

Moana 2

Moana 2 is an upcoming American animated musical fantasy adventure film produced by Walt Disney Animation Studios and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. The second installment in the *Moana* franchise and the sequel to *Moana* (2016), the film was written and directed by David G. Derrick Jr. (in his feature directorial debut) and produced by Osnat Shurer. Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson will reprise their roles as *Moana* and *Maui*, respectively.

Development on *Moana 2* originally began in 2020 as a television series for Disney+ before being reworked into a theatrical sequel by February 2024. Shurer was confirmed to return as producer, alongside story artist Derrick as director and writer. Mark Mancina and Opetia Foa'i, the composers and co-songwriters of the first film, return to score and write the songs, while Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear replace Lin-Manuel Miranda as additional songwriters.

Moana 2 is scheduled to be released in the United States on November 27, 2024.

Premise

After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, *Moana* journeys to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for an adventure unlike anything she has ever faced.

Cast

- Auli'i Cravalho as *Moana*^{[1][2]}
- Dwayne Johnson as *Maui*^{[3][4]}
- Alan Tudyk as *Heihei*^[5]

Production

Development

In December 2020, during a Disney Investor Day meeting, Walt Disney Animation Studios chief creative officer Jennifer Lee announced that a musical series titled *Moana*, based on the 2016 film of the same name, was in development at the studio for Disney+.^[6] By August 2021, it was reported that Osnat Shurer would

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Official logo

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Music by	<u>Mark Mancina</u> <u>Opetia Foa'i</u>
Production companies	<u>Walt Disney Pictures</u> <u>Walt Disney Animation Studios</u>
Distributed by	<u>Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures</u>
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once again serve as producer.^[7] In January 2022, it was announced that David G. Derrick Jr. would serve as the writer and director (his feature film directorial debut), after filling the role of storyboard artist of the first film.^{[8][9][10]} The series entered development simultaneously with the live action remake of *Moana* according to Jared Bush, a writer of the film and screenplay writer of the 2016 animated film.^[11]

In February 2024, Disney CEO Bob Iger announced that the series had been reworked into a theatrical sequel, with Derrick and Shurer remaining attached to the project.^[12]

Casting

Shortly after the announcement that the series was being repurposed into a theatrical feature film, Auli'i Cravalho and Dwayne Johnson were confirmed to reprise their respective roles as Moana and Maui.^{[1][2][3][4]} Johnson later confirmed that he had been involved with the project since its conception, including its development, stating: "I can't wait for fans to see the film, the technology, the effects, cutting edge. We all really went for it. We thought if we're gonna make a sequel to something so beloved, let's really go for it."^[3]

Animation

Animation was handled at Walt Disney Animation Studios' Vancouver studio beginning when it was being developed as a series, while pre-production and storyboarding took place at the Burbank studio.^[7] It is the first feature film to be made at the Vancouver studio,^{[7][13]} but not the first project released, with *Iwájú* being released earlier that year.

Music

Mark Mancina and Opetia Foa'i return to compose the film score, while Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear wrote the songs, replacing Lin-Manuel Miranda from the first film.^{[12][14]}

Release

Moana 2 is scheduled to be released in theaters on November 27, 2024.^{[12][15]} A sneak peek at the film is set to screen at the 2024 Annecy International Animation Film Festival on June 14, 2024.^[16]

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