

Transformers One

Transformers One is an upcoming American animated science fiction action film based on Hasbro's *Transformers* toy line. Directed by Josh Cooley, the ensemble voice cast includes Chris Hemsworth, Brian Tyree Henry, Scarlett Johansson, Keegan-Michael Key, Steve Buscemi, Laurence Fishburne, and Jon Hamm. The film depicts the origins and early relationship of Optimus Prime and Megatron and how they forever changed the fate of Cybertron, the home planet of the Transformers. It is the franchise's first theatrical animated feature film since *The Transformers: The Movie* (1986).

In March 2015, following the release of *Transformers: Age of Extinction* (2014), Paramount Pictures tasked Akiva Goldsman with working with Michael Bay, Steven Spielberg, and Lorenzo di Bonaventura to set up a writer's room to create ideas for potential future *Transformers* films. By May 2015, Andrew Barrer and Gabriel Ferrari had joined the writers' room, and one of the ideas that came from there was an animated prequel that would be set on Cybertron. The film was announced in August 2017, and by April 2020, Cooley had been hired to direct. The title and voice cast were revealed in April 2023. Animation services were provided by Industrial Light & Magic, and Brian Tyler composed the score.

Transformers One is scheduled to be theatrically released in the United States by Paramount Pictures on September 20, 2024.

Premise

TRANSFORMERS ONE is the untold origin story of OPTIMUS PRIME and MEGATRON, better known as sworn enemies, but once were friends bonded like brothers who changed the fate of Cybertron forever.

—*Transformers One* official website^[2]

Voice cast

- Chris Hemsworth as Orion Pax / Optimus Prime^[3]
- Brian Tyree Henry as D-16 / Megatron^[3]
- Scarlett Johansson as Elita^[3]

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Teaser poster

Directed by	 Josh Cooley
Written by	 Andrew Barrer Gabriel Ferrari Steve Desmond Michael Sherman
Based on	<i>Transformers</i> by Hasbro
Produced by	 Lorenzo di Bonaventura Tom DeSanto Don Murphy Michael Bay Mark Vahradian Aaron Dem
Starring	 Chris Hemsworth Brian Tyree Henry Scarlett Johansson Keegan-Michael Key Steve Buscemi

- [Keegan-Michael Key](#) as [B-127 / Bumblebee](#)^[3]
- [Steve Buscemi](#) as the film's antagonist^[1]
- [Laurence Fishburne](#) as [Alpha Trion](#)^[3]
- [Jon Hamm](#) as [Sentinel Prime](#)^[3]

Production

Development

Following the release of *Transformers: Age of Extinction* (2014), [Paramount Pictures](#) tasked [Akiva Goldsman](#), who would later serve as a co-story writer for *Transformers: The Last Knight* (2017), in March 2015 to work with the film franchise's director, [Michael Bay](#), executive producer, [Steven Spielberg](#), and producer, [Lorenzo di Bonaventura](#), in setting up a "writers' room" to create ideas for potential future *Transformers* films and spin-off films.^[4] After setting up the writer's room, multiple writers were hired to write future installments in the franchise. According to Goldsman, the team would look at various *Transformers* media created by [Hasbro](#) for inspiration; if they found one that interested them, they could submit a treatment, which would then be further developed by the whole team.^[5] In late May, [Andrew Barrer](#), and [Gabriel Ferrari](#) had joined the writer's room. According to *Deadline Hollywood*, one of the ideas that came from the writer's room had the working title *Transformers One*^[6] and would serve as an animated prequel focusing on the Autobot–Decepticon conflict that began on Cybertron.^{[7][8]}

In August 2017, it was reported that an animated *Transformers* film was officially in the works.^[9] Following the release of *Bumblebee* (2018), di Bonaventura discussed the animated film, clarifying that it was "in the works" and would "tell the whole Cybertron mythology".^[10] *Bumblebee* director [Travis Knight](#) additionally expressed interest in the film.^{[11][12]}

In April 2020, it was reported that [Josh Cooley](#) had been hired to direct the film and was overseeing the script by Barrer and Ferrari. [Hasbro Entertainment](#) and [Paramount Animation](#) would produce the film.^[13] In February 2022, it emerged that the film would be computer-animated.^[14] In December 2022, the title was reported to be *Transformers: A New Generation*, though di Bonaventura later stated in April 2023 that the title had yet to be finalized.^{[15][16]} Later that month, at [CinemaCon](#), the title was officially confirmed as *Transformers One*.^[3] di Bonaventura stated that the plot will center around the origins of the Transformers, and explore the events that lead Optimus and Megatron to go from being brothers-in-arms to becoming enemies.^[17] In May, [Steve Desmond](#) and [Michael Sherman](#) were revealed to have contributed to the screenplay.^[18]

Casting

The voice cast of the film was announced at CinemaCon in April 2023, consisting of [Chris Hemsworth](#) and [Brian Tyree Henry](#) as younger versions of [Optimus Prime](#) and [Megatron](#), respectively, alongside [Scarlett Johansson](#), [Keegan-Michael Key](#), [Jon Hamm](#), and [Laurence Fishburne](#) headlining.^[3] In April 2024, [Steve Buscemi](#), who had previously voiced Daytrader in *The Last Knight*, was cast as the film's antagonist.^{[1][19]}

	Laurence Fishburne
	Jon Hamm
Music by	Brian Tyler
Production companies	Paramount Animation
	Hasbro Entertainment
	New Republic Pictures ^[1]
	di Bonaventura Pictures
	Bayhem Films
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures
Release date	September 20, 2024
Country	United States
Language	English

Transformers One marks Hemsworth's first animated feature film. The actor joined the project after being impressed with the screenplay. Hemsworth made efforts to not use his regular speaking voice for Optimus Prime.^[21] Hemsworth revealed during CinemaCon 2024 that he had consulted with Peter Cullen on providing his voice.^[22] Cooley requested that Key stay close to his regular speaking voice for Bumblebee.^[23]

Animation

Industrial Light & Magic, who had provided the visual effects for the first six live-action *Transformers* installments, returned to provide the animation for the film.^[24] The film was in post-production by February 2024.^[25]

Music

In May 2024, it was announced that Brian Tyler, who had previously provided the score for the animated television series *Transformers: Prime* (2010–2013), would compose the score for *Transformers One*.^[26]

Release

Transformers One will screen as a work-in-progress at the Annecy International Animation Film Festival in June 2024,^[27] and is scheduled to be theatrically released in the United States on September 20, 2024.^[28] It was originally scheduled to be released on July 19, 2024,^[29] but was initially delayed to September 13,^[18] before shifting a week later to avoid competition with *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*.^{[28][30]}

Future

In April 2023, di Bonaventura stated that there is discussion for *Transformers One* to become a trilogy of films.^[17] By June, he confirmed that the story is mapped out to progress over three movies, detailing the progression of the characters into their depiction in the live-action film series. The producer explained that Hemsworth's depiction will grow into the leader depicted in the previous installments, stating that the transition from Hemsworth's voice to Peter Cullen's will make sense within the story.^[20]

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When we first listen to Chris Hemsworth's voice, you're like, 'God, is he gonna be a good Optimus!' Obviously, he starts as Orion Pax and you don't become Optimus for a while, so he's not playing, for most of the movie, what we think of as Optimus, Peter Cullen. So it's that transition, and Chris's voice has a timbre that... it's logical that Peter Cullen would take over that voice, if you would, which is really great, the fans are gonna really feel great.

— Producer Lorenzo di Bonaventura on Chris Hemsworth's casting as Optimus Prime.^[20]

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