

# Archenemy (film)

***Archenemy*** is a 2020 independent superhero mystery-thriller film written and directed by Adam Egypt Mortimer based on a story Mortimer created with Lucas Passmore. Joe Manganiello, who also produced the film, stars in the lead role alongside Skylan Brooks, Paul Scheer, Glenn Howerton, Zolee Griggs, and Amy Seimetz.

*Archenemy* had its world premiere at Beyond Fest on October 7, 2020. The film was released on December 11, 2020 by RLJE Films.

## Premise

A teenager meets a mysterious man named Max Fist, who claims he lost his superpowers after arriving from another dimension. Together, they take to the streets to wipe out a vicious crime boss and his local drug syndicate.

## Cast

- Joe Manganiello as Max Fist
- Skylan Brooks as Hamster
- Zolee Griggs as Indigo
- Paul Scheer as Krieg
- Amy Seimetz as Cleo Ventrik
- Glenn Howerton as The Manager

## Production

In November 2019, it was announced Joe Manganiello, Glenn Howerton and Amy Seimetz had joined the cast of the film, with Adam Egypt Mortimer directing from a screenplay he wrote, from a story by Mortimer and Lucas Passmore, with Joe Manganiello will produce along with Daniel Noah, Elijah Wood, Kim Sherman, Lisa Whalen and Nick Manganiello.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

Principal photography began on December 9, 2019 and concluded in January 2020.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

## Release

### Archenemy



Official poster

<b>Directed by</b>	<u>Adam Egypt Mortimer</u>
<b>Screenplay by</b>	<u>Adam Egypt Mortimer</u>
<b>Story by</b>	<u>Adam Egypt Mortimer</u> <u>Lucas Passmore</u>
<b>Produced by</b>	<u>Daniel Noah</u> <u>Elijah Wood</u> <u>Kim Sherman</u> <u>Lisa Whalen</u> <u>Joe Manganiello</u> <u>Nick Manganiello</u>
<b>Starring</b>	<u>Joe Manganiello</u> <u>Skylan Brooks</u> <u>Zolee Griggs</u> <u>Paul Scheer</u> <u>Amy Seimet</u> <u>z</u> <u>Glenn Howerton</u>
<b>Cinematography</b>	<u>Halyna Hutchins</u>

In July 2020, it was announced RLJE Films had acquired distribution rights to the film.<sup>[8]</sup> It had its world premiere at Beyond Fest on October 7, 2020.<sup>[9]</sup> It will also screen at the Sitges Film Festival in October 2020.<sup>[10]</sup> It was released on December 11, 2020.<sup>[11]</sup> On its first weekend the film grossed \$54,570. And on its second weekend \$27,640. On its third weekend the film grossed \$24,851. On its fourth weekend \$9,897 more.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

## Reception

On review aggregator Rotten Tomatoes, *Archenemy* has a 74% approval rating based on 57 reviews, with an average rating of 6.2/10. The website's critics consensus reads: "*Archenemy* fails to follow through on some of its more interesting ideas, but Joe Manganiello's lead performance and the picture's infectious raw energy make for a fun action-adventure."<sup>[12]</sup> Metacritic reports a score of 57 out of 100 based on seven critic reviews, indicating "mixed or average reviews".<sup>[13]</sup>

## Possible sequel

In December 2020, while speaking to *Bloody Disgusting*, Mortimer confirmed a "*Vortex Trilogy*" consisting of *Daniel Isn't Real*, *Archenemy*, and a planned third film, saying "mark my words we are going to make a third movie in the Vortex Trilogy that will have Daniel return and force Max, in some form, to deal with it. A crisis on infinite vortices pulling together as many of the characters from both stories as we can fit for a true cosmic horror/cosmic action crossover hybrid!"<sup>[14]</sup>

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<b>Edited by</b>	Chris Patterson
<b>Music by</b>	Matt Hill
<b>Production companies</b>	<div><div><div><div><div><span></span></div><div>SpectreVision</div></div></div><div><div><div><span></span></div><div>Legion M</div></div><div><div><span></span></div><div>Head Gear Films</div></div></div><div><div><div><span></span></div><div>3:59</div></div><div><div><span></span></div><div>Metrol Technology</div></div><div><div><span></span></div><div>Almost Never Films</div></div></div><div><div><div><span></span></div><div>Voltage Pictures</div></div></div></div></div>
<b>Distributed by</b>	<u>RLJE Films</u>
<b>Release dates</b>	<div><div>October 7, 2020</div><div>(Beyond Fest)</div><div>December 11, 2020</div><div>(United States)</div></div>
<b>Running time</b>	90 minutes <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Countries</b>	<div><div>United States</div><div>United Kingdom</div></div>
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Box office</b>	\$147,757 <sup>[2][3]</sup>

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