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Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (film)

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 is an upcoming action-adventure comedy film based on the video game series published by Sega. The sequel to *Sonic the Hedgehog* (2020) and *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* (2022), the film is directed by Jeff Fowler. James Marsden, Ben Schwartz, Tika Sumpter, Colleen O'Shaughnessey, Lee Majdoub, Idris Elba, and Jim Carrey reprise their roles from the previous installments, with Keanu Reeves joining the cast.

Plans for a third *Sonic the Hedgehog* film were announced in February 2022 during ViacomCBS's investor event before the release of the second film. Due to the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike, filming for animated characters began in July 2023 in Surrey, England, while filming with physical actors began in November of that year in London, with production concluding by March 2024. The film draws inspiration from the video game *Sonic Adventure 2* (2001).

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 is scheduled to be theatrically released by Paramount Pictures in the United States on December 20, 2024.

Cast

Voice cast

- Ben Schwartz as Sonic the Hedgehog: An anthropomorphic blue hedgehog who can run at supersonic speeds.^[3]
- Colleen O'Shaughnessey as Miles "Tails" Prower: An anthropomorphic yellow-orange fox who can fly with his twin-tails.^[3]
- Idris Elba as Knuckles the Echidna: A hot-headed and serious anthropomorphic red echidna warrior with super strength.^[3]
- Keanu Reeves as Shadow the Hedgehog: An anthropomorphic red-striped black hedgehog resulting

Sonic the Hedgehog 3	
	
Official logo	
Directed by	Jeff Fowler
Based on	<i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> by Sega ^[a]
Produced by	Neal H. Moritz <div>Toby AscherToru NakaharaHitoshi Okuno</div>
Starring	James Marsden <div>Ben SchwartzTika SumpterColleen O'ShaughnesseyLee MajdoubIdris ElbaJim CarreyKeanu Reeves</div>
Music by	Tom Holkenborg
Production companies	Sega Sammy Group <div>Original FilmMarza Animation PlanetBlur Studio</div>
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures
Release date	December 20, 2024

from a secret government program called Project Shadow.^[4]

Countries	United States
	Japan
Language	English

Live-action cast

- James Marsden as Tom Wachowski, the adoptive father of Sonic, Tails, and Knuckles, and the sheriff of Green Hills, Montana.^[3]
- Tika Sumpter as Maddie Wachowski, Tom's wife, the adoptive mother of Sonic, Tails, and Knuckles, and the local veterinarian of Green Hills.^[3]
- Jim Carrey as Dr. Ivo Robotnik, a mad scientist and Sonic's arch-nemesis who he often refers to as "Eggman".^[3]
- Lee Majdoub as Agent Stone, Robotnik's assistant.^[3]
- Tom Butler as Commander Walters, the former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who is the leader of the military organization Guardian Units of Nations (G.U.N.).^[3]
- Alyla Browne as Maria.^[5]

Additionally, Krysten Ritter, Sofia Pernas, Cristo Fernández, James Wolk, and Jorma Taccone were cast in undisclosed roles.^[3]

Production

Development

In February 2022, Sega Sammy Group and Paramount Pictures had been in development of a third *Sonic the Hedgehog* film after *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* (2022). The film was formally announced during ViacomCBS's investor event.^[6] Jeff Fowler returned as director, and Neal H. Moritz, Toby Ascher, Toru Nakahara, and Hitoshi Okuno returned as producers.^[7] In addition, a spin-off television series for Paramount+, *Knuckles*, was developed simultaneously with the film.^[6] The film will draw heavy inspiration from the video game *Sonic Adventure 2* (2001).^[8]

Casting

On March 6, 2020, James Marsden confirmed that he had signed on for multiple sequels.^[10] In April 2022, Jim Carrey—who portrays Dr. Robotnik in the films—announced that he was considering retiring from acting.^[11] With his possible retirement, Moritz and Ascher confirmed that his role as Robotnik would not be recast in any sequels if he followed through with his retirement plans. However, they remained hopeful that they could develop scripts good enough for him to continue the role.^[12]

"If the angels bring some sort of script that's written in gold ink that says to me that it's going to be really important for people to see, I might continue down the road, but I'm taking a break."

—Jim Carrey on what would influence him to come out of retirement for *Sonic the Hedgehog 3*^[9]

In February 2024, it was officially confirmed that Carrey would be reprising his role for the film,^[7] along with Marsden, Ben Schwartz, Tika Sumpter, Colleen O'Shaughnessey, Idris Elba, Lee Majdoub, and Tom Butler.^[3] Krysten Ritter, Alyla Browne, James Wolk, Sofia Pernas, Cristo Fernández, and Jorma Taccone

were cast in undisclosed roles;^[3] Taccone was previously hired as an episode director for the *Knuckles* series.^[13] On February 16, Browne's role was revealed as Maria.^[5] Schwartz began recording for the film by the week after.^[14] On April 15, 2024, it was confirmed that Keanu Reeves would be voicing Shadow the Hedgehog.^[4]

Filming

Second-unit filming began in late July 2023 for animated characters only without physical actors (due to the 2023 SAG-AFTRA strike) in Farnham, Surrey, England.^[16] Principal photography was originally scheduled to begin on August 31, 2023, in London, England,^{[17][18]} but was delayed to September of that year.^[19] Production with physical actors started on November 29, 2023, announced with a teaser image of Shadow the Hedgehog's stand-in statue used in filming.^[20] Marsden said that filming had been completed by March 14, 2024,^[21] while Fowler officially revealed that the film had wrapped production on March 29.^[22]



Keanu Reeves joined the film as the voice of Shadow; he was widely fancast in the role after the character's cameo in the prior film.^[15]

Animation

As a cost-cutting measure, the producers had an in-house animation team at Paramount work on both *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* and the *Knuckles* series.^[23]

Music

In December 2023, Crush 40 vocalist Johnny Gioeli said there had been talks of including the song "Live & Learn" from *Sonic Adventure 2* (2001) in the film.^[24] In January 2024, Tom Holkenborg, who also composed for the first two films, was announced to be returning for the film.^[25] The following month, Gioeli confirmed "Live & Learn" would be included in the film.^[26]

Release

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 will be released theatrically in the United States by Paramount Pictures on December 20, 2024.^[27]

See also

- List of films based on video games

Notes

- Sonic the Hedgehog* was developed by Sonic Team, published by Sega, directed and programmed by Yuji Naka, designed by Hirokazu Yasuhara, and illustrated by Naoto Ohshima.^{[1][2]}

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