

Ultraman: Rising

Ultraman: Rising (Japanese: ウルトラマン: ライジング, Hepburn: Urutoraman: Raijingu) is an upcoming animated superhero film based on Tsuburaya Productions' Ultraman franchise. A Japanese-American co-production between Netflix Animation and Tsuburaya Productions, with animation by Industrial Light & Magic, it is the 44th film in the franchise. Directed by Shannon Tindle (in his feature directorial debut), who co-wrote it with Marc Haimes, the film stars Christopher Sean as Ken Sato/Ultraman, alongside the voices of Gedde Watanabe, Tamlyn Tomita, Keone Young, and Julia Harriman.

Ultraman: Rising is slated to be released worldwide on Netflix on June 14, 2024.

Premise

Ken Sato, a famous but egotistical baseball player living a secret life as the giant superhero Ultraman, is forced to balance his career and hero duties while reluctantly adopting a baby kaiju after defeating her mother.

Voice cast

Table with 3 columns: Characters, English, Japanese. Rows include Ken Sato/Ultraman (Christopher Sean, Yuki Yamada), Professor Sato (Gedde Watanabe, Fumiyo Kohinata), Mina (Tamlyn Tomita, Ayumi Tsunematsu), Dr. Onda (Keone Young, Fumihiko Tachiki), Ami Wakita (Julia Harriman, Akari Hayami), Ami's mother (TBA, Hiroko Sakurai), and Captain Aoshima (TBA, Takaya Aoyagi).

Production

The film, inspired by the character of the same name, originally began as an original idea developed by director Shannon Tindle. He conceived it while working as a character designer on Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends in the mid-to-late 2000s. Tindle further developed the film, writing a script and creating art, at Sony Pictures Animation from 2016 to 2018; at the time, the plot would

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Official release poster

Japanese name

Kanji ウルトラマン: ライジング

Transcriptions

Revised Urutoraman:
Hepburn Raijingu

Directed by Shannon Tindle

Written by Shannon Tindle
Marc Haimes

Based on Ultraman
by Tsuburaya
Productions

Produced by Tom Knott
Lisa M. Poole

Starring Christopher Sean
Gedde Watanabe
Tamlyn Tomita
Keone Young
Julia Harriman

Music by Scot Stafford

have followed "a billionaire forced to grow up when he takes on the orphaned children of his former foe."^{[7][8]} After leaving Sony, Tindle moved to Netflix Animation to produce the live-action/animation hybrid series Lost Ollie with fellow Sony Animation director Peter Ramsey, where he had the opportunity to repurpose the plot for his film to fit with the "Ultraman" IP.

The project was announced as a Netflix exclusive in May 2021, with Tindle to direct and co-write the film with Marc Haimes (Tindle and Haimes previously co-wrote Kubo and the Two Strings), Tom Knott to produce, Lisa Poole to co-produce, John Aoshima to co-direct, and Industrial Light & Magic to animate the film.^[9] In July 2022, Netflix released an image teasing the film's animation style and Ultraman design.^[10]

Production companies	<u>Netflix Animation</u> <div>Tsuburaya Productions</div>
Distributed by	<u>Netflix</u>
Release dates	June 12, 2024 (<u>Annecy Festival</u>) <div>June 14, 2024 (Worldwide)</div>
Running time	117 minutes ^[1]
Countries	Japan <div>United States</div>
Language	English

Release

In October 2023, Tindle shared via Twitter a first-look image of Ultraman and the film's official title as *Ultraman: Rising*, teasing an announcement for Geeked Week 2023.^[11] In November 2023, the film's voice-cast and first trailer were unveiled during Geeked Week 2023, targeting a 2024 release on Netflix.^{[2][3]} *Ultraman: Rising* is scheduled to premiere at the 2024 Annecy International Animation Film Festival on June 12, 2024.^[12] It will be followed by its worldwide release on Netflix on June 14, 2024.^[13]

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