



**MARVEL STUDIOS BEGINS PRODUCTION ON
"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2"**

Principal Photography Begins in Atlanta for May 5, 2017 Release

ATLANTA, Ga. (February 17, 2016) – Marvel Studios has begun principal photography at Pinewood Studios in Atlanta, Georgia, on Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," which is slated to hit U.S. theaters on May 5, 2017. The production will shoot at Atlanta's Pinewood Studios.

"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" is written and directed by James Gunn ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Slither"). The film marks the return of the original Guardians, including Chris Pratt ("Jurassic World," "Guardians of the Galaxy") as Peter Quill/Star-Lord; Zoe Saldana ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Star Trek Into Darkness") as Gamora; Dave Bautista ("Spectre," "Guardians of the Galaxy") as Drax; Vin Diesel ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Furious 7") as the voice of Groot; Bradley Cooper ("Joy," "American Sniper") as the voice of Rocket; Michael Rooker ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Jumper") as Yondu; Karen Gillan ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "The Big Short") as Nebula; and Sean Gunn ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Gilmore Girls") as Kraglin. New cast members include Pom Klementieff ("Oldboy"), Elizabeth Debicki ("The Great Gatsby," "Everest"), Chris Sullivan ("The Knick," "The Drop") and Kurt Russell ("The Hateful Eight," "Furious 7").

Set to the all-new sonic backdrop of Awesome Mixtape #2, "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" continues the team's adventures as they unravel the mystery of Peter Quill's true parentage.

"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" is produced by Marvel Studios' president, Kevin Feige, with Louis D'Esposito, Victoria Alonso, Jonathan Schwartz, Nik Korda and Stan Lee serving as executive producers.

Director James Gunn's creative team also includes director of photography Henry Braham ("The Legend of Tarzan," "The Golden Compass"); production designer Scott Chambliss ("Star Trek," "Tomorrowland"); editors Fred Raskin ("The Hateful Eight," "Guardians of the Galaxy") and Craig Wood ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"); composer Tyler Bates ("Guardians of the Galaxy," "John Wick"); three time Oscar®-nominated costume designer Judianna Makovsky ("Captain America: Civil War," "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"); Oscar®-nominated visual effects supervisor Chris Townsend ("Avengers: Age of Ultron," "Iron Man 3"); stunt coordinator Tommy Harper ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales," "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"); co-producer / first assistant director Lars Winther ("Captain America: Civil War," "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"); and six-time Oscar® nominee, special effects supervisor Dan Sudick ("Captain America: Civil War," "The Avengers").

The original “Guardians of the Galaxy” was a hit with critics and audiences alike, earning over \$770 million at the worldwide box-office, and holds the record as the most successful debut film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. In addition, the film’s soundtrack went platinum and was nominated for a Grammy®.

Based on the Marvel comic characters first published in 1969, “Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ” continues the lineage of epic big-screen adventures chronicled in “Iron Man,” “The Incredible Hulk,” “Iron Man 2,” “Thor,” “Captain America: The First Avenger,” “The Avengers,” “Iron Man 3,” “Thor: The Dark World,” “Captain America: The Winter Soldier,” “Guardians of the Galaxy,” “Avengers: Age of Ultron,” “Ant-Man,” and the upcoming release schedule, which includes “Captain America: Civil War” on May 6, 2016; “Doctor Strange,” November 4, 2016; “Spider-Man,” July 7, 2017; and “Thor: Ragnarok” on November 3, 2017.

Marvel Studios continued its unprecedented success in 2015 with the release of “Avengers: Age of Ultron.” At the time of release, the film recorded the second biggest opening weekend of all time with a \$191.3 million box office. It has also been the #1 release in every country where it has opened and has grossed over \$1.4 billion in global box office. The studio also successfully launched another franchise with “Ant-Man,” starring Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas and Evangeline Lilly. The film opened #1 at the box office on July 17 and went on to gross more than \$519 million at the worldwide box office. The film propelled the Marvel brands’ #1 domestic box-office opening streak to a record-breaking 12 consecutive films.

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