

TEEN TITANS GO! TO THE MOVIES (2018)

- July 27th, 2018
- 1 hr 33 minutes
- \$10 million USD (estimated)
- Directed by Aaron Horvath, Peter Rida Michail
- Written by Michael Jelenic, Aaron Horvath
- Production company: Warner Bros. Animation, DC Entertainment
- Rated PG for action and rude humor

QUICK THOUGHTS

- Marisa Serafini
- Phil Svitek
- Demetri Panos

DEVELOPMENT

- First theatrically released traditionally animated Warner Bros. film since Clifford's Really Big Movie (2004) 14 years prior
- The first Teen Titans series to get its own big screen feature film.
- The film is being released in July 2018, which marks the 15th anniversary of the original Teen Titans (2003) series.
- On September 25, 2017, Warner Bros. Pictures announced the film and its release date of July 27, 2018, with the show's cast reprising their roles
- The film was released in theaters on July 27, 2018, by Warner Bros. Pictures
- The film was also shown at the San Diego Comic-Con International on July 20, 2018
- The events of the film take place during the fifth season of *Teen Titans Go!*

TEEN TITANS SERIES

- *Teen Titans Go!* is an American animated television series airing in the U.S. on Cartoon Network since April 23, 2013 and based on the DC Comics fictional superhero team. The series was announced following the popularity of DC Nation's New Teen Titans shorts
- Sporting a new animation style, *Teen Titans Go!* serves as a comedic spin-off with little to no continuity to the previous series or any other media in the DC Comics franchise. Many DC characters make cameo appearances and are referenced in the background
- The original principal voice cast returns to reprise their respective roles. This series explores what the Titans do when they are hanging out around the tower.
- On March 8, 2018, it was announced that the series had been renewed for a fifth season, which aired on June 25, 2018
- The production companies of the series are DC Entertainment and Warner Bros. Animation, with the animation outsourced to Canada at Copernicus Studios and Bardel Entertainment

WRITING (Michael Jelenic, Aaron Horvath)

- Michael Jelenic was born on May 12, 1977 in Los Angeles, California, USA as Michael Christopher Jelenic. He is a producer and writer, known for Batman: The Brave and the Bold (2008), Teen Titans Go! (2013) and The Batman (2004)

- Aaron Horvath was born on August 19, 1980 in California, USA as Aaron James Horvath. He is a writer and producer, known for Teen Titans Go! (2013), Teen Titans Go! To the Movies (2018) and Mad (2010)

STORY/TOPICS

- Commentary of superhero fad culture & movies
- Insider look at Hollywood

CAST:

- The film features the voices of Greg Cipes, Scott Menville, Khary Payton, Tara Strong and Hynden Walch reprising their respective roles from the series

SCOTT MENVILLE (Robin)

- Scott Menville was born on February 12, 1971 in Malibu, California, USA as Scott David Menville. He is known for his work on Teen Titans (2003), Teen Titans Go! (2013) and Lego Dimensions (2015)
- Ability to speak in a perennially adolescent-sounding voice

GREG CIPES (Beast Boy)

- Greg Cipes's 2nd theatrically released animated film. His first was The Wild (2006) released 12 years prior.
- Greg Cipes' first PG movie to release theatrically
- Best known for his supporting role as Dwight in Fast & Furious (2009) as well as his voice acting as 2012 Michelangelo in Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2012-2017) and Beast Boy in Teen Titans Go! (since 2013), Gregory Michael Cipes realized his calling as an entertainer early in life. Having been born and raised in South Florida to a family of 9 brothers and sisters, Greg's inspiration to join the entertainment business was drawn from his thespian grandparents and TV director father. After dozens of roles in children's theater and numerous national commercials, made his professional off-Broadway acting and singing debut, starring as Young Solomon in the production "The Rothschild's" at the age of 13. At 16 he wrote, recorded and self produced his first single and eventual South Florida dance club hit with his band "Cipes and the People", whose album has since sold 60,000 copies plus. His new band, "Super Space Fighters" has been touted by critics as being a fresh take on Rock and Roll by mashing the sounds of the likes of the Beatles, Grateful Dead and Bob Marley (I). Cipes's new band has just started playing festivals across the United States
- At the age of 17, Greg became nationally ranked as a Junior Professional surfer with an unheard of 13 corporate sponsors. He's been featured several surfing magazines, and has graced the cover of "Eastern Surf Magazine" while appearing in numerous advertising campaigns for his sponsors.
- Greg moved to Los Angeles in 2001, with nothing more than his beloved dog Timber, a guitar on his back, and a surfboard. Since, he has starred in over 30 feature films such as "Fast & Furious (2009)", "Vile (2011)", "John Tucker Must Die (2006)", "Simon Says(2006)", "Pledge This! (2006)", "The Onion Movie (2008)", "Club Dread (2004)". His television appearances include "Ghost Whisperer (2005)", "Cold Case (2003)", "Gilmore Girls (2000)", "Raines (2007)", "House (2004)", "Bones (2005)", "Without a Trace (2002)", "Samantha Who? (2007)". He has had recurring and series regular television roles on "The Middle (2009)", "Deadwood (2004)", "One on One (2001)", "True Blood (2008)" and

"Twentyfourseven (2006)", "Roseanne's Nuts (2011)", "CSI: Miami (2002)", "General Hospital (1963)" & "Anger Management (2012)

- Cipes has been dubbed the Crowned Prince of the Voiceover, having originally been discovered by 8 time Emmy Award-winning voice director Andrea Romano who cast Greg in his first cartoon role announcing "Greg has begun this ridiculously huge voice-over career." Greg is now the voice of his childhood idol Michelangelo in Nickelodeon's new global hit series Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2012). His animation roles have made him known universally in such immortal characterizations as "Beast Boy" in Teen Titans Go!(2013), "Kevin Levin" in Ben 10: Alien Force (2008), "Chiro" in Disney's "Super Robot Monkey Team Hyperforce Go!" (2004) , "Danny Rand/Iron Fist" in Ultimate Spider-Man(2012), "Caleb" in W.I.T.C.H. (2004), Atlas" in "Astro Boy" (2003), the unforgettable lion cub, "Ryan" in The Wild (2006) and recurring roles in Star Wars: The Clone Wars (2008) and Fish Hooks (2010) and Kick Buttowski: Suburban Daredevil (2010).
- Greg's latest projects include a bi weekly "speakeasy" concert of eclectic local bands called La La Land, which is held at the Hollywood lounge Bardot. As a celebration of the culture and community of Laurel Canyon, Greg has created and is hosting the 4th Annual "Love Street Festival", taking place in Laurel Canyon July 5th. Greg is also on the board of the "Kids Venice Basketball League Natural Leaders program" which is an outreach program based in Los Angeles where underprivileged youth are introduced to the practices and principles of organic gardening, Yoga, Surfing, sustainable living and meditation. He has started his own charity organization based in Los Angeles called "UnAmor" bringing homeless Children, the Elderly and dogs together. Greg continues to tour the world making autograph appearances, teaching meditation and playing music live at Comic cons

KHARY PAYTON (Cyborg)

- When the Titans run over Tiger, played by Michael Bolton, you can hear Cyborg sing Bolton's trademark "Yeah!"
- Khary Payton was born on May 16, 1972 in Augusta, Georgia, USA. He is an actor, known for The Walking Dead (2010), Teen Titans Go! (2013) and Astronaut: The Last Push(2012). He is married to Stacy Reed Payton. They have two children

TARA STRONG (Raven)

- Tara Strong announced on her Twitter that a season 6 of the original Teen Titans (2003) series could be possible depending on the success of the film.
- Tara Strong began her acting career at the age of 13 in Toronto, Canada. She landed several TV, film, and musical theater roles as well as her first lead in an animated series as the title role of "Hello Kitty." After a short run at Toronto's Second City theater company, she moved to Los Angeles with an extensive resume that included her own sit-com and well over 20 animated series. Upon arriving in Hollywood, she quickly made her mark in several TV and Film projects, such as "Party of Five," "National Lampoon's Senior Trip," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch," and more. She has an iconic voice-over career, including roles such as Bubbles in "The Powerpuff Girls," Timmy Turner in "The Fairly OddParents," Dil Pickles in "Rugrats," Raven in "Teen Titans," "Batgirl," "Family Guy," "Drawn Together," "Ben 10," Melody in "The Little Mermaid 2," "Spiritd Away," etc. She is Miss Collins on Nickelodeon's "Big Time Rush" and the current voice of "Harley Quinn." She is Emmy nominated, a Shorty Award winner, Twilight Sparkle in "My

Little Pony: Friendship is Magic" and currently playing "Unikitty" in the new hit series. She appeared in the Hallmark Christmas movie, "A Very Merry Toy Store." She has 350,000 twitter followers (@tarastrong) and has used her social media to raise several hundred thousand dollars for kids with cancer and animal rescue groups, as well as using her commanding voices for her anti-bullying platform. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband Craig Strong and their two sons.

HYNDEN WALCH (Starfire)

- Starfire is the only Titan that does not refer to Slade as Deadpool
- Hynden Walch was born on February 1, 1971 in Davenport, Iowa. She is an actress and writer known primarily for her work in Adventure Time, Teen Titans, Groundhog Day, and Batman Assault on Arkham. She started her professional acting career on stage at age 11. At 16 she attended the North Carolina School of the Arts, majoring in voice. As a high school senior, she was awarded as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts in drama. Hynden won the Outer Critics Circle Award for her performance as Little Voice in The Rise and Fall of Little Voice on Broadway. In 2005 she graduated summa cum laude from UCLA with a B.A. in American Literature and founded the Hillside Produce Cooperative, a free exchange of local, organically grown food, for which she was named runner up Citizen Entrepreneur of the Year by Global Green USA. Hynden has been married to Sean McDermott since 1999

WILL ARNETT(Slade)

- Will Arnett's 2nd time voice acting in a traditionally animated film. His first time was in the English dub of The Secret World of Arrietty (2010)
- In the comics, Slade's supervillain name is "Deathstroke". This name has never been used in a Teen Titans cartoon, because it was decided that a character with "Death" as part of his name should not be in a children's cartoon

KRISTEN BELL (Jade Wilson)

- Kristen Bell's 4th animated film, after Astro Boy (2009), Frozen (2013), and Zootopia(2016)

NICOLAS CAGE (Superman)

- Nicolas Cage's 3rd Warner Bros. animated film, after The Ant Bully (2006) and Astro Boy (2009)
- Was supposed to play Superman in Superman Lives

DIRECTING: (Aaron Horvath, Peter Rida Michail)

- Peter Rida Michail was born on January 11, 1977 in the USA. He is known for his work on Teen Titans Go! (2013), Teen Titans Go! To the Movies (2018) and The Mr. Men Show(2008)

TRIVIA

- First theatrically released traditionally animated Warner Bros. film since Clifford's Really Big Movie (2004) 14 years prior
- The sixth DC Comics animated film to be released theatrically, after Batman: Mask of the Phantasm (1993), Batman: The Killing Joke (2016), Batman: Return of the Caped

Crusaders (2016), The Lego Batman Movie (2017), and Batman and Harley Quinn (2017)

- The fourth theatrical film based on a Cartoon Network TV series, after The Powerpuff Girls Movie (2002) released 16 years prior, Star Wars: The Clone Wars (2008) 10 years prior, and The Lego Ninjago Movie (2017) a year before
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- Jor-El in this film is based on Marlon Brando as Jor-El in Superman (1978)
- Jimmy Kimmel's 5th time voice acting in a movie, after Road Trip (2000), Garfield (2004), The Smurfs 2 (2013) and The Boss Baby (2017)
- Only DC movie to feature Marvel elements such as the comic book opening, talking about characters from other universe(marvel) and it has an aftercredits clip

PRODUCTION/CINEMATOGRAPHY (Dan Hipp - Production Designer)

- A montage of flipping comic pages from the "The New Teen Titans" comic (#1, November 1980) appears at the beginning of the film. This is also a reference to Marvel Studios' flipping comic pages logo.
- During a post credit scene, the Teen Titans in their designs in the original Teen Titans (2003) appear, stating that "they may have found a way back".

EDITING/VFX (Nick Kenway)

- Known for Lilo & Stitch, 9, Penguins of Madagascar, upcoming Spongebob Movie

SOUND/MUSIC (Jared Faber)

- On March 12, 2018, it was announced that musicians Lil Yachty and Halsey were part of the cast
- Jared Faber is a Grammy Award-winning and Emmy Award-nominated composer for film & TV and also a songwriter/producer, often combining both skills on the same projects.
- 2018 is a breakout year for Jared. He penned the theme song for the upcoming Boss Baby Netflix series and his scoring projects include ABC's Splitting Up Together, Dreamworks' Captain Underpants (premiering on Netflix the summer of 2018), and he continues to serve as the songwriter for Teen Titans Go! series, now entering it's 5th season. Jared will jump to the big screen with the Teen Titans this summer, composing the songs and score for Teen Titans Go! To The Movies.
- A native New Yorker and alumnus of New York's famed High School of Performing Arts, Jared took an interest in music from an early age, immersing himself in the New York music scene, while studying and playing with the best that the city had to offer. After high school he continued his music education at Berklee College of music, studying jazz arranging and composition.
- In 2006 Jared traveled to Havana, Cuba to continue working on a project he had started with partner Kool Kojak. The two produced Urban Legend's critically acclaimed "Tranquilidad Cubana" released through Jared's own Blind Lemon Music label. Urban Legend was the first of many Latin projects Jared would become involved in, which ultimately lead to co-writing and co-producing an album for La Ley front man Beto Cuevas' 2012 release on Warner Latino, "Transformación" (which won the Latin Grammy for best Pop/Rock album in 2013). Jared also co-wrote the single for Alex Cuba's 2015 release "Healer" (winner of the Latin Grammy for best Singer/Songwriter album, nominated for a Grammy for best Latin Pop Album).

- More recently Jared is known as the composer for ABC's "Suburgatory", ABC's Selfie, and the animated film "Scooby-Doo & Kiss Rock & Roll Mystery." His composing credits also include "Clifford's Puppy Days" (which earned Faber an Emmy nomination), "Being Bobby Brown", Ice Cube's "Friday: the animated series", and "Emily's Reasons Why Not" starring Heather Graham.

PROMOTION

- On September 25, 2017, Warner Bros. Pictures announced the film and its release date of July 27, 2018, with the show's cast reprising their roles
- The film was released in theaters on July 27, 2018, by Warner Bros. Pictures, followed by a United Kingdom bow a week later
- It is scheduled to be released in Australia on September 13, 2018. An early screening was held on June 22 in Vidcon 2018, for both badge members and YouTubers
- The film was also shown at the San Diego Comic-Con International on July 20, 2018
- The film's theatrical release was preceded by *The Late Batsby*, a short film based on Lauren Faust's forthcoming *DC Super Hero Girls* television series
- On January 10, 2018, the film's first teaser trailer was released, and was attached to *Paddington 2*, *Peter Rabbit*, *Early Man* and *Sherlock Gnomes*. On May 18, 2018, a new trailer was released, and has played with *Show Dogs*, *Incredibles 2*, *Uncle Drew* and *Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation*

BOX OFFICE

- (As of August 1st, 2018)
- Domestic: \$14,890,018
- Foreign: \$1,400,000
- Worldwide: \$16,290,018
- Opening Weekend:
 - \$10,510,000
 - (#5 rank, 3,188 theaters, \$3,297 average)

RECEPTION

- Rotten Tomatoes: 90% Tatometer, 71% Audience
- Cinemascore: B+
- IMDb: 6.9/10
- IGN gave the film a score of 8.0/10, calling it a "gleefully unhinged deconstruction of superhero tropes that isn't afraid to take aim at the rest of DC's cinematic roster"
- Owen Gleiberman of *Variety* said "*Teen Titans GO!* is fun in a defiantly super way, and that's a recommendation,"
- *The Hollywood Reporter* wrote that "Considering the somberness that afflicts so many DC universe releases, the tongue-in-cheek, albeit admittedly juvenile humor of *Teen Titans Go! To the Movies* should come as a welcome relief to fans."
- GameSpot's Chris Hayner, while finding fault with what he deemed excessive toilet humor and some dragging in the film, said that "In a superhero movie landscape where the world is constantly being destroyed by massive CGI abominations, this is a refreshing change... it doesn't forget how funny and exciting these types of movies can be."

SEQUELS

- In a mid-credits scene, the Teen Titans from the 2003 series show up on a distorted screen telling the viewers that they "found a way back"
- Tara Strong announced on her Twitter that a season 6 of the original Teen Titans (2003) series could be possible depending on the success of the film