

= Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer =

Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer (also known as Fantastic Four 2 or stylized as Fantastic 4 : Rise of the Silver Surfer) is a 2007 superhero film , based on the Fantastic Four comic book . A sequel to the 2005 film Fantastic Four , the film is directed by Tim Story . Ioan Gruffudd as Reed Richards , Jessica Alba as Sue Storm , Chris Evans as Johnny Storm , and Michael Chiklis as Ben Grimm are the film series ' recurring protagonists , while Julian McMahon and Kerry Washington reprise their roles from the first film as Victor Von Doom and Alicia Masters , respectively . Beau Garrett appears as Frankie Raye , along with Doug Jones as the Silver Surfer , with Laurence Fishburne voicing the Surfer . The plot follows the Fantastic Four as they confront the Silver Surfer and attempt to save Earth from Galactus . The film grossed \$ 289 million and received mixed reviews from critics . It was released on Blu @-@ ray and DVD on October 2 , 2007 .

= = Plot = =

As Reed Richards and Sue Storm prepare for their wedding , a silver object enters Earth 's atmosphere , creating immense craters around the world . General Hager directs Reed to track and identify its movements .

During the wedding , Reed 's systems detect the phenomenon approaching New York City , which suffers a blackout since from the objects electromagnetic pulses . Johnny Storm pursues the object , discovering it to be a silver humanoid on a flying surfboard . The " Silver Surfer " drags him into the upper atmosphere , suffocates and then drops him . Johnny barely survives , successfully flying only at the last moment . Later , Sue and Johnny find they have switched powers after touching , prompting Reed to deduce that exposure to the Surfer has affected Johnny 's molecular structure , allowing these transfers of their powers . Tracing the Surfer 's cosmic energy , Reed discovers that a series of planets the alien has visited are all destroyed .

Reed and Sue contemplate abandoning their lives as superheroes in order to have a normal life and raise a family , but are unaware Johnny is listening . With the Surfer creating craters around the globe , Reed determines that the next will appear in London . The team arrives too late to stop the crater , which drains the River Thames , but they prevent the London Eye from collapsing after it is damaged by the quake . Meanwhile , the Surfer 's movements around the globe bring him past Latveria , where the cosmic energy affects Victor Von Doom , freeing him from two years encased in metal . A scarred Doom traces the Surfer to the Russell Glacier and offers to join forces . When the Surfer rebuffs him , Doom attacks . The Surfer retaliates , blasting Doom through the ice , but the cosmic energy of the Surfer 's blast heals Doom 's body .

Doom leverages his experience into a deal with the American military , which forces the Fantastic Four to work with Doom . Deducing that the Surfer 's board is the source of his power , Reed develops a tachyon pulse generator that will separate the Surfer from it , while Doom devises a machine whose function he keeps secret . In the Black Forest , the Surfer confronts Sue and reveals he is merely a servant to the destroyer of worlds , and regrets the destruction he causes . The military opens fire on the Surfer , which distracts him and allows the Fantastic Four to fire the pulse , separating the Surfer from his board . The military imprisons the Surfer in Siberia , where they torture him for information . Sue uses her powers to sneak into his cell , where he informs her that his master , known by the people of his world as Galactus , is a massive cloud @-@ like cosmic entity that feeds on life @-@ bearing planets to survive , and that his board is a homing beacon summoning Galactus to the planet . The Silver Surfer has to serve Galactus , who will otherwise destroy the Surfer 's planet .

Using the device he created earlier , Doom betrays Hager and steals the board from the compound , killing most of the Army personnel there . The Fantastic Four rescue the Surfer and pursue Doom in the Fantastacar , confronting him in Shanghai . During the battle , Sue is severely wounded . With the Surfer powerless , Johnny absorbs the combined powers of the entire team in order to battle the now cosmic energy @-@ empowered Doom . Johnny succeeds in breaking Doom 's control over the Surfer 's board , and Ben Grimm uses a nearby crane to knock Doom into the harbor . However ,

Galactus arrives and Sue appears to die in Reed 's arms . The Surfer regains control of his board , restoring his power . He revives Sue and chooses to defend Earth , flying , with an extra boost from Johnny , into Galactus . The conflict results in a massive blast of energy that engulfs Galactus , and apparently kills the Surfer as well . Johnny recovers his stable molecular state after touching the Surfer 's board .

Reed and Sue marry in Japan , in an abbreviated ceremony . Receiving news that Venice is sinking into the Adriatic , the team heads to Italy . In a mid @-@ credits scene , the Silver Surfer 's seemingly lifeless body floats through space . His eyes then open and his board races toward him .

= = Cast = =

= = Production = =

With Fantastic Four grossing \$ 330 million worldwide , 20th Century Fox hired director Tim Story and screenwriter Mark Frost in December 2005 to return for the superhero team 's sequel . Screenwriters Frost and Don Payne were hired to write the screenplay . Payne has said the film is based upon " The Galactus Trilogy " , in which Galactus also makes an appearance , as well as issues 57 @-@ 60 in which Doom steals the Surfer 's power . Payne has also said the film takes inspiration from the Ultimate Marvel limited series Ultimate Extinction . As of March 2 , 2007 , Galactus 's design was not yet done , and by April 18 , until hiring Laurence Fishburne to perform the voice of the Silver Surfer , the filmmakers were unsure of whether the character would speak .

The film includes the Fantasti @-@ Car , a larger role for Kerry Washington 's character Alicia Masters , and in June 2006 , the Silver Surfer was announced to appear in the sequel as a " villain / hero " . The Silver Surfer was created by combining the performance of actor Doug Jones and a grey @-@ silver suit designed by Jose Fernandez . FX shop Spectral Motion created the Surfer , who was then been enhanced by a new computer @-@ generated system designed by WETA .

The sequel , whose working title was Fantastic Four 2 , was officially titled Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer in August 2006 with filming beginning on August 28 in Vancouver and set for a release date of June 15 , 2007 . Michael Chiklis 's prosthetics as The Thing were also redesigned to allow him to take it off in between takes and for better ventilation .

In August 2006 , actor Andre Braugher dropped out of his supporting role in the TV series ER to be cast in Rise of the Silver Surfer . Braugher was cast as General Hager , whom director Story described as " an old acquaintance of Reed Richards and one of the major additions to the movie " . In September , Jones was confirmed to portray the Silver Surfer in addition to Julian McMahon reprising his role as Doctor Doom . The Baxter Building was also redesigned . Braugher , McMahon and Chiklis were all starring in FX Network dramas that year .

= = = Locations = = =

There were 14 filming locations : Burnaby , British Columbia , Canada ; Black Forest , Baden @-@ Württemberg , Germany ; Giza , Egypt ; London , England , UK (2nd Unit) ; Los Angeles , California , USA ; New York City , New York , USA ; Oriental Pearl Tower , Shanghai , China ; Pemberton ; Port Coquitlam , British Columbia , Canada ; Vancouver British Columbia , Canada ; Dumont Dunes , California , USA ; Russell Glacier , Greenland ; Suruga Bay , Japan ; Fallston , Pennsylvania

= = Release = =

= = = Promotion = = =

The teaser trailer was initially exclusively attached to Night at the Museum . It was released to the

general public online on December 26 , 2006 on the film 's official website . The theatrical trailer was scheduled to appear with the film Disturbia , on April 13 , 2007 , but errors occurred and Tim Story announced that it would be released with Spider @-@ Man 3 on May 4 , 2007 . The theatrical trailer was finally released online on April 30 , 2007 on Apple Trailer 's website . 20th Century Fox launched an outdoor advertising campaign at the end of February . The cast also made an appearance at the Coca Cola 600 Nextel Cup NASCAR race in Charlotte over Memorial Day weekend .

In late May 2007 , 20th Century Fox struck a deal with the Franklin Mint to promote the movie by altering 40 @,@ 000 U.S. quarters and releasing them into circulation . All of the altered quarters were minted in 2005 and honor the state of California as part of the 50 State Quarters program created by the U.S. Mint . The altered quarters feature the Silver Surfer on the reverse along with a URL to the movie 's official website . Once the U.S. Mint became aware of the promotion , it notified the studio and the Franklin Mint that it was breaking the law by turning government @-@ issued currency into private advertising . The federal mint did not indicate whether a penalty would be effected .

= = = Home media = = =

The film was released October 2 , 2007 on DVD in two versions . The first was a single @-@ disc Widescreen / Full Screen version . A two @-@ disc " The Power Cosmic " Edition was also released that day , as was a high @-@ definition Blu @-@ ray Disc . The film was also released on HD DVD outside of the U.S.

= = Reception = =

= = = Box office = = =

On its opening weekend , the film was the highest @-@ grossing movie at the U.S. box office , reaching approximately \$ 58 million , \$ 2 million more than its predecessor . On its second weekend , the film had a 66 % drop , and then had a 54 % drop in its third weekend . The film grossed \$ 289 million worldwide , including a \$ 131 @.@ 9 million gross in the United States and Canada . The budget was \$ 130 million .

= = = Critical response = = =

Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer received mixed reviews from critics , with most saying it was an improvement over its predecessor . On Rotten Tomatoes , the film has a rating of 37 % , based on 167 reviews , with the critical consensus reading , " While an improvement on its predecessor , Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer is nevertheless a juvenile , simplistic picture that has little benefit beyond its special effects . " On Metacritic , the film has a score of 45 out of 100 , based on 33 critics , indicating " mixed or average reviews " .

= = = Awards and nominations = = =

Rise of the Silver Surfer won two awards : the 2008 Golden Trailer Award for " Best Teaser Poster " , and star Jessica Alba winning the 2008 " Favorite Female Movie Star " Kids ' Choice Award . Rise of the Silver Surfer was nominated for five additional Kids ' Choice awards . The film was nominated for two Razzie Awards including Worst Actress for Jessica Alba and Worst Screen Couple for Alba and Ioan Gruffudd , but lost both awards to Lindsay Lohan in I Know Who Killed Me .

= = Cancelled sequel and reboot = =

The main four cast originally signed a three @-@ movie deal , with Fox Studios and Julian McMahon also signed for a third film . Michael Chiklis was told Ben Grimm 's relationship with Alicia Masters would have had a greater focus in a third film and Jessica Alba expressed interest in introducing Franklin Richards , while Beau Garrett wished to return as Nova . Tim Story said he was interested in directing a third and fourth film and writer Don Payne stated while he had not discussed a sequel with the studio , he was interested in working with more Fantastic Four characters saying " I ? ve always loved the Inhumans , the Skrulls , the Puppet Master , and Annihilus and the Negative Zone " . As Fantastic Four : Rise of the Silver Surfer performed less at the box office than the first film , 20th Century Fox was unsure of the series ' future , and no script was in development . In March 2008 , Chris Evans revealed , " I 'm pretty sure we won ? t do another one . I ? m assuming that one is a closed book . "

In August 2009 , Fox announced plans to reboot the Fantastic Four film franchise , with Michael Green and Jeremy Slater writing , Seth Grahame @-@ Smith polishing the film 's script , and Akiva Goldsman and Matthew Vaughn producing . After the release of 2012 's Chronicle , Josh Trank was linked to the reboot , and in mid July 2012 , he was officially announced to be director . Filming started mid September 2013 . As it is produced by Fox , the film is independent from the Marvel Cinematic Universe . Fantastic Four was released on August 7 , 2015 .