finale of his *Dark Knight* trilogy. Gordon-Levitt says, “Amidst all the spectacle, I think the honest human

dramas are what distinguish the way Chris approaches these movies. For an actor, that's inspiring and a lot more fun."

"I love working with Chris," adds Cotillard. "He fosters a great feeling of family on the set, even on such a huge movie. And he has the intelligence and imagination to take you on an unbelievable adventure and make it something you believe. It was especially interesting to work with him to create the character of Miranda because she doesn't exist in the comics."

A member of the board of Wayne Enterprises, Miranda's affluence makes her a vital ally to Bruce when the company becomes the target of a hostile takeover. On a more personal level, Nolan says, "She is looked at by Alfred and Lucius as a woman who could perhaps bring Bruce out of his own exile and remind him that there is more to life than sitting alone in the Batcave. Marion has an incredibly appealing presence with an exotic glamour. She brought a combination of warmth and wisdom to Miranda that provides a great sense of hope for Bruce."

Morgan Freeman again plays Wayne Enterprises' brilliant inventor, Lucius Fox. "Although Lucius works for Bruce, he has been a mentor to him," observes Freeman. "Compared to Lucius and Alfred, Bruce is still a relatively young man, so between the two of them, they try to keep his moral compass pointed in the right direction."

Charles Roven offers, "Lucius has always been the brains behind the tools that Bruce uses to become Batman, and he fulfills that function once again. But he has also grown to have great fondness for Bruce and, like Alfred, he is trying to pull him out of the dark emotional place he's been in."

Inarguably, the person closest to Bruce is Alfred Pennyworth, who Bale says "has been the one constant throughout his life...the only family he has left. Alfred has seen him grow up, watched him become a man and seen the pain he's gone through. He accepted Bruce's need to honor his parents and try to right the wrongs of their deaths, but equally he recognizes that his parents would be desperately unhappy that he's not living any kind of life. There's always been that caution from Alfred that this is not the best thing for Bruce in the long run, and it comes to a head in this story."

Nolan expounds, "When we first explored the relationship between Alfred and Bruce in 'Batman Begins,' it was immediately apparent to me that I only understood Alfred's endorsement of Bruce's extreme action in creating the Batman persona if there would be an end to it—if there was seen to be a time when Batman had acted as a catalyst to change Gotham and then Bruce could move on from that. In 'The Dark

Knight Rises,' we're dealing with Alfred's frustration that Bruce has not been able to extricate himself from being Batman. Even though he has no longer been going out every night wearing the cape and cowl, he clearly has not been able to put it behind him, and Alfred feels it's his duty to help Bruce find a way to do that."

Reprising the part of Alfred, Michael Caine remarks, "It hurts Alfred to tell Bruce that he knew there was nothing for him in Gotham City but pain and tragedy, but he was right. I was thinking that, in terms of the audience, Alfred represents us in this incredible world. He is our spokesman. He's not tough like the others; he reacts like an ordinary human being in this situation."

"What Michael has always brought to Alfred is tremendous heart," Nolan says. "Watching Christian and Michael play out the unique relationship between these two characters has been one of the great joys of working on these films."

**BRUCE**

**That's a brazen costume for a cat burglar.**

**SELINA**

**Yeah? Who are you pretending to be?**

From heroes to villains, the costumes have been an integral part of bringing the characters of the *Dark Knight* trilogy to life, starting, of course, with the indelible silhouette of Batman.

Following "Batman Begins," the Batsuit was significantly redesigned for "The Dark Knight," resulting in improved comfort and flexibility, especially in the neck and shoulders. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," so costume designer Lindy Hemming and her team made no changes to the suit for "The Dark Knight Rises."

The multi-layered Batsuit was comprised of 110 separate pieces, each of which had to be replicated dozens of times over the course of the production. The base layer was made of a polyester mesh that is utilized by the military and high-tech sports manufacturers because of its breathability and moisture-wicking properties. Individually molded pieces of flexible urethane were then attached to the mesh, forming the overall body armor plating. Adding another level of protection, light but strong carbon fiber panels were placed inside the sections on the legs, chest and abdomen. The cowl was sculpted from a cast of Bale's face and head and then molded for a perfect fit.

There were also ten different versions of the iconic cape, ranging in length and shape—from shorter ones, used in action scenes, to the glider cape that snaps into the shape of spread batwings.

The image of Bale in the Batsuit had the requisite effect on his castmates. Gordon-Levitt confirms, “When Christian put on that suit, I didn’t have to make believe: I was talking to Batman. It doesn’t happen very often, but every now and then when I’m shooting a movie, I have a moment when it feels like real life. That was definitely one of the strongest of those moments I’ve ever had.”

Tom Hardy, whose character is supposed to be more than a match for the Dark Knight, recounts, “I remember the first time I saw Christian in the makeup chair, and I arrogantly thought to myself, ‘That’s not a problem; I can handle him.’ And then, on the set, Batman showed up. It wasn’t Christian Bale anymore; he absolutely was Batman.”

In designing Bane’s costume, Hemming needed it to look “like an amalgam of all sorts of bits and pieces he cobbled together, as he passed through some very remote places. We made parts of his vest, for example, from fragments of an old military tent. His clothes are militaristic, but are not in any way a uniform.”

Obviously, Bane’s most distinctive feature is the menacing-looking mask, fastened to his face, which continually pumps pain medication into him, keeping the agony from his violent past at bay. “His life depends on it,” Nolan states. “This is somebody whose history is carried with him in a very visible way on his face, making him, in a very real sense, monstrous.”

“We designed the mask to be animalistic,” Hemming says. “It had to look completely different from Batman’s cowl...and it could not be black.”

The mask was built by the costume effects department, using a digitally mapped model of Tom Hardy’s face and skull. Costume effects supervisor Graham Churchyard explains, “To us, the Bane mask had to fit like a prosthetic; however, unlike a prosthetic, it had to look like it was engineered out of metal. We were able to take Tom’s computer cast and 3D model each rigid piece to the contours of his head so it was tight to his face, with no gaps.”

As it turned out, “tight” was an understatement. Hemming attests, “It was gripping Tom’s head like a vice. With his assistance and patience, we made it as tight as it could ever have been. There was a magnetic removal panel on the front, so everything you see has a series of magnets underneath it, and everything beneath that

has a rubber seal that pressed into Tom's skin and was held on by tension. The fact that he tolerated it, let alone acted with it, was astounding."

While Bane's mask is entirely about function over form, the one worn by Selina Kyle is a combination of both. Nolan says, "It was crucial that there be a reason for the appearance of the character, not just as Selina but as Catwoman. For me, the jumping off point was figuring out how to derive a cat ear shape for her without it literally being a pair of ears. I eventually fixed on an idea of a pair of night vision goggles that would flip up onto her head and almost accidentally form that silhouette. Once I had that concept, Lindy and her team were able to realize it beautifully. The idea was that everything that contributes to the iconography of the character has a sense of logic."

"Her Catsuit is also very practical, enabling her to disappear into the darkness and be ready for action," Hemming adds. "When she's not in the suit, she always dresses in black, adjusting for the occasion. She's a classic chameleon."

Hathaway notes, "You need to get the sense that she could leave in a hurry...that she could bring her entire identity, or rather *identities*, with her whenever she had to flee."

Selina's Catsuit was actually two pieces, but with her hip-hugging utility belt in position, it looks like one. Completing the ensemble are elbow-length gloves and thigh-high boots with spike heels that also serve a purpose. "They double as very effective weapons," Hemming nods.

There were two layers of material used to make the Catsuit, the outer one being polyurethane coated spandex, embossed with a hexagonal pattern. "It's very simple and streamlined," Hemming says. "It's emphasizing the shape of her body without being too revealing."

While it is true that the skintight costume covered the actress from head to toe, Hathaway counters, "It doesn't really hide much, so I worked with a movement coach to make sure that I was going to be very comfortable in my body. If you had to wear a Catsuit in front of the entire world, I guarantee you would get your butt to the gym," she laughs.

#### **BANE**

**The shadows betray you  
because they belong to me.**

Leading up to and all during filming, Christian Bale, Tom Hardy and Anne

Hathaway all engaged in personalized training regimens in preparation for their action scenes.

Although Bale was embarking on his third outing as Batman, he had to demonstrate more of a physical arc in “The Dark Knight Rises,” as Bruce had not been the Caped Crusader for so many years. In the first two films, Bale employed a mixed martial arts discipline called Keysi, but that would have to be modified, reflecting his current condition and in response to the style of his opponent. Stunt coordinator Tom Struthers says, “We didn’t drop Keysi, but we evolved it to another level to deal with the brutality of Bane.”

Bruce Wayne’s physical aptitude may have depleted over time, but Bale’s was as honed as ever. Fight coordinator Buster Reeves, who doubled the actor on the first two films, says, “He picks things up unbelievably fast. I told the other stunt guys that he’d only have to walk through the moves twice and he’d have it. And, true to form, Christian came in, broke down each section twice, and then could perform it full tilt. It was amazing.”

Reeves switched sides to serve as Hardy’s stunt double in “The Dark Knight Rises.” He continues, “Tom was already in fantastic shape when he arrived and he was up for anything. In fact, we practically had to kick him out of rehearsals because he wanted to train all the time. He wore us out.”

“Tom did a wonderful job becoming this very formidable adversary,” says Bale. “He is a very bold actor that I admire greatly, and it was fantastic working with him.”

One of the main challenges of choreographing Bane’s fights was the juxtaposition of timing. Reeves clarifies, “His movements are fast, but he’s speaking very slowly and methodically. Trying to move with speed while talking very deliberately is harder than you think. It took a lot of rehearsals to break everything down into beats and determine where Tom should deliver his lines within the action.”

When Batman and Bane do battle, “it is just a great piece of cinema,” Roven states. “It is the irresistible force meeting the immovable object, and it’s awesome to watch.”

Nolan affirms, “This was very much a toe-to-toe, blow-to-blow physical clash, and Christian and Tom put an incredible amount of work into it. Just the demands of the costumes—one character has the lower half of his face obscured, the other the upper half—posed problems. They had trouble hearing each other because they were wearing those masks and working in very noisy environments while performing these feats.

“It required very intense preparation,” the director continues. “And when it came time to shoot, Christian and Tom worked extremely well together. It was frighteningly real, and quite intimidating to see these iconic, larger-than-life characters really go at it. There are plenty of other large-scale action scenes in the film, but that face-to-face confrontation between these two adversaries was something I really felt was the centerpiece of the film.”

That being said, Thomas points out, “The actors were doing some pretty remarkable stuff, but Anne was having to do it backwards and in high heels, as they say. She did almost all of her stunts herself. It was an enormous undertaking, but she just attacked it with a kind of precision and an impressive level of commitment, and it really pays off in the movie.”

Struthers agrees. “Selina has to be tough enough to handle herself in any situation, and Anne did extraordinarily well. She was already a very good dancer, and dance and martial arts go hand-in-hand. She listened and learned fast and trained exceptionally hard right up to her last day of filming.”

Hathaway says, “I saw it less as a challenge and more as an opportunity to go to a place I had never been required to go before. I also had the benefit of an amazing team, including Tom and my stuntwoman, Maxine Whittaker, who could not have pushed me harder or been more supportive. I knew I was in great hands with them and with Chris. Coming into this role, I knew it was going to be some of the most exciting work I’d ever done and I was going to have the time of my life, but my expectations were far exceeded.”

**SELINA**

**My mother warned me about getting  
into cars with strangers.**

**BRUCE**

**This isn't a car.**

One of the challenges of playing Catwoman was riding the Bat-Pod, the two-wheeled street machine that made its debut in “The Dark Knight.” Designed by Chris Nolan and production designer Nathan Crowley, the Bat-Pod was made a reality by special effects supervisor Chris Corbould and his team.

The Bat-Pod sports the same monster truck tires as those on the original Batmobile—better known in the *Dark Knight* trilogy as the Tumbler. Although it looks



rather unwieldy, the Bat-Pod is fast and maneuverable, as well as fully equipped with blast cannons, 50-caliber machine guns and grappling hook launchers.

The Bat-Pod is street-worthy but not easy to ride, requiring strength and a specific technique to control it. During the making of “The Dark Knight,” the only one who could actually drive it was professional stunt rider Jean-Pierre Goy. Goy did return to ride the Bat-Pod for scenes in “The Dark Knight Rises.” However, he did have one obvious drawback, as Hathaway relates: “I was standing there with Chris, looking at the Bat-Pod, and he was telling me about Jean-Pierre and how he’s the only person in the world who can drive it. And I turned to him and said, ‘Can he look like a woman?’”

Struthers had the exact same thought, noting, “There’s no way that a man would ride the Bat-Pod the same way as a woman. But we found the right lady for the job.”

Professional motocross racer and stunt rider Jolene Van Vugt—the first female ever to backflip a full-size dirt bike—came on board to double Hathaway when Catwoman hits the streets of Gotham on the Bat-Pod. “I was beyond excited when I got the call,” Van Vugt recalls. “When they asked me if I thought I could ride it, I said, ‘You give me the opportunity, and I guarantee I can do it.’ The biggest hurdle was getting used to the body position because of the way you have to lean forward. It was just a matter of finding my balance and building up my comfort level, but within a few hours I was racing around, having fun.”

Corbould did make some adjustments to the Bat-Pod to allow for a female rider. “It’s a heavy machine, so we remade some of the frame in aluminum, including the whole front end, to make it lighter and give Jolene a chance to do some spectacular maneuvers,” he says.

The Bat-Pod and the Tumbler have given Batman both mobility and firepower on the streets of Gotham, but in this film, he can finally go “wheels up,” thanks to Lucius Fox’s latest contribution to his arsenal: The Bat. Nolan and Crowley collaborated on the design of the state-of-the-art airborne machine, which borrows elements of an Apache attack helicopter, an Osprey prop jet, and a Harrier jump jet. And, naturally, it had to come in black.

In keeping with the idea that The Bat was an invention of Wayne Enterprises Applied Science Division, Crowley says, “We took the approach that this would be a credible military project, and that gave us a good basis. From a design standpoint, the most important thing was that The Bat fit into the same family as our Batmobile. Initially,

it was a matter of finding the shape; we went through many different design sketches before I began modeling something.”

Nolan adds, “From a function perspective, the idea was a double-bladed chopper, where the rotors are configured underneath the vehicle and the air is channeled down through the vents above. It has flaps and louvers that change its aerodynamics and allow it to maneuver around buildings.”

Chris Corbould details, “There are a lot of moving parts: the cockpit opens; the aerial flaps all operate; and it has working rotors and lights. It’s nearly 30 feet long and 17 feet wide and weighs about 3,000 pounds; it’s a big piece of machinery. We employed a variety of different methodologies to make The Bat ‘fly,’ because Chris’s mantra is he wants to do as much as possible before letting CGI take over. So we had it supported on wires, running along high lines, suspended from cranes or helicopters, and mounted on a specially constructed vehicle fitted with hydraulic controls.”

Corbould admits that the one concession they had to make was that The Bat could not take off and soar on its own. “To get something like that off the ground was beyond our capabilities. I’d be a very rich man if I could build something like that that could actually fly,” he laughs.

**SELINA**

**There’s a storm coming, Mr. Wayne.**

The gripping action of “The Dark Knight Rises” is ignited in mid-flight, with the skyjacking of a CIA plane carrying a man named Dr. Pavel, who is obviously someone of value to the U.S. government, as well as others with less savory intentions. This is where we first meet Bane, who proves what an ingenious and utterly ruthless villain he is. Just as Bane is revealed, a huge C-130 Hercules transport plane approaches from above, and four terrorists, suspended on cables, rappel out of the cargo bay. Landing on the wings of the CIA’s turboprop and shooting out the windows, they then tether the plane to the Hercules, rendering the smaller aircraft powerless.

Given Nolan’s preference for doing as much in-camera as possible, most of the prologue was actually shot in mid-air over Inverness, Scotland. From start to finish, it was a coordinated, multi-departmental feat of timing and precision.

Planning of the high-altitude prologue began months in advance, primarily to ensure everyone’s safety. Executive producer Kevin De La Noy attests, “A lot of what

we do either pushes the envelope or punches right through it, but we're always very careful because safety margins are put there for all the right reasons.”

Prior to filming in live action, the visual effects team, led by supervisor Paul Franklin, created an animatic—a low-resolution computer animation of the scene—so the different departments could analyze what would or would not work. Franklin says, “Through our initial pre-visualization, we could figure out what was going to be stunts, what was going to be special effects, and what would require visual effects. It really helped all the departments to understand what their part would be in the finished sequence.”

Tom Struthers went to great measures to eliminate risks to the aerialists who would be dropping from the C-130 onto the turboprop. The stunt coordinator recounts, “To my knowledge, it's never been done—where four people flew out of the back of an aircraft on separate lines and land on another plane. So we did a great deal of testing with dummies and different kinds of rigs before we ever put an actual person up. We had emergency procedures in place to allow them to cut away and parachute to the ground, which thankfully were never necessary. The guys who did it were fantastic.”

There were also preparations being done on the ground, where the fuselage of the CIA plane would eventually fall to earth. Everything was cleared from the area, to ensure that there was no threat to people or wildlife. The weather also cooperated, giving the filmmakers clear skies.

When everything was in place, Nolan and cinematographer Wally Pfister caught all the action from a helicopter that had to match air speeds with the two planes. The best testament to the efficiency and expertise of those involved was that the entire sequence—which was originally scheduled to take up to nine days—was accomplished in two. “It was a ride for us, and I think it will be for the audience as well,” Nolan says.

The struggle unfolding inside the turboprop plane was filmed at Cardington, a converted airship hangar north of London. Corbould's team constructed the fuselage of the plane on a gimbal, which was able to tip the aircraft from horizontal to vertical and rapidly roll it from side to side, severely testing the equilibrium of the cast and crew.

“I don't know why on Chris's sets we always end up tumbling around or turning upside down,” Pfister says, only half-joking. “Logistically, it makes for quite a challenge when you're shooting it, but it also makes for a great bit on film.”

The film's prologue was shot entirely with IMAX cameras, which were utilized throughout the production, including on all of the major action scenes. “I love working

with the IMAX cameras,” states Nolan, “because it adds scale and broadens the tableau of the image. We learned a lot with our use of the cameras on ‘The Dark Knight,’ so we were able to refine our techniques to give us better exposure and so forth. There was a lot of technical innovation, which enabled us to take it to the next level.”

Pfister affirms, “IMAX is a very immersive format in both picture and sound because of the way the image is filling your vision and how the sound hits you from all around the theatre. We spent about six months working with Panavision and IMAX to retool the viewfinder on the cameras and craft new lenses, which allowed us to shoot in very low-light conditions. With those advancements, we were able to do things we couldn’t do on the previous film.”

Filming in low light was especially important for “The Dark Knight Rises” because a number of crucial scenes take place underground, including those in the Batcave.

With Wayne Manor—and therefore the original Batcave—destroyed in the first film, Bruce Wayne had temporarily moved his base of operations to the Bat-Bunker. However, the mansion was rebuilt with the inclusion of a new Batcave, which echoes design elements of both earlier sets.

Nathan Crowley, who teamed with fellow production designer Kevin Kavanaugh on this film, explains, “Chris and I pondered how to mix the Batcave and the Bat-Bunker, which is incredibly geometric and modern and everything is cleanly recessed into the walls. It occurred to us that we could carry over the same idea by flooding the Batcave so everything is hidden underwater. When you enter, it’s just a cave, but you press a button and up come these perfect cubes that hold different objects, from the Batsuit to a super computer.”

Nolan offers, “It’s a terrific combination of the tactile reality of the Batcave and the functionality of the Bat-Bunker.”

The Bat-Bunker was again erected at Cardington. However, the new Batcave set, complete with working waterfalls, was constructed on Stage 30 of Sony Studios in Culver City, California. The soundstage was ideal because it contains a water tank that can hold more than 720,000 gallons of water.

Currents of water were also a main feature of Bane’s base of operations, found in the sewer system beneath Gotham City. The set was constructed at Cardington, where the cavernous space allowed the production to build tunnels leading to a concrete and corrugated steel structure, several stories high. In lighting the set, Pfister says, “I suggested we use heavily overexposed lights to turn it into something that feels like an

arena. So we have these really bright points of light that go to stark white and help to establish the harshness of the environment.”

Cardington also housed an even more imposing multi-leveled set: a hellish prison, which, apart from being beneath the ground, is a far cry from Bane’s lair. The prison is a rough-hewn labyrinth of stone cells in a vast abyss. The barred doors of the cells are unlocked because there is only one escape: an impossibly high vertical shaft leading to the surface. There were actually two shafts constructed at Cardington, the taller being 120 feet high.

Exteriors above the prison were filmed in Jodhpur, India, where the forbidding landscape added to the desolation.

In sharp contrast to the remote location, the exterior of palatial Wayne Manor was an existing mansion found in Nottingham, England. Although Bruce fulfilled his promise to rebuild the house “brick for brick,” the interior was designed to be more sterile, a house rather than a home.

In the first two movies, Chicago had doubled as Gotham City, but for the conclusion of the trilogy, three separate cities stood in for Gotham: Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and New York. In a few sequences, the action overlapped locations, beginning in one city and seamlessly transitioning to another. Pfister says, “It was extremely challenging in terms of continuity. We were shooting in different cities, in different seasons, at different times of day, so it required an enormous amount of planning to match the lighting and make sure everything made sense. It all had to be mapped out very carefully with Chris and the location managers to figure out precisely when we were going to shoot on what streets.”

In Pittsburgh, more than 11,000 extras flocked to Heinz Field for the scene in which Bane kicks off his revolution with an explosive show of force. The home of the city’s beloved Steelers football team became the gridiron of the Gotham Rogues, who sported the black and gold colors of the stadium’s real-life resident team. Executive producer Thomas Tull is also a co-owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, so he was proud to see them represented, even fictionally, in the film.

A number of Pittsburgh Steelers stars were drafted to “play” for the Gotham Rogues. On the opposing side, the current Mayor of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstahl, joined in the game, playing the kicker for the Rapid City Monuments.

Emma Thomas notes, “When you’ve been working on a movie for a few months, you might start to think you’re the center of the universe. Then you bring in the Steelers

with the Pittsburgh fans, and you see a whole new level of stardom. It was thrilling to have them there that day.”

“We had a great time in Pittsburgh,” Nolan adds. “Everyone was extraordinarily welcoming to us, especially considering we were shutting down entire sections of the city for weeks at a time. That really helped us to achieve a lot of shots that would have been virtually impossible to do anywhere else.”

The production took advantage of the fact that the turf of the stadium was scheduled to be replaced for the approaching football season. Corbould’s special effects department strategically placed explosives that were detonated along the field. A platform was built on top of the existing surface to give a player on the Gotham Rogues a running lane and to give the illusion that the players chasing behind him were falling into the growing chasm. The collapsing field and resulting crater were rendered digitally by Paul Franklin’s visual effects team.

In Los Angeles, a number of notable sites were used for interior sets, including the L.A. Convention Center, which was turned into the Applied Science Division of Wayne Enterprises; historic Union Station, which became a makeshift courtroom; and a building on South Spring Street, which was transformed into the trading floor of the stock exchange.

The exterior of the stock exchange was appropriately located in the financial hub of Wall Street in New York City. Over two weekends, the production closed down the entire financial district to shoot two of the film’s climactic confrontations, involving main cast, stunt teams, and several thousand extras. There were ultimately 600 stunt people engaged in the action, so in order to teach everyone the carefully choreographed moves, Struthers had them all broken down into groups and then sub-divided into smaller units.

“Filming on a location like Wall Street is always going to be logistically complex, particularly with the sheer number of people we had,” Nolan says. “We had tremendous cooperation from the city, and everything went very smoothly, which is a testament to everyone involved. I’ve been very lucky to have found excellent people to work with on these films, in all departments. I know I can rely on them to offer valuable input and always give me their best, and that makes my job much easier.”

The final weeks of principal photography were spent in New York City, where locations included the Trump Tower, which served as the exterior of Wayne Enterprises, and the Queensboro Bridge, the upper span of which was closed for two days for filming,

including a shot of Batman overlooking the city he was willing to sacrifice everything to protect.

Nolan states, “Gotham has always drawn a lot from New York. It’s a heightened version of it, but that was always the inspiration, hence the name Gotham. So I felt that we should get more of New York into this film, specifically because ‘The Dark Knight Rises’ is very much about Gotham...more than the previous two films have been.”

From people to places, the themes of the film are all captured in the movie’s score. The music was composed by Hans Zimmer, marking his fourth collaboration with Nolan, including all three *Dark Knight* films. “It’s a joy and a privilege to work on these movies and to work with somebody like Chris Nolan, who invites comments and welcomes your observations.”

For this final installment, Zimmer included echoes of the earlier scores, but, he says, “We went in a completely different direction for Bane. I wanted to use a big symphony orchestra, but I said to them, ‘I’m going to make you unlearn everything you’ve learned. I’m going to treat you as if you were a primeval drum circle.’ And it turned out to be very liberating for them, like a musical adventure,” he smiles.

Zimmer also prominently incorporated a chant into the music associated with Bane, which became, for the composer, an opportunity to reach out to fans to participate in the film’s soundtrack. People were invited to send in their chants via UJAM—a website that can be used to compose, produce, and publish music—and thousands responded from all over the globe. Submissions were then synched to create the haunting chant heard in the film. Zimmer recalls, “I suggested to Chris that this was a way to give something back to the fans and let them be a real part of this world. There was some question about if it would work, but it all came together beautifully.”

Nolan remarks, “I have never worked with someone so dedicated to the idea that the real risk is in playing it safe. Hans taught me that you sometimes have to go in what appears to be the wrong direction to discover all the possibilities, and that without exploring those possibilities you can never do anything truly exceptional. He sets creative goals for every film that are higher than you ever thought practical...or even reachable.”

Zimmer says that, like the character, the theme accompanying Selina Kyle is “full of ambiguity, which is far more interesting than just being bad or good. Chris’s movies always contain a certain amount of ambiguity, and I try to put some of that into the music.”

The one musical thread spanning all three films is the music Zimmer composed for Bruce Wayne. “He’s got the simplest of themes; it’s just a little two-note motif that never quite resolves,” he describes. “I always wanted the music to somehow pose the question of ‘what if’ for Bruce. But I do think that this movie leads to a sort of resolution—that those same two notes have shifted and now provide an answer.”

Reflecting on the completion of the *Dark Knight* trilogy, Christian Bale says, “It was very bittersweet when I took off the cowl for last time, because it’s meant so much to me personally to play this character. It never stopped giving me goose bumps to stand in that suit, because I recognize the honor of having portrayed this icon. And I can’t help but feel immensely proud.”

Christopher Nolan concludes, “Bruce Wayne’s story has fascinated people for more than 70 years because it’s a *great* story. We were thrilled to bring our interpretation of this legend to the screen with these three films. It has been an extremely gratifying experience. We are very proud of this ending, and we hope the audience shares our excitement.”

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## ABOUT THE CAST

**CHRISTIAN BALE** (Bruce Wayne/Batman) was born in Wales and grew up in England and the USA. He made his film debut in Steven Spielberg's World War II epic "Empire of the Sun."

His film work to date also includes "Henry V," "The Portrait of a Lady," "The Secret Agent," "Metroland," "Velvet Goldmine," "All the Little Animals," "American Psycho," "Laurel Canyon," "The Machinist," "Batman Begins," "The New World," "The Prestige," "Harsh Times," "Rescue Dawn," "3:10 to Yuma," "I'm Not There," "The Dark Knight," "Public Enemies," "The Fighter," and "The Flowers of War."

Audiences will next see him in Terrence Malick's "Knight of Cups," and he recently completed filming "Out of the Furnace."

**MICHAEL CAINE** (Alfred), a two-time Academy Award® winner, has appeared in more than 100 films in a career spanning over half a century. He first played the role of Bruce Wayne's loyal butler, Alfred, in the 2005 hit, "Batman Begins," which also marked his first collaboration with director Christopher Nolan. He returned to the part in the 2008 blockbuster "The Dark Knight." "The Dark Knight Rises" marks Caine's fifth collaboration with Nolan. He has also acted under Nolan's direction in "The Prestige," for which he won a London Film Critics' Circle Award for Best Supporting Actor, and 2010's most talked-about film, "Inception."

Caine's upcoming films include Louis Leterrier's thriller "Now You See Me," with Morgan Freeman, and "Mr. Morgan's Last Love," based on the novel *La Douceur Assassine* by Françoise Dorner, in which he plays the title role under the direction of Sandra Nettelbeck.

Caine won his first Oscar®, for Best Supporting Actor, for his work in Woody Allen's "Hannah and Her Sisters," for which he also received Golden Globe and BAFTA Award nominations. He took home his second Best Supporting Actor Oscar® for his role in Lasse Hallström's "The Cider House Rules," also winning a Screen Actors Guild Award® and earning Golden Globe and BAFTA Award nominations.

He has garnered four more Oscar® nominations for Best Actor, the first coming in 1966 for the title role in "Alfie," for which he also received a Golden Globe nomination and a New York Film Critics Award. He earned his second Oscar® nod, in addition to a

Golden Globe nomination and an Evening Standard Award, for the part of Milo Tindle in 1972's "Sleuth," opposite Laurence Olivier. His role in "Educating Rita" brought him his third Oscar<sup>®</sup> nomination, as well as Golden Globe and BAFTA Awards. He gained his latest Oscar<sup>®</sup>, Golden Globe and BAFTA Award nominations for his work in 2002's "The Quiet American," for which he also won a London Film Critics' Circle Award. In addition, Caine won Golden Globe and London Film Critics' Circle Awards and received a BAFTA Award nomination, all for Best Supporting Actor, for "Little Voice."

Caine was born Maurice Micklewhite in South London in 1933 and developed an interest in acting at an early age. Upon his discharge from the Queen's Royal Regiment and Royal Fusiliers in 1953, he began pursuing his career. Taking his stage name from the title "The Caine Mutiny," he toured Britain in a variety of plays and began appearing in British films and television shows.

In 1964, Caine landed his first major film role as Lieutenant Gonville Bromhead in "Zulu." The following year, he starred in the hit thriller "The Ipcress File," earning his first of 37 BAFTA Award nominations for his portrayal of secret agent Harry Palmer. However, it was his Oscar<sup>®</sup>-nominated performance in the seminal '60s film "Alfie" that catapulted Caine to international stardom. He went on to star in eleven more films during the late '60s, including "The Ipcress File" sequels, "Funeral in Berlin" and "Billion Dollar Brain"; "Gambit," earning a Golden Globe nomination; "Hurry Sundown"; "Woman Times Seven"; "Deadfall"; "The Magus"; "The Italian Job"; and "Battle of Britain."

Over the next two decades, Caine had diverse roles in more than 40 films, including Robert Aldrich's "Too Late the Hero"; "X, Y and Zee," opposite Elizabeth Taylor; John Huston's "The Man Who Would Be King"; "Harry and Walter Go to New York"; Richard Attenborough's "A Bridge Too Far"; the Neil Simon comedy "California Suite"; Brian De Palma's "Dressed to Kill"; John Huston's "Victory"; Sidney Lumet's "Deathtrap"; Stanley Donen's "Blame It on Rio"; John Frankenheimer's "The Holcroft Covenant"; Neil Jordan's "Mona Lisa"; and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," for which he received a Golden Globe nomination.

Continuing to work almost non-stop, Caine has since starred in such films as "Blood and Wine," "Quills," "Miss Congeniality," "Austin Powers in Goldmember," "The Weather Man," "Children of Men," and "Harry Brown," in the title role. His most recent films include "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," and he also lent his voice to the animated features "Cars 2" and "Gnomeo & Juliet."

Apart from his work onscreen, Caine wrote an autobiography entitled *What's It All About?*, as well as *Acting on Film*, a book based on a series of lectures he gave on BBC Television. His latest memoir, *The Elephant to Hollywood*, was published in 2010 by Henry Holt and Co. in the United States.

In the 1992 Queen's Birthday Honours, Caine was awarded the Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C.B.E.). Eight years later, he received his knighthood.

**GARY OLDMAN** (Commissioner Gordon) has been a legendary presence on the screen for more than 25 years and is known to millions worldwide for his embodiment of some of cinema's most iconic characters. In addition to Commissioner Jim Gordon, he has portrayed such wide-ranging and unforgettable roles as Harry Potter's beloved godfather, Sirius Black; Dracula; Beethoven; Lee Harvey Oswald; Sid Vicious; and John le Carré's ultimate spy, George Smiley, in an Oscar®-nominated performance.

Oldman is one of the highest-grossing actors at the global box office, having appeared in a number of the most successful films of all time, including the top-grossing *Harry Potter* franchise. He originated the part of Sirius Black in 2004's "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," and reprised his role in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," and the record breaking finale, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2."

He first played Jim Gordon in Christopher Nolan's 2005 hit "Batman Begins." Oldman returned to the role of Batman's crime-fighting ally in 2008's billion dollar blockbuster "The Dark Knight."

In 2011, Oldman portrayed master spy George Smiley in the film version of John le Carré's "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy." In addition to an Oscar® nomination, Oldman's performance was recognized with a nomination for BAFTA Award nomination, a British Independent Film Award nomination, and an Empire Award, all for Best Actor.

He has repeatedly been honored for his work on the screen, including the 2011 Empire Icon Award, bestowed for a lifetime of outstanding achievements; the Gotham Awards' Career Tribute Award; and the International Star of the Year Award at the Palm Springs Film Festival.

Oldman began his acting career on the stage in 1979, and for the next few years he worked exclusively in the theatre. From 1985 through 1989, he performed at London's Royal Court. His earliest onscreen work includes the BBC films "Meantime," for director Mike Leigh, and "The Firm," directed by the late Alan Clarke.

He followed with such features as “Sid & Nancy”; “Prick Up Your Ears,” directed by Stephen Frears; Tom Stoppard’s “Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead”; “State of Grace”; “JFK,” for director Oliver Stone; and the title role in “Bram Stoker’s Dracula,” directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Among Oldman’s many other credits are “True Romance,” directed by Tony Scott; “Romeo is Bleeding”; the Luc Besson-directed films “The Professional” and “The Fifth Element”; “Immortal Beloved”; “Murder in the First”; “The Scarlett Letter,” directed by Roland Joffé; “Lost in Space”; Wolfgang Petersen’s “Air Force One,” as the terrorist who hijacked the plane of the President, played by Harrison Ford; and “The Book of Eli.”

In 1995, with manager/producing partner Douglas Urbanski, he formed a production company, which subsequently the highly acclaimed “Nil by Mouth,” marking Oldman’s directing and writing debut. The film was selected to open the main competition for the 1997 50th Anniversary of the Cannes Film Festival, where Kathy Burke won Best Actress and Oldman was nominated for a Palme d’Or. Among the film’s other honors, Oldman won the prestigious Channel 4 Director’s Prize at the Edinburgh Film Festival; an Empire Award; a BAFTA Award, shared with Urbanski, for Best Film; and a BAFTA Award for Best Original Screenplay.

In 2000, Oldman starred in the political drama “The Contender,” which he and Urbanski also produced. The film, which also starred Joan Allen, Jeff Bridges, Christian Slater and Sam Elliott, received a number of award recognitions, including two Oscar® nominations.

**ANNE HATHAWAY** (Selina Kyle) was honored with an Academy Award® nomination for Best Actress for her performance in Jonathan Demme’s critically acclaimed drama “Rachel Getting Married.” For her work in the film, Hathaway also earned Golden Globe, Independent Spirit Award and Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Award® nominations, and also won the National Board of Review, Chicago Film Critics Association, and Critics’ Choice Awards for Best Actress. She more recently received another Golden Globe nomination, for Best Actress in a Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical, for her role in Edward Zwick’s “Love and Other Drugs,” opposite Jake Gyllenhaal.

Later this year, Hathaway stars as Fantine in Tom Hooper’s much-anticipated feature film adaptation of the beloved musical “Les Misérables,” opening in December.

Hathaway made an auspicious feature film debut with a starring role in Garry Marshall's 2001 hit comedy "The Princess Diaries," and reprised her role in "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement." Her early film credits also include Douglas McGrath's screen rendition of Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby" and the title role in "Ella Enchanted."

In 2005, Hathaway co-starred with Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger in Ang Lee's groundbreaking drama "Brokeback Mountain," and was nominated with her castmates for a SAG Award® nomination for Outstanding Motion Picture Cast. The following year, she received widespread acclaim for her performance in the smash hit "The Devil Wears Prada," opposite Meryl Streep.

Hathaway has also starred in such diverse films as Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland"; "Valentine's Day," which reunited her with Garry Marshall; Gary Winick's "Bride Wars"; Rodrigo Garcia's "Passengers"; Peter Segal's "Get Smart"; the Jane Austen biopic "Becoming Jane"; "Havoc"; and "The Other Side of Heaven." In addition, she lent her voice to the animated hit features "Rio" and "Hoodwinked!," and, in 2010, won an Emmy for Outstanding Voice-Over Performance for the role of Princess Penelope on an episode of "The Simpsons."

Hathaway's theatre credits include Shakespeare in the Park's 2009 production of "Twelfth Night"; Lincoln Center's Encores! presentation of "Carnival," for which she won a 2002 Clarence Derwent Award; Andrew Lloyd Webber's workshop of "Woman in White"; and "Forever Your Child." She also participated in the 2005 celebration gala for Stephen Sondheim's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In January 2005, Hathaway traveled to Cambodia on behalf of the documentary "A Moment in the World," organized by Angelina Jolie. The project placed approximately 25 participants in various locations on a specific day, each instructed to videotape their surroundings at the same specific moment in time.

Born in New York, Hathaway studied acting at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey and at the award-winning Barrow Group in New York City, where she was the first and only teen ever admitted to their intensive acting program. In 2005, she was honored for her achievements by the Barrow Group. She also studied in the musical theatre program with the Collaborative Arts Project, CAP 21, affiliated with NYU. An accomplished dancer, she studied at the Broadway Dance Center in New York City. Additionally, she performed in two concerts at Carnegie Hall as a member of the All-

Eastern US High School Honors Chorus. She began her professional career on television on the series "Get Real."

**TOM HARDY** (Bane) is currently in production on George Miller's new post-apocalyptic actioner, in which he takes on the role of Mad Max, opposite Charlize Theron. He will next be seen in the crime drama "Lawless," which premiered at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival.

Hardy previously collaborated with director Christopher Nolan in the thought-provoking 2010 thriller "Inception," alongside an international cast led by Leonardo DiCaprio. He recently also starred in the boxing drama "Warrior," with Nick Nolte and Joel Edgerton, and the thriller "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy," with Gary Oldman.

Hailing from Great Britain, Hardy began his screen career when he was plucked straight from London's Drama Centre for a role in HBO's award-winning World War II miniseries "Band of Brothers," executive produced by Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg. He made his feature film debut in Ridley Scott's war drama "Black Hawk Down," followed by the sci-fi adventure "Star Trek: Nemesis."

In 2008, Hardy delivered a powerhouse performance in the title role of the drama "Bronson," for which he won a British Independent Film Award, and earned nominations for a London Film Critics' Circle Award and an Evening Standard Film Award, all in the category of Best Actor.

On television, Hardy received a BAFTA TV Award nomination for Best Actor for his performance in the HBO movie "Stuart: A Life Backwards." He also portrayed Heathcliff in the 2009 ITV production of "Wuthering Heights." His work on the small screen also includes the telefilms "Oliver Twist," "A for Andromeda," "Sweeney Todd," "Gideon's Daughter," and "Colditz," as well as the BBC miniseries "The Virgin Queen."

Hardy has also starred in numerous plays in London's West End, including "Blood" and "In Arabia We'd All Be Kings," winning the Outstanding Newcomer Award at the 2003 Evening Standard Theatre Awards for his work in both productions. For the latter play, he was also nominated for a 2004 Olivier Award. In 2005, Hardy starred in the London premiere of Brett C. Leonard's "Roger and Vanessa." Rufus Norris' adaptation of "Festen," at the Almeida; "The Modernists," at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre; "The Man of Mode," for the National Theatre; and the 2010 world premiere of Leonard's "The Long Red Road," directed by Philip Seymour Hoffman at Chicago's Goodman Theatre.

**MARION COTILLARD** (Miranda Tate) won a Best Actress Academy Award® for her performance in “La Vie en Rose,” making her the first actress to earn an Oscar® for a performance in the French language. For her captivating portrayal of legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf in that film, Cotillard also won a BAFTA Award, a Golden Globe and a César Award, and received Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Award® and Critics’ Choice Award nominations.

“The Dark Knight Rises” marks the second collaboration for Cotillard and Christopher Nolan. She previously worked under Nolan’s direction in the 2010 hit thriller “Inception,” opposite Leonardo DiCaprio.

This fall, Cotillard will be seen Guillaume Canet’s comedy/drama “Little White Lies;” and the drama “Rust & Bone,” which screened at the 2012 Cannes Film Festival. Recently, Cotillard completed production on the as-yet-untitled drama, directed by James Gray and also starring Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Renner; as well as the crime drama “Blood Ties,” which reunited her with director Guillaume Canet.

Cotillard first gained attention for her work in the successful French “Taxi” film series, written by Luc Besson, for which she received a César Award nomination. She was introduced to American moviegoers with her role in Tim Burton’s 2003 fantasy drama “Big Fish,” and also starred that year in Yann Samuell’s “Love Me If You Dare.” Cotillard won her first César Award, for Best Supporting Actress, for her performance in Jean-Pierre Jeunet’s “A Very Long Engagement.” She went on to star in a number of French films, as well as Ridley Scott’s “A Good Year.”

In 2009, Cotillard starred in Michael Mann’s “Public Enemies” and Rob Marshall’s screen adaptation of the hit musical “Nine.” For her role in the latter, she received Golden Globe and Critics’ Choice Award nominations, in addition to sharing in a SAG Award® nomination for Outstanding Motion Picture Cast. Her additional film credits include Steven Soderbergh’s thriller “Contagion,” as well as Woody Allen’s acclaimed romantic comedy “Midnight in Paris,” for which she shared in a SAG Award® nomination for Outstanding Motion Picture Cast with Owen Wilson, Kathy Bates, Rachel McAdams.

In 2010, Cotillard was named a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters, for her contribution to the enrichment of French culture. Born in Paris, she studied drama at Conservatoire d’Art Dramatique in Orléans.

**JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT** (John Blake) is one of today's busiest actors and has also been showcasing his talents behind the camera. Following "The Dark Knight Rises," he stars in three more films due out this year: the thriller "Premium Rush," for writer/director David Koepp; Rian Johnson's sci-fi thriller "Looper," which he stars in with Emily Blunt and Bruce Willis and also executive produced; and the Steven Spielberg-directed biopic "Lincoln," playing Robert Todd Lincoln. In addition, Gordon-Levitt is currently making his feature film directorial debut on the comedy "Don Jon's Addiction," which he also wrote and stars in with Scarlett Johansson and Julianne Moore.

Gordon-Levitt recently earned his second Golden Globe nomination in the category of Best Actor in a Motion Picture – Comedy or Musical for his performance in the comedy/drama "50/50," in which he starred with Seth Rogen, Anna Kendrick and Bryce Dallas Howard. He previously garnered Golden Globe and Independent Spirit Award nominations for his work in the award-winning sleeper hit "(500) Days of Summer," opposite Zooey Deschanel.

In 2010, Gordon-Levitt starred in Christopher Nolan's hit thriller "Inception," joining an international all-star cast, including Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page and Tom Hardy. He also played the title role in the independent drama "Hesher," which premiered at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival.

His broad range of film credits also include the global action hit "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," for director Stephen Sommers; Spike Lee's World War II drama "Miracle at St. Anna"; Kimberly Peirce's controversial drama "Stop-Loss"; and the crime drama "The Lookout," which marked Scott Frank's directorial debut. In addition, Gordon-Levitt has received widespread praise for his performances in such independent features as John Madden's "Killshot"; Lee Daniels' "Shadowboxer"; Rian Johnson's award-winning debut film, "Brick"; "Mysterious Skin," for writer/director Gregg Araki; and "Manic," with Don Cheadle.

Early in his career, Gordon-Levitt won a Young Artist Award for his first major role, in Robert Redford's drama "A River Runs Through It." He went on to co-star in "Angels in the Outfield," "The Juror," "Halloween H20" and "10 Things I Hate About You."

Gordon-Levitt is also well known to television audiences for his starring role on NBC's award-winning comedy series "3<sup>rd</sup> Rock from the Sun." During his six seasons on the show, he won two YoungStar Awards and also shared in three Screen Actors Guild Award® nominations for Outstanding Comedy Series Cast. Following the series, Gordon-Levitt took a short break from acting to attend Columbia University.



Gordon-Levitt founded and directs an open collaborative production company called hitRECORD.org comprised of an online community of thousands of artists from all over the world. Through the site, more than 40,000 participants have had the opportunity to team together to create short films, music, art or stories. The company has presented evenings of short film and live entertainment at the Sundance and South by Southwest Film Festivals; toured some of the country's top colleges; published the *Tiny Book of Tiny Stories* (released by Harper Collins in December 2011); and last fall released a DVD/book/CD called *RECollection Volume 1*.

A budding writer/director in the more traditional sense, as well, Gordon-Levitt adapted the Elmore Leonard story "Sparks" into a 24-minute short film. Marking his directorial debut, the short screened at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival.

**MORGAN FREEMAN** (Lucius Fox) won an Academy Award® for Best Supporting Actor for his role in Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby," for which he also won a Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Award® and received a Golden Globe nomination. In 2009, he reunited with Eastwood to star in the director's true-life drama "Invictus," on which Freeman also served as an executive producer under his Revelations Entertainment banner. For his portrayal of Nelson Mandela in the film, Freeman garnered Oscar®, Golden Globe and Critics' Choice Award nominations, and won the National Board of Review Award for Best Actor.

Freeman has been honored with three additional Oscar® nominations, the first for his chilling performance in the 1987 drama "Street Smart," which also brought him Los Angeles Film Critics, New York Film Critics, and National Society of Film Critics Awards, and an Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Actor, as well as his first Golden Globe Award nomination. He earned his second Oscar® nomination and won Golden Globe and National Board of Review Awards for Best Actor for the 1989 film "Driving Miss Daisy," in which he recreated his award-winning off-Broadway role. He gained his third Oscar® nod, as well as Golden Globe and SAG Award® nominations, for his performance in Frank Darabont's 1994 drama "The Shawshank Redemption." Among his many other accolades, Freeman was named a Kennedy Center Honoree in 2008, and, in 2011, was honored with the 39<sup>th</sup> AFI Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the Golden Globe Awards.

In “The Dark Knight Rises,” Freeman reprises the role he played in Christopher Nolan’s “Batman Begins” and “The Dark Knight.” Freeman has several films upcoming, including the thriller “Now You See Me,” under the direction of Louis Leterrier, and the science fiction actioner “Oblivion,” in which he stars with Tom Cruise.

Freeman’s long list of film credits also includes “Dolphin Tale”; “RED”; Rob Reiner’s “The Bucket List,” opposite Jack Nicholson; Robert Benton’s “Feast of Love”; Ben Affleck’s “Gone Baby Gone”; Lasse Hallström’s “An Unfinished Life”; the Jet Li actioner “Unleashed”; the comedy “Bruce Almighty” and its sequel, “Evan Almighty”; “The Sum of All Fears”; “Along Came a Spider”; “Nurse Betty”; “Deep Impact”; Steven Spielberg’s “Amistad”; “Kiss the Girls”; David Fincher’s “Se7en”; “Glory”; “Lean on Me”; “Harry & Son,” directed by and starring Paul Newman; and “Brubaker.” He also lent his distinctive voice to such projects as Spielberg’s “War of the Worlds” and the Oscar®-winning documentary “March of the Penguins.”

In 1993, Freeman made his directorial debut on “Bopha!” and soon after formed Revelations Entertainment. Other Revelations productions include “Levity,” “Under Suspicion,” “Mutiny,” “Along Came a Spider,” “Feast of Love,” “10 Items or Less” and “Maiden Heist.”

The Memphis-born actor began his career on the stages of New York in the early 1960s, following a stint as a mechanic in the Air Force. A decade later, he became a nationally known television personality when he created the popular character Easy Reader on the acclaimed children’s show “The Electric Company.”

Throughout the 1970s, he continued his work on stage, winning Drama Desk and Clarence Derwent Awards and receiving a Tony Award nomination for his performance in “The Mighty Gents” in 1978. In 1980, he won two Obie Awards, for his portrayal of Shakespearean anti-hero Coriolanus at the New York Shakespeare Festival and for his work in “Mother Courage and Her Children.” Freeman won another Obie in 1984 for his performance as The Messenger in the acclaimed Brooklyn Academy of Music production of Lee Breuer’s “The Gospel at Colonus” and, in 1985, won the Drama-Logue Award for the same role. In 1987, Freeman created the role of Hoke Coleburn in Alfred Uhry’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play “Driving Miss Daisy,” which brought him his fourth Obie Award. In 1990, Freeman starred as Petruchio in the New York Shakespeare Festival’s “The Taming of the Shrew,” opposite Tracey Ullman. Returning to the Broadway stage in 2008, Freeman starred with Frances McDormand and Peter Gallagher in Clifford Odett’s drama “The Country Girl,” directed by Mike Nichols.

## ABOUT THE FILMMAKERS

**CHRISTOPHER NOLAN** (Director/Screenwriter/Producer) is an award-winning filmmaker who has been recognized for his work as a director, writer and producer.

“The Dark Knight Rises” is Nolan’s conclusion to his trilogy of films, which began in 2005 with “Batman Begins,” starring Christian Bale in the title role. Lauded by critics and audiences alike, Nolan’s film re-imagined the classic *Batman* movie franchise and made the iconic hero relevant to our time. In 2008, Nolan directed, co-wrote, and produced “The Dark Knight,” which went on to gross more than a billion dollars at the global box office and received worldwide critical acclaim. Nolan was nominated for a Directors Guild of America Award (DGA), Writers Guild of America Award (WGA) and Producers Guild of America Award (PGA). The film also received eight Academy Award® nominations.

In 2010, Nolan captivated audiences with the acclaimed sci-fi thriller “Inception,” which he directed and produced from his own original screenplay. The thought-provoking drama was a worldwide blockbuster, earning more than \$800 million dollars and becoming one of the most discussed and debated films of the year. Among its many honors, “Inception” received four Academy Awards® and eight nominations, including Best Picture and Best Screenplay. Nolan was recognized by his peers with DGA and PGA Award nominations, as well as a WGA Award win for his work on the film.

Currently, Nolan is producing the much anticipated Superman movie “Man of Steel,” which is being directed by Zack Snyder and is slated for release on June 14, 2013.

Born in London, Nolan began making movies at an early age with his father’s Super-8mm camera. While studying English Literature at University College London (UCL), he shot 16mm films at UCL’s film society, where he learned the guerrilla film techniques he would later use to make his first feature, “Following.” The noir thriller was recognized at a number of international film festivals prior to its theatrical release.

Nolan’s second film was the independent feature “Memento,” which he directed from his own screenplay, based on a short story by his brother Jonathan. Starring Guy Pearce, the film brought Nolan numerous honors, including Academy Award® and Golden Globe Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay; Independent Spirit Awards for Best Director and Best Screenplay; and a DGA Award nomination. Nolan

went on to direct the critically acclaimed psychological thriller, “Insomnia,” starring Oscar® winners Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank.

Additionally, Nolan directed, co-wrote and produced the mystery thriller “The Prestige,” starring Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman as magicians whose obsessive rivalry leads to tragedy and murder. The film received Academy Award® nominations for its outstanding period art direction and cinematography.

Nolan currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife, producer Emma Thomas, and their children. Nolan and Thomas also helm their own production company, Syncopy.

**JONATHAN NOLAN** (Screenplay) earned an Academy Award® nomination for Best Original Screenplay for the acclaimed noir drama “Memento,” which was based on his intriguing short story “Memento Mori” and also marked his first feature film writing credit. The Oscar® nomination was shared with his brother, Christopher Nolan, who also directed the feature. In addition, the brothers won the Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival for the film, which also won a number of other screenplay honors, including an Independent Spirit Award and several critics groups’ awards.

They subsequently teamed on the screenplay for the mystery thriller “The Prestige,” about a bitter rivalry between two magicians with tragic consequences. Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale and Scarlett Johansson starred in the film, under Christopher’s direction.

Jonathan Nolan then collaborated with Christopher on the screenplay for the 2008 blockbuster “The Dark Knight,” for which they received a Writers Guild of America Award nomination. Christopher Nolan directed the film, which earned more than a billion dollars globally.

For television, Nolan created and is executive producing the hit drama series “Person of Interest,” starring Jim Caviezel and Michael Emerson. The show was recently picked up for its second season on CBS, beginning this fall.

Nolan was born in London and grew up in the Chicago area.

**DAVID S. GOYER** (Story) teamed with Christopher Nolan on the screenplay for the billion-dollar blockbuster “The Dark Knight,” for which they earned a Writers Guild of America Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay. He and Nolan first

collaborated on the screenplay for “Batman Begins,” which successfully brought the iconic character back to his origins. Goyer more recently scripted the upcoming “Man of Steel,” based on a story he conceived with Nolan and slated for release on June 14, 2013.

Goyer has earned a stellar reputation for telling character-driven stories adapted from the otherworldly realms of superheroes, fantasy and the supernatural. His breakout came in 1998 when he wrote the action hit “Blade,” starring Wesley Snipes, based on the Marvel Comics vampire hunter who is, himself, half-vampire. He then wrote 2002’s “Blade II,” on which he also served as an executive producer. In 2004, he directed, wrote and produced the last of the trilogy, “Blade: Trinity.”

In 2002, Goyer made his feature film directorial debut with the drama “ZigZag,” which he also wrote the screenplay based on the acclaimed novel by Landon Napoleon. His other directing credits include “The Invisible,” starring Justin Chatwin and Marcia Gay Harden, and the hit supernatural thriller, “The Unborn,” based on his own original screenplay and starring Odette Yustman and Gary Oldman.

In addition to screenwriting, Goyer’s writing credits include his first novel, *Heaven’s Shadow*, co-written with Michael Cassutt. Written as a trilogy, the story centers around the discovery of an object of unknown origin headed toward Earth. The second novel, *Heaven’s War*, was just released.

He made his debut in video games with the story for the smash hit, “Call of Duty: Black Ops,” and penned the story for the upcoming “Call of Duty: Black Ops 2.” His love of comic books also led to a four-year stint actually writing one for DC Comics. He is a co-writer of *The Justice Society*, which was one of DC’s biggest hits.

Goyer is currently in production on his latest television series, “Da Vinci’s Demons,” on which he serves as creator, writer, director and executive producer. A co-production of Starz Entertainment and BBC Worldwide, the show will focus on the complex life of Leonardo Di Vinci.

**EMMA THOMAS** (Producer) is a producer who has been recognized for her work on a number of critically acclaimed films.

Thomas concludes her role as a producer on the *Batman* film franchise with “The Dark Knight Rises.” The feature is Christopher Nolan’s final chapter to the trilogy of films, which began in 2005 with “Batman Begins,” starring Christian Bale in the title role. In 2008, Thomas produced Nolan’s “The Dark Knight,” which shattered box-office

records, grossing more than one billion dollars worldwide. Thomas was honored with her first Producers Guild of America (PGA) Award nomination for her work on the film. “The Dark Knight” went on to receive eight Academy Award® nominations and nine BAFTA Award nominations, among many others.

In 2010, Thomas received an Oscar® nomination as a producer on the widely acclaimed sci-fi thriller “Inception,” which was written and directed by Christopher Nolan. Earning more than \$800 million dollars at the worldwide box office, the film garnered numerous honors, receiving four Academy Awards® and four more Oscar® nominations, as well as four Golden Globe nominations and nine BAFTA Award nominations, all including Best Picture. Thomas also received a PGA Award nomination.

Currently, Thomas is producing Zack Snyder’s much-anticipated “Man of Steel,” which brings Superman back to the big screen in June 2013.

Thomas studied at the prestigious University College London before beginning her career at Working Title Films in physical production. During her five years with the company, Thomas gained a solid foundation in film production, which later helped her segue into producing.

The turning point in Thomas’ career came when she produced the independent feature “Following.” Shot on a shoestring budget and on weekends over the course of a year, the noir thriller captured the art of guerilla filmmaking at its best. Prior to its release, the film went on to gain recognition at film festivals around the world and received international distribution.

Next, Thomas worked on the internationally acclaimed independent film “Memento,” as an associate producer. The film went on to win a number of awards, including an Independent Spirit Award, a British Independent Film Award, and several critics groups’ awards for Best Film. On the heels of this success, Thomas co-produced her first major studio release, the hit psychological thriller “Insomnia,” starring Oscar® winners Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank.

In 2005, Thomas produced Nolan’s “Batman Begins,” followed by the thriller “The Prestige,” starring Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman as two magicians whose jealous obsessions lead to tragedy and murder. The Christopher Nolan-directed film earned two Academy Award® nominations, for Best Art Direction and Best Cinematography.

Thomas lives in Los Angeles with husband Christopher Nolan and their children, and is currently developing additional projects under the banner of their company, Syncopy.

**CHARLES ROVEN** (Producer), a co-founder of Atlas Entertainment, has enjoyed success as a distinguished producer of both independent and major motion pictures in a career spanning more than 30 years. The slate of films he has produced has generated billions of dollars in revenues. In 2008, he was honored with the ShoWest Producer of the Year Award and was also named Filmmaker of the Year at the Dubai International Film Festival. Roven's next release, "Man of Steel," brings the iconic superhero Superman back to the big screen, under the direction of Zack Snyder. Roven is producing the film together with Christopher Nolan, Emma Thomas and Deborah Snyder. Slated to open on June 14, 2013, "Man of Steel" stars Henry Cavill, Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Kevin Costner, Lawrence Fishburne, Diane Lane, and Russell Crowe.

Roven first teamed with Christopher Nolan and Emma Thomas to produce the 2005 hit "Batman Begins," which re-imagined the origins of the Batman legend and starred Christian Bale in the title role. Three years later, Roven reunited with Nolan and Thomas to produce the critically acclaimed "The Dark Knight," which went on to gross more than a billion dollars at the global box office.

Roven more recently produced the dramatic thriller "The International," starring Clive Owen and Naomi Watts, under the direction of Tom Tykwer, and Dominic Sena's period fantasy adventure "Season of the Witch," starring Nicolas Cage. His other recent credits include the action comedy "Get Smart," directed by Peter Segal and teaming Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway as Maxwell Smart and Agent 99; Roger Donaldson's crime thriller "The Bank Job"; the musical "Idlewild," starring Outkast's Andre Benjamin (Andre 3000) and Antwan Patton (Big Boi); and "The Brothers Grimm," directed by Terry Gilliam and starring Matt Damon and Heath Ledger.

Roven previous producing credits encompass a broad range of films, including the worldwide box office smash "Scooby-Doo," followed by the sequel "Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed"; the highly acclaimed post-Gulf War tale "Three Kings," starring George Clooney; the widely praised romantic fantasy hit "City of Angels," which earned more than \$200 million at the worldwide box office; and Terry Gilliam's "Twelve Monkeys," starring Bruce Willis and Brad Pitt in an Oscar<sup>®</sup>-nominated and Golden Globe-winning performance.

Roven's success has not just been limited to film production. In 1990, with partner Robert Cavallo, Roven co-founded Roven/Cavallo Entertainment (RCE), the

predecessor to Atlas Entertainment. In addition to producing films, the company guided the trajectories of some of the largest names in music, including multi-Grammy-winning recording artists Green Day, Alanis Morissette, Seal, Weezer, Savage Garden, LeAnn Rimes, All American Rejects, and Paula Abdul. Roven was also a board member of Dick Clark Productions from 2002 until 2006, participating in its acquisition by Mosaic Media Group, and, in 2006, served as chairman of the committee that negotiated its sale to Red Zone Capital.

**BENJAMIN MELNIKER** (Executive Producer) has had a longstanding relationship with DC Comics. Together with his producing partner, Michael E. Uslan, he has been a part of all of the *Batman* film and direct-to-DVD projects, including serving as an executive producer on Christopher Nolan's hit features "The Dark Knight" and "Batman Begins."

Earlier, Melniker served as an executive producer on the Tim Burton-directed movies "Batman," starring Michael Keaton and Jack Nicholson, and "Batman Returns," starring Keaton, Michelle Pfeiffer and Danny DeVito. He subsequently executive produced Joel Schumacher's "Batman Forever," starring Val Kilmer, Jim Carrey and Tommy Lee Jones, and "Batman & Robin," starring George Clooney and Arnold Schwarzenegger. He also produced the animated "Batman: Mask of Phantasm" and the Annie Award-winning "Batman Beyond: Return of The Joker," and more recently served as executive producer on such titles as "Batman: Year One," "Superman/Batman: Apocalypse," "Batman: Under the Red Hood," "Superman/Batman: Public Enemies," and "Batman: Gotham Knight."

In addition, Melniker was a producer on Francis Lawrence's thriller "Constantine," based on the DC Comics/Vertigo *Hellblazer* graphic novels and starring Keanu Reeves; an executive producer on Frank Miller's action thriller "The Spirit," based on the comic book by Will Eisner, and starring Samuel L. Jackson, Scarlett Johansson and Eva Mendes; an executive producer on "Catwoman"; and an associate producer on "National Treasure."

Melniker began his film career at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and worked with the esteemed studio for 30 years: he was General Counsel and Executive Vice President of the company, a member of its Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, and Chairman of its Film Selection Committee. During his tenure at MGM, he was also involved with some of the most memorable films ever made, including "Ben-Hur,"



starring Charlton Heston; David Lean's "Dr. Zhivago"; Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey"; and the musical "Gigi," directed by Vincente Minnelli.

In 1975, Melniker executive produced his first film, the action drama "Mitchell," followed by the 1976 thriller "Shoot," starring Cliff Robertson and Ernest Borgnine. He was then a producer on Wes Craven's "Swamp Thing" and its sequel, "The Return of Swamp Thing."

Melniker has also achieved success in the world of television, with credits including the children's series "Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?," for which he won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Animated Children's Program; "Harmful Intent," based on the book by Robin Cook; the series "Fish Police," "Swamp Thing" and "Dinosaucers"; and the acclaimed PBS miniseries "Three Sovereigns for Sarah," based on the true story of the Salem Witch Trials.

**MICHAEL E. USLAN** (Executive Producer) has enjoyed a long association with DC Comics. Together with his longtime producing partner, Benjamin Melniker, Uslan has been involved in all of the films in the *Batman* franchise, as well as other film and direct-to-DVD projects based on DC Comics titles. His new memoir is *The Boy Who Loved Batman*, published in hardcover by Chronicle Books.

He was previously an executive producer on Christopher Nolan's hits "The Dark Knight" and "Batman Begins." Prior to that, he served as an executive producer on Tim Burton's "Batman" and "Batman Returns," starring Michael Keaton, as well as the subsequent *Batman* and *Batman*-related movies. In addition, Uslan produced the thriller "Constantine," starring Keanu Reeves under the direction of Francis Lawrence, and "The Spirit," based on the comic book by Will Eisner.

His other credits as an executive producer include the animated video titles "The Dark Knight Returns, Part 1 and Part 2," "Batman: Year One," "Superman/Batman: Apocalypse," "Batman: Under the Red Hood," "Superman/Batman: Public Enemies," "Batman: Gotham Knight," "Batman: Sub-Zero," "Batman: Mystery of The Batwoman," "The Batman vs. Dracula," "Batman: Mask of The Phantasm," and "Batman Beyond: Return of The Joker," for which he won an Annie Award. Additionally, he was an associate producer on the blockbuster "National Treasure."

Also a successful television producer, Uslan won an Emmy Award for the popular children's series "Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego?" which he executive produced. His additional television producing work includes "Harmful Intent," based on Robin

Cook's novel, and the acclaimed PBS miniseries "Three Sovereigns for Sarah," based on the true story of the Salem Witch Trials.

A renowned authority on comic book mythology and history, Uslan, at Indiana University, taught the world's first accredited college course on comic books, also writing the accompanying textbook, *The Comic Book in America*. It was not long before he received a job offer from DC Comics, where he fulfilled his dream to write *Batman* comic books, *Detective Comics*, and, more recently, the hardback graphic novel *Batman: Detective #27* and *Batman: Black & White*. He turned the entire comic book world on its head in 2010 when he wrote the historic *Archie Marries*, in which, after 70 years, Archie finally chose between Betty and Veronica.

Uslan has since written for a number of comic titles, as well as dozens of books that chronicle the history of comics, including *America At War – A History of War Comics*, *Mysteries in Space – A History of Science Fiction Comics*, and *The Pow! Zap! Wham! Comic Book Trivia Quiz Book*. His additional writing credits include the internationally syndicated newspaper comic strip *Terry and the Pirates*; a comic book project with Stan Lee, titled *Just Imagine*; and *Dick Clark's The First 25 Years of Rock and Roll*. His upcoming film producing projects include "Doc Savage"; "Madame Carr," based on the book *Land of a Thousand Hills*; and "The Boy Who Loved Batman," based on his newly published memoir.

Uslan was recently presented with CINE's motion picture industry Trailblazer Award by Senator Patrick Leahy, himself an avid *Batman* and comic book fan and collector. Known for his lectures and motivational speaking, Uslan has spoken at West Point, The Smithsonian Institution, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and The United Nations. His commencement address at his alma mater, Indiana University, was named by *USA Today* as one of the top ten graduation speeches of all time.

**KEVIN DE LA NOY** (Executive Producer) previously collaborated with Christopher Nolan as executive producer on the worldwide blockbuster "The Dark Knight."

His more recent producing credits include "Clash of the Titans" and its sequel, "Wrath of the Titans," both starring Sam Worthington; and the crime drama "Public Enemies," starring Johnny Depp. In 2006, he served as an executive producer on the drama "Blood Diamond," starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly and Djimon

Hounsou, under the direction of Edward Zwick. He had earlier collaborated with Zwick as the unit production manager on “The Last Samurai.”

De La Noy also co-produced on Richard Donner’s sci-fi thriller “Timeline,” and was an associate producer on Steven Spielberg’s award-winning World War II drama “Saving Private Ryan.”

In addition, he held the post of the unit production manager on such hits as “Ali,” “Titanic,” “Braveheart,” “Mission: Impossible” and “Mission: Impossible II.” His film work also includes serving as the production supervisor on “The Power of One” and as the location manager on such films as “The Ghost and the Darkness,” “Black Beauty,” “The Secret Garden” and “1492: Conquest of Paradise.” He has also worked as an assistant director on a wide range of features.

**THOMAS TULL** (Executive Producer) is Chairman and CEO of Legendary Pictures and has achieved great success in the co-production and co-financing of event movies. Since its inception in 2004, Legendary Pictures, a division of leading media company Legendary Entertainment with film, television and comics divisions, has teamed with Warner Bros. Pictures on such theatrical hits as Zack Snyder’s “300,” and “Watchmen,” as well as Christopher Nolan’s “Batman Begins” and the award-winning phenomenon “The Dark Knight,” which earned in excess of one billion dollars worldwide.

More recently, this highly successful partnership produced such films as Ben Affleck’s “The Town”; Christopher Nolan’s award-winning blockbuster “Inception”; the worldwide hit “Clash of the Titans” and its sequel, “Wrath of the Titans”; and Todd Phillips’ “The Hangover” and “The Hangover Part II,” which are the highest-grossing R-rated comedies of all time.

Legendary’s upcoming films slated for release in 2013 include “The Hangover Part III”; Guillermo del Toro’s “Pacific Rim”; Bryan Singer’s “Jack the Giant Killer”; Zack Snyder’s “Man of Steel”; “Seventh Son,” starring Jeff Bridges; the Jackie Robinson biopic “42”; and a new chapter in the “300” saga. Legendary is also developing a number of film projects in-house, including “Godzilla” and “Gravel,” to name only a few.

Before forming Legendary, Tull was President of The Convex Group, a media and entertainment holding company headquartered in Atlanta, on whose Board of Directors he also served. Tull is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Film Institute (AFI) and the Board of Directors of Hamilton College, his alma

mater, and Carnegie Mellon University. He serves on the board of the San Diego Zoo and is a minority partner in the six-time Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

**WALLY PFISTER** (Director of Photography) won an Academy Award<sup>®</sup> for Best Cinematography for his work on Christopher Nolan's hit action thriller "Inception." For that film, he also received a BAFTA Award nomination, won several critics groups' awards, and was recognized by his peers with an American Society of Cinematographers (ASC) Award. He previously earned Oscar<sup>®</sup> nominations for his collaborations with Nolan on "Batman Begins," the period thriller "The Prestige," and the record-breaking 2008 blockbuster "The Dark Knight," for which he also received a BAFTA Award nomination.

Earlier, Pfister had earned an Independent Spirit Award nomination for his work on Nolan's compelling drama "Memento," which marked their first collaboration. He also lensed the director's 2002 thriller "Insomnia."

His additional credits as a director of photography include Bennett Miller's baseball drama "Moneyball"; "The Italian Job," directed by F. Gary Gray; and the independent features "Laurel Canyon" and "Scotland, PA."

Following a number of years directing television commercials, Pfister is set to make his feature film directorial debut with an as-yet-untitled drama, on which Christopher Nolan will serve as executive producer.

**NATHAN CROWLEY** (Production Designer) earned Academy Award<sup>®</sup> nominations for his design work on the period drama "The Prestige" and the blockbuster "The Dark Knight," for which he also received a BAFTA Award nomination. He previously received a BAFTA Award nomination for "Batman Begins." In addition, Crowley garnered an Art Directors Guild (ADG) Award for "The Dark Knight," as well as nominations for "Batman Begins" and "The Prestige." He first teamed with Nolan on the director's crime thriller "Insomnia," starring Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank.

Crowley received another ADG Award nomination for his design work on Michael Mann's "Public Enemies." His additional film credits include the sci-fi adventure "John Carter"; the romantic drama "The Lake House"; the biopic "Veronica Guerin," directed by Joel Schumacher; the war drama "Behind Enemy Lines"; and Barry Levinson's Ireland-set comedy "An Everlasting Piece."

He previously served as an art director on such films as “Mission: Impossible II,” directed by John Woo; Richard Donner’s “Assassins”; Alan J. Pakula’s “The Devil’s Own”; and “Braveheart,” directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

In addition to his film work, Crowley was the production designer on the BBC television series “The Ambassador.”

**KEVIN KAVANAUGH** (Production Designer) previously collaborated with production designer Nathan Crowley as an art director on the Christopher Nolan-directed films “The Dark Knight,” for which they won an Art Directors Guild Award, and “The Prestige.” He also teamed with Crowley on the romantic drama “The Lake House.”

He made his debut as a production designer on Drew Barrymore’s feature film directorial debut, “Whip It,” and then served as the production designer on “Going the Distance,” in which she also starred. He more recently designed the comedy “Casa de mi Padre,” starring Will Ferrell.

Kavanaugh graduated from San Francisco State University, where he first became interested in film design while working part-time at American Zoetrope studios during the making of “The Godfather: Part III” and “Bram Stoker’s Dracula.” Francis Ford Coppola’s production designer on those films, Tom Sanders, offered Kavanaugh his first art department job on the film “Maverick,” marking the beginning of a long collaboration, during which he rose from art department coordinator to assistant art director on “Saving Private Ryan,” and to art director on the films “Mission: Impossible II,” “We Were Soldiers” and “Eagle Eye.” His subsequent credits as an art director include “Transformers,” “Mission: Impossible III,” “Must Love Dogs,” “8 Mile,” “Clockstoppers” and “The Fast and the Furious.”

**LEE SMITH** (Editor) earned Academy Award<sup>®</sup>, BAFTA Award and Eddie Award nominations for his work on Christopher Nolan’s “The Dark Knight,” and, more recently, a BAFTA Award nomination for his work on Nolan’s “Inception.” He and Nolan also collaborated on “Batman Begins” and “The Prestige.”

Smith has also enjoyed a long association with director Peter Weir, earning an Academy Award<sup>®</sup> nomination for his editing work on Weir’s “Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World,” for which he also received an Eddie Award nomination. Smith most recently reunited with Weir for the fact-based drama “The Way Back.” Smith had earlier served as editor and sound designer on Weir’s “The Truman Show,”

“Fearless” and “Green Card”; an additional editor on “Dead Poets Society”; and an associate editor and sound designer on “The Year of Living Dangerously,” which began their collaboration.

Hailing from Australia, Smith won an Australian Film Institute (AFI) Award for Best Editing on Gregor Jordan’s “Two Hands,” on which he was also the sound designer. As a sound designer, he also won an AFI Award and earned a BAFTA Award nomination for his work on Jane Campion’s “The Piano,” and won an AFI Award for Phillip Noyce’s “Dead Calm.”

Smith’s credits as an editor also include “X-Men: First Class,” “The Rage in Placid Lake,” “Black and White,” “Buffalo Soldiers,” “Risk,” “Joey,” “RoboCop 2,” “Communion” and “Howling III.”

**HANS ZIMMER** (Composer) is one of the film industry’s most influential composers, whose career spans three decades and encompasses well over 100 films. Zimmer earned his ninth Academy Award® nomination, for his score for Christopher Nolan’s 2010 blockbuster “Inception,” which also brought him Golden Globe and BAFTA Award nominations.

He previously collaborated with Nolan on “Batman Begins” and the record-breaking hit “The Dark Knight,” earning a BAFTA Award nomination for his score for the latter. He is currently composing the score for the upcoming “Man of Steel,” directed by Zack Snyder and slated to open in June 2013.

Zimmer’s most recent credits include the animated hit “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted,” Guy Ritchie’s “Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows,” and Rob Marshall’s “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.”

In 1994, Zimmer won both an Oscar® and a Golden Globe Award for his score for the animated smash hit “The Lion King,” which spawned a hugely successful soundtrack album.

Zimmer has also garnered six Oscar® nominations for his previous scores, including for such films as “Gladiator,” “The Thin Red Line,” and “Rain Man.” In addition, he won a Golden Globe Award and earned Grammy and BAFTA Award nominations for “Gladiator,” and has also received seven more Golden Globe nominations, for his composing work on such films as “Frost/Nixon” and “The Prince of Egypt.”

In 2003, ASCAP presented the composer with the prestigious Henry Mancini Award for Lifetime Achievement, recognizing his extraordinary body of work. In 2010, he

was named the Composer of the Year at the Hollywood Film Festival and also received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

**LINDY HEMMING** (Costume Designer) won an Academy Award® for her Gilbert & Sullivan-era costume designs for “Topsy-Turvy,” directed by Mike Leigh. She has also been Leigh’s costume designer of choice on the films “Meantime,” “Naked,” “Life is Sweet” and “High Hopes.”

Hemming previously collaborated with Christopher Nolan on the worldwide blockbusters “Batman Begins” and “The Dark Knight,” earning a BAFTA Award nomination for the latter.

She also served as the costume designer on several James Bond films, beginning in 1995 with “GoldenEye,” directed by Martin Campbell, and continuing with Roger Spottiswoode’s “Tomorrow Never Dies,” Michael Apted’s “The World is Not Enough,” Lee Tamahori’s “Die Another Day,” and Campbell’s “Casino Royale.” Hemming earlier received a BAFTA Award nomination for her work on Mike Newell’s hit “Four Weddings and a Funeral.”

Hemming’s wide range of film credits also include “Clash of the Titans”; Campbell’s “Edge of Darkness”; “Lara Croft: Tomb Raider” and its sequel, “Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life”; “Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,” directed by Chris Columbus; Sally Potter’s “The Man Who Cried”; “The Trench,” starring Daniel Craig; Mark Herman’s “Little Voice” and “Blame It on the Bellboy”; “The Brave,” directed by and starring Johnny Depp; Bob Rafelson’s “Blood & Wine”; Peter Chelsom’s “Funny Bones” and “Hear My Song”; Stephen Gyllenhaal’s “Waterland”; Peter Medak’s “The Krays”; Jon Amiel’s “Queen of Hearts”; Stephen Frears’ “My Beautiful Laundrette”; David Hare’s “Wetherby”; Richard Eyre’s “Laughterhouse”; and Bill Forsyth’s “Comfort & Joy.”

Hemming was nominated for a BAFTA TV Award for her work on the telefilm “Porterhouse Blue.” Her television credits also include the longform projects “Running Late,” “Dancing Queen” and “All Things Bright and Beautiful.”

Prior to designing costumes for the screen, Hemming was a costume designer in the theatre. She worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre of Great Britain, and on many productions in London’s West End.

**CHRIS CORBOULD** (Special Effects Supervisor) won an Academy Award® and a BAFTA Award for Best Achievement in Visual Effects for his work as the special

effects supervisor on Christopher Nolan's "Inception." He previously earned Academy Award® and BAFTA Award nominations for the effects in Nolan's "The Dark Knight," and a BAFTA Award nomination for Nolan's "Batman Begins." Corbould also gained a BAFTA Award nomination for his work on "Quantum of Solace," which marked his twelfth James Bond film. Following completion of "The Dark Knight Rises," he served as the special effects supervisor and splinter unit director on the next Bond film, "Skyfall," due out this November.

He began working on Bond films as a technician on "The Spy Who Loved Me" and worked his way up through the ranks. He has served as the special effects supervisor on all of the Bond films since "Goldeneye," for which Corbould received his first BAFTA Award nomination. He also received a BAFTA Award nomination for the effects in "Casino Royale," which became the most successful film in the history of the franchise.

His other film credits as special effects supervisor include "John Carter"; "X-Men: First Class"; Stephen Sommers' "The Mummy," which also brought him a BAFTA Award nomination; "102 Dalmations"; and "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" and its sequel, "The Cradle of Life."

**PAUL FRANKLIN** (Visual Effects Supervisor) won both Oscar® and BAFTA Awards for Best Achievement in Visual Effects as the visual effects supervisor on Christopher Nolan's "Inception." He previously garnered both Oscar® and BAFTA Award nominations for Best Achievement in Visual Effects as the visual effects supervisor on Nolan's blockbuster "The Dark Knight," and earlier received a BAFTA Award nomination for his visual effects work on "Batman Begins."

He has also served as a visual effects supervisor on two Harry Potter films: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" and "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

Franklin graduated from Oxford University, where he studied Fine Art, specializing in sculpture and experimenting with film and video. The graphics and effects he created for a series of short films caught the attention of the London visual effects community, leading to work in television advertising and feature films.

In 1998, Franklin joined with a group of equally experienced visual effects artists to form Double Negative Visual Effects. Starting with an initial core team of ten, the



company has grown to be one of the world's leading visual effects studios, employing more than a thousand people worldwide.

**TOM STRUTHERS** (Stunt Coordinator) first worked with director Christopher Nolan as an assistant stunt coordinator on "Batman Begins." He then served as a stunt coordinator on Nolan's "The Dark Knight," under Paul Jennings, followed by "Inception," on which he was the sole stunt coordinator.

Struthers began his career as a stuntman, working on such major productions as "Troy," the "Lara Croft" films, "The Island," "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines," "Vertical Limit," "The Mummy," "Saving Private Ryan," "Titanic" and "Braveheart."

He progressed to stunt supervisor on Chris Weitz's "The Golden Compass" and Edward Zwick's "Blood Diamond," and to assistant stunt coordinator on Steven Spielberg's "Munich."

Since becoming a stunt coordinator, Struthers has held that post on such films as "John Carter"; "X-Men: First Class"; Dominic Sena's thriller "Season of the Witch," on which he was also the second unit director; and McG's "Terminator Salvation."

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