

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3

Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (stylized as ***Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3***) is an upcoming American superhero film based on the Marvel Comics superhero team Guardians of the Galaxy, produced by Marvel Studios, and distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures. It is intended to be the sequel to *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014) and *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (2017), and the 32nd film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). The film is written and directed by James Gunn and stars an ensemble cast featuring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Karen Gillan, Pom Klementieff, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, Sean Gunn, Chukwudi Iwuji, Will Poulter, Elizabeth Debicki, Maria Bakalova, and Sylvester Stallone. In the film, the Guardians embark on a mission to protect Rocket (Cooper). James Gunn said in November 2014 that he had initial ideas for a third film in the series, and announced his return to write and direct in April 2017. Disney fired him from the film in July 2018 following the resurfacing of controversial posts on Twitter, but the studio reversed course by that October and reinstated Gunn as director. Gunn's return was publicly revealed in March 2019, with production resuming after Gunn completed work on his film *The Suicide Squad* (2021) and the first season of its spin-off series *Peacemaker* (2022). Filming began in November 2021 at Trilith Studios in Atlanta, Georgia, and lasted until early May 2022. *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3* is scheduled to be released in the United States on May 5, 2023, as part of Phase Five of the MCU.

Premise

The Guardians of the Galaxy are adjusting to life on Knowhere, but when parts of Rocket's past resurface, Peter Quill must lead the Guardians on a dangerous mission to protect him that could lead to the team dissolving.^[1]

Cast

- Chris Pratt as Peter Quill / Star-Lord: The half-human, half-Celestial leader of the Guardians of the Galaxy who was abducted from Earth as a child and raised by a group of alien thieves and smugglers called the Ravagers.^[2]
- Zoe Saldana as Gamora: An orphan who seeks redemption for her past crimes, and was adopted and trained by Thanos to be his personal assassin.^[2] The original version of Gamora, a member of the Guardians, was killed by Thanos in *Avengers: Infinity War* (2018), but she returned as a younger version of the character who travels to the present in *Avengers: Endgame* (2019); Saldana reprises the latter role in this film,^{[3][4]} now serving as the leader of the Ravagers.^[5]
- Dave Bautista as Drax the Destroyer: A member of the Guardians and a highly skilled warrior whose family was slaughtered by Ronan the Accuser, under the instructions of Thanos.^[2] Bautista stated that *Vol. 3* would be the final time he would portray Drax, having been grateful for the role, while still calling it a "relief" to have concluded his time with the character, given the long hours needed to get into makeup and hoping to pursue more dramatic acting roles.^[6]
- Karen Gillan as Nebula: A member of the Guardians, a former Avenger, and Gamora's adoptive sister who, similarly to her, was trained by their adoptive father Thanos to be his personal assassin.^[2] Gillan believed Nebula was developing into a "slightly different person" with more levity as she starts to heal psychologically following the death of Thanos, who was the source of her abuse and torment.^[8] *Vol. 3* fulfills a character arc for the character writer and director James Gunn envisioned when starting work on *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014), going from a minor villain to a member of the Guardians.^[9]
- Pom Klementieff as Mantis: A member of the Guardians with empathic powers, and Quill's half-sister.^[10]
- Vin Diesel as Groot: A member of the Guardians who is a tree-like humanoid and the accomplice of Rocket.^[2] Given his increased, more buff size, he is referred to as "Swole Groot".^[11]

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Based on	• <u>Guardians of the Galaxy</u> by <u>Dan Abnett</u> • <u>Andy Lanning</u>
Produced by	<u>Kevin Feige</u>
Starring	• <u>Chris Pratt</u> • <u>Zoe Saldana</u> • <u>Dave Bautista</u> • <u>Karen Gillan</u> • <u>Pom Klementieff</u> • <u>Vin Diesel</u> • <u>Bradley Cooper</u> • <u>Sean Gunn</u> • <u>Chukwudi Iwuji</u> • <u>Will Poulter</u> • <u>Elizabeth Debicki</u> • <u>Maria Bakalova</u> • <u>Sylvester Stallone</u>
Cinematography	<u>Henry Braham</u>
Edited by	• <u>Fred Raskin</u> • <u>Greg D'Auria</u>
Music by	<u>John Murphy</u>
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Distributed by	<u>Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures</u>
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