

The Thundermans Return

The Thundermans Return is a 2024 American superhero comedy film directed by Trevor Kirschner and written by Jed Spingarn, Eric Donald, and the writing team of Sean William Cunningham and Marc Dworkin. It is a follow-up film to the Nickelodeon comedy television series The Thundermans (2013–18), created by Spingarn. The film stars Kira Kosarin, Jack Griffo, Addison Riecke, Diego Velazquez, Maya Le Clark, Chris Tallman, and Rosa Blasi, reprising their roles as the Thunderman family. Dana Snyder also reprises his voice role as Dr. Colosso, alongside a returning ensemble cast that includes Daniele Gaither, Harvey Guillén, Helen Hong, Tanner Stine, Kenny Ridwan, Audrey Whitby, Jake Borelli, Jeff Meacham, Michael Foster, Jamieson Price, and Paul F. Tompkins.

In March 2023, 5 years after *The Thundermans* finished its run on Nickelodeon, a follow-up film was greenlit by the company. Frequent series director Kirschner was announced to be returning for the follow-up, while Spingarn and series executive producers Cunningham and Dworkin were confirmed to be writing the screenplay along with Donald. Dan Cross and David Hoge, two other writers for the series, were announced to be serving as executive producers alongside stars Kosarin and Griffo, who were confirmed to return alongside Riecke, Velazquez, Le Clark, Tallman, and Blaisi. The rest of the returning cast was confirmed and filled out by the time filming began in early April 2023 in Los Angeles and wrapped at the end of the month. Brothers Caleb and Brian Chan composed the film's musical score, adapting elements of the music from the TV series composed by Ron Wasserman.

The Thundermans Return premiered on Nickelodeon on March 7, 2024, and was simultaneously available for streaming on Paramount+. It has been described as a possible lead-in to a future revival series.

Plot

Three years after the events of the <u>series finale</u>, when meteors strike Metroburg, the Thundermans step in to save the citizens. After the save, the family want to have a fun night, but it is interrupted when another crime breaks out. When another team called the "V-Team" also arrive, Max ends up accidentally dropping a giant <u>doughnut</u> onto one of their members. Due to this,

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Release poster

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Directed by	Trevor Kirschner
Written by	Sean William
	Cunningham
	Marc Dworkin
	Jed Spingarn
	Eric Donald
Based on	<u>The</u>
	Thundermans
	by Jed Spingarn
Produced by	Zack Olin
	Shauna Phelan
Starring	Kira Kosarin
	Jack Griffo
	Addison Riecke
	Diego Velazquez
	Maya Le Clark
	Chris Tallman
	Rosa Blasi
Edited by	Michael Karlich
Music by	Caleb Chan
	Brian Chan

the Thundermans are fired from the T-Force and are sent back to Hiddenville. While Hank and Barb enjoy their return, and Billy and Nora look forward to a normal high school life, Max and Phoebe are determined to regain their superhero status.

Meanwhile, Dark Mayhem, King Crab and Strongdor are in the Metroburg prison. The V-Team approaches them, revealing themselves to be their children. The children decide to devise their own plan, leaving their parents imprisoned. As the Thunder Twins are desperate to retrieve their jobs, they come up with the "Tree Force". However, the rest of the family prefers to live a normal life.

Meanwhile, at Hiddenville High, Nora utilizes her laser eyes to obtain friends. When Billy couldn't make a friend alone, he uses the same idea. Nora, angered by this, tries to zap Billy, whilst Billy is blocking said attacks, but ends up accidentally zapping off Principal Bradford's ponytail.

Production companies	Nickelodeon Productions Awesomeness Films Cross Hoge Productions Dworkingham Productions Uptown Productions
Distributed by	Paramount+
Release date	March 7, 2024
Running time	70 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English

Back at home, Barb and Hank, still worried for Chloe's safety, call Cousin Blobbin requesting to borrow his helicopter to monitor Chloe without her noticing. Cherry launches two Splat Shakes that Hank had ordered from Splat Burger up to the helicopter. With Hank failing to catch them, they end up spilling and interfering with the helicopter's circuits. They are forced to make an emergency landing, crashing in front of Chloe and her friends.

After that, Max and Phoebe figure out the V-Team are villains, they go by themselves to their lab to try to capture them, but the evil children see them and tie them, after that, the Thunder Twins are sent to a mysterious place called "The Mayhem Cafe", in which they get tortured by Dark Mayhem's pre-recorded voice guide. After escaping from the box, they get locked in with an upcoming self-destruct.

Meanwhile, the children of the villains are trying to locate the Power Plant, which they find in the Thundermans' house. At first, Hank, who is the only one to know where the Power Plant is, refuses to give it to them, but then Dark Mayhem, Jr. shows him on his phone that Max and Phoebe are getting tortured, so Hank agrees to give the evil children the Power Plant if the Thunder Twins get released after. The children agree to this, and Hank gives them the Power Plant believing the twins would be released, but they lied. The evil children escape with the Power Plant and Max and Phoebe are still trapped in the mysterious place. And when all hopes are down in the Thundermans' house, Billy finds a blue part of the Power Plant that fell off the plant and can make superheroes. They end up feeding pieces of the blue part to citizens, such as Principal Bradford and Mrs. Wong, turning them into superheroes. After being turned into superheroes, they all work together to break the forcefield, and they succeed. Upon succeeding, Chloe teleports them to the location of Phoebe and Max. With Chloe's teleportation needing a recharge, right before the self-destruct, Hank punches the system, causing it to break and allowing them out.

Afterwards, the Thundermans confront the villain's children, who are on the top of Mount Metroburg planning to release the red pieces of the power plant inside of a drone, having their parents view said plan. Whilst the family defeat the Villains, Dark Mayhem's son, Dark Mayhem Jr., releases the red pieces over Metroburg in a drone. Chloe volunteers to teleport someone onto to the drone to prevent them from affecting citizens. She teleports Max and Phoebe onto the drone and they remove the red pieces. With

Phoebe being blinded by the wind, she gets blown onto the edge of the drone, about to fall. She tells the two to teleport back without her, but they refuse. Chloe reaches for her hand and they return to the rest of the family safely.

Later, Super President Kickbutt comes back and reinstates the T-Force. The Thundermans agree, but on the condition that their Hiddenville home be their new headquarters. Super President Kickbutt agrees and welcomes the T-Force back to the Hero League.

Unbeknownst to everyone, Dr. Colosso receives a mysterious message from an unknown being, promising a special assignment for him. Then the screen goes black as it says to be continued.

Cast

- Kira Kosarin as Phoebe Thunderman^[1]
- Jack Griffo as Max Thunderman^[1]
- Addison Riecke as Nora Thunderman^[1]
- Diego Velazquez as Billy Thunderman^[1]
- Maya Le Clark as Chloe Thunderman^[1]
- Chris Tallman as Hank Thunderman^[1]
- Rosa Blasi as Barb Thunderman^[1]
- Harvey Guillén as Cousin Blobbin
- Dana Snyder as the voice of Dr. Colosso
- Helen Hong as Mrs. Wong
- Tanner Stine as Oyster
- Kenny Ridwan as Gideon
- Audrey Whitby as Cherry
- Jake Borelli as Wolfgang
- Daniele Gaither as Super President Kickbutt
- Jeff Meacham as Principal Bradford
- Paul F. Tompkins as King Crab
- Michael Foster as Strongdor
- Jamieson Price as Dark Mayhem
- Jason Nash as Metroburg Police Officer

Production

On March 2, 2023, it was announced that a follow-up film to <u>Nickelodeon</u> television series <u>The Thundermans</u>, titled *The Thundermans Return* was in development at <u>Nickelodeon Productions</u>, to serve as a potential <u>backdoor pilot</u> to a <u>revival/sequel</u> series. The entire cast are set to return for the feature film. Trevor Kirschner had been hired to direct, with series showrunner Jed Spingarn writing the screenplay, and Zack Olin and Shauna Phelan producing. [2]

Filming

Release

On December 2, 2023, it was announced that *The Thundermans Return* would premiere on Nickelodeon and Paramount+ on March 7, 2024. The first teaser trailer was released in December 2023. The second trailer was released on February 11, 2024 during Super Bowl LVIII. An extended sneak peek was shown on February 21, 2024.

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