

= Toy Story 3 =

Toy Story 3 is a 2010 American 3D computer @-@ animated comedy @-@ drama film , and the third installment in the Toy Story series . It was produced by Pixar Animation Studios and released by Walt Disney Pictures . Directed by Lee Unkrich , the screenplay was written by Michael Arndt , while Unkrich wrote the story along with John Lasseter and Andrew Stanton , respectively director and co @-@ writer of the first two films . The film was released in theaters June 18 , 2010 , and played worldwide from June through October in the Disney Digital 3 @-@ D , RealD , and IMAX 3D formats . Toy Story 3 was the first film to be released theatrically with Dolby Surround 7 @.@ 1 sound .

The plot focuses on the toys Woody , Buzz Lightyear , and their friends dealing with an uncertain future as their owner , Andy , prepares to leave for college . The film features an ensemble voice cast with Tom Hanks , Tim Allen , Joan Cusack , Don Rickles , Wallace Shawn , John Ratzenberger , Estelle Harris , Jodi Benson , and John Morris reprising their roles from the previous films , and Ned Beatty , Michael Keaton , Whoopi Goldberg , Blake Clark (replacing Jim Varney) , Timothy Dalton , Kristen Schaal , Bonnie Hunt , and Jeff Garlin joining the returning cast .

Toy Story 3 became the second Pixar film (after Up) and third animated film overall (after Beauty and the Beast and Up) to receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture . It received four more Academy Award nominations for Best Adapted Screenplay , Best Sound Editing , Best Animated Feature and Best Original Song , winning the latter two . Toy Story 3 grossed over \$ 1 billion worldwide , becoming the highest @-@ grossing film of 2010 ? both in North America and worldwide ? and the fifth @-@ highest @-@ grossing film at the time of its release , as well as the third highest grossing animated film of all time and the first animated film to generate \$ 1 billion in ticket sales . A sequel , Toy Story 4 , directed by Lasseter is scheduled to be released on June 15 , 2018 .

= = Plot = =

17 @-@ year @-@ old Andy is about to leave for college , and his toys have not been played with for years . He intends to take only Woody with him , and puts Buzz Lightyear , Jessie and the other toys in a bag to be stored in the attic . Andy 's mother mistakenly takes the bag to the curb for garbage pickup . The toys escape and , believing Andy intended to throw them away , decide to climb into a donation box with Barbie bound for Sunnyside Daycare . Woody follows them but is unable to convince them of the mistake .

Andy 's toys are welcomed by the other toys at Sunnyside , and are given a tour of the seemingly idyllic play @-@ setting by Lots @-@ O ' -Huggin ' Bear (" Lotso ") , Big Baby , and Ken , with whom Barbie falls in love . The toys choose to stay , except Woody , who attempts to return to Andy , but is instead found by Bonnie , one of the Sunnyside students . She takes Woody home and plays with him along with her other toys , which are well @-@ treated . Meanwhile , at Sunnyside , a group of toddlers play roughly with Andy 's toys , unlike the gentler older children .

Buzz seeks out Lotso to request to have them moved to the older children 's room , but Lotso , who controls Sunnyside in a concentration camp @-@ like style , refuses , explaining that the newer toys need to be sacrificed to the younger children to protect the older ones , who want to avoid enduring such damage and suffering . Seeing promise in Buzz , he resets him to his original space ranger persona , which also resets his memory . At the same time , Mrs. Potato Head , through an eye she accidentally left in Andy 's room , sees Andy searching for the toys and realizes Woody was telling the truth . However , before they can leave , Andy 's toys are imprisoned by Lotso 's gang , guarded by Buzz .

At Bonnie 's house , a toy clown named Chuckles explains to Woody that he , Lotso and Big Baby once had a beloved owner named Daisy . When the toys were accidentally left behind by Daisy 's family during a trip , they made their way back to her house , only to find that Lotso had been replaced , causing Lotso to become resentful .

Woody returns to Sunnyside and learns from a Chatter Telephone toy that there is only one way out

of the daycare : the trash . He reconciles with Andy 's other toys and begins planning a way out of Sunnyside . That night , the toys execute their escape , but accidentally reset Buzz to Spanish mode instead of his old persona . Buzz promptly allies himself with Woody and falls in love with Jessie . The toys reach a dumpster , but are caught by Lotso and his gang . As a garbage truck approaches , Woody reveals what he learned about Lotso and tosses Daisy 's ownership tag , which Chuckles had kept , to Big Baby . Lotso smashes the tag and says that toys are meant to be discarded , but this leads an enraged Big Baby to throw Lotso into the dumpster . As the toys try to run away , Lotso pulls Woody into the dumpster just as the truck collects the trash . The rest of Andy 's toys fall into the back of the truck while trying to rescue him , and a falling television lands on Buzz , restoring his memory and normal personality .

The truck deposits the toys at a landfill , where they find themselves on a conveyor belt leading to a shredder , and then an incinerator . Woody and Buzz help Lotso reach an emergency stop button , only for Lotso to abandon them and escape . The toys resign themselves to their fate , but are soon rescued by the Aliens operating an industrial claw . Lotso is found by a garbage truck driver who straps him to his truck 's radiator grill and drives away . Woody and his friends board another garbage truck back to Andy 's house .

In Andy 's room , Woody climbs into the box with Andy 's college supplies , while the other toys ready themselves for the attic . Woody leaves a note for Andy , who , thinking the note is from his mother , takes the toys to Bonnie 's house and introduces her to them . Bonnie recognizes Woody , who , to Andy 's surprise , is at the bottom of the box . Though hesitant at first , Andy passes Woody on to Bonnie , and then plays with her before leaving . Woody and the other toys watch Andy 's departure as they begin their new lives with Bonnie . Meanwhile , Barbie , Ken and Big Baby have made vast improvements to Sunnyside , and maintain contact with Woody and his friends through letters .

= = Voice cast = =

This is the list of the voice cast for the film :

Several other characters (such as Bo Peep , RC , Etch , and Wheezy) are only seen in flashbacks or briefly mentioned . The character of Slinky Dog appeared to be in limbo after the death of his original voice actor Jim Varney on February 10 , 2000 , three months after Toy Story 2 was released . Varney was replaced by Blake Clark . After Clark was cast to play Slinky Dog , the producers realized that Clark and Varney had coincidentally been close friends since they appeared in the 1989 film Fast Food , making the transition a lot easier .

= = Production = =

According to the terms of Pixar 's initial seven @-@ film deal with Disney , all characters created by Pixar for their films were owned by Disney . Furthermore , Disney retained the rights to make sequels to any Pixar film , though Pixar retained the right of first refusal to work on these sequels . In 2004 , when the contentious negotiations between the two companies made a split appear likely , Michael Eisner , Disney chairman at the time , put plans in motion to produce Toy Story 3 at a new Disney studio , Circle 7 Animation . Tim Allen , the voice of Buzz Lightyear , indicated a willingness to return , even if Pixar was not on board .

Screenwriter Jim Herzfeld wrote a script for Circle 7 's version of the film . It focused on the other toys shipping a malfunctioning Buzz to Taiwan , where he was built , believing that he will be fixed there . While searching on the Internet , they find out that many more Buzz Lightyear toys are malfunctioning around the world and the company has issued a massive recall . Fearing Buzz 's destruction , a group of Andy 's toys (Woody , Rex , Slinky , Mr. Potato Head , Hamm , Jessie , and Bullseye) venture out to rescue Buzz . At the same time , Buzz meets other toys from around the world that were once loved , but have now been recalled .

In January 2006 , Disney bought Pixar in a deal that put Pixar chiefs Edwin Catmull and John Lasseter in charge of all Disney Animation . Shortly thereafter , Circle 7 Animation was shut down

and its version of Toy Story 3 was cancelled . The following month , Disney CEO Robert Iger confirmed that Disney was in the process of transferring the production to Pixar . John Lasseter , Andrew Stanton , Pete Docter , and Lee Unkrich visited the house where they first pitched Toy Story and came up with the story for the film over a weekend . Stanton then wrote a treatment .

This story had no traces of the Circle 7 's version of the film , since the filmmakers did not read its script : " Not out of spite , but we wanted to start fresh , and not be influenced by what they ? d done , " said Unkrich . " We didn 't look at any of the work they 'd done . We really didn 't want to know anything about it . " In February 2007 , Lasseter announced Toy Story 2 's co @-@ director , Unkrich , as the sole director of the film instead of himself (Lasseter had directed the first two films and was busy directing Cars 2) , and Michael Arndt as screenwriter . 2010 was also announced as the tentative release date .

Unkrich , who had been working with Arndt and story development artists on the film since the middle of 2006 , said that he felt pressure to avoid creating " the first dud " for Pixar , since (as of 2010) all of Pixar 's films had been critical and commercial successes . In February 2008 , the film 's plotline was reported : " Woody the cowboy and his toy box friends are dumped in a daycare centre after their owner , Andy , leaves for college . "

During the initial development stages of the film , Pixar revisited their work from the original Toy Story and found that , although they could open the old computer files for the animated 3D models , error messages prevented them from editing the files . This necessitated recreating the models from scratch . To create the chaotic and complex junkyard scene near the film 's end , more than a year and a half was invested on research and development to create the simulation systems required for the sequence .

Instead of sending Tom Hanks , Tim Allen and John Ratzenberger scripts for their consideration in reprising their roles , a complete story reel of the film was shown to the actors in a theater . The reel was made up of moving storyboards with pre @-@ recorded voices , sound effects , and music . At the conclusion of the preview , the actors signed on to the film .

Dolby Laboratories announced that Toy Story 3 would be the first film that will feature theatrical 7 @. @ 1 surround sound . Thus , even the Blu @-@ ray version will feature original 7 @. @ 1 audio , unlike other films which were remixed into 7 @. @ 1 for Blu @-@ ray .

= = Release = =

Toy Story 3 had its worldwide premiere on June 12 , 2010 , opening at Taormina Film Fest in Italy . In the United States , it premiered on June 13 , 2010 , at El Capitan Theatre in Hollywood , California . El Capitan also hosted on June 17 , 2010 , a Toy Story marathon , showing for the first time all three Toy Story films together . The film went into its wide release on June 18 , 2010 , along with a release to IMAX 3D theaters .

The film was theatrically accompanied with the Pixar short film Day & Night , which focuses on what happens when an animated personification of Day meets his opposite , Night , and the resulting growth for both .

= = Marketing = =

The film 's first teaser trailer was released with Up in Disney Digital 3 @-@ D on May 29 , 2009 . On October 2 , 2009 , Toy Story and Toy Story 2 were re @-@ released as a double feature in Disney Digital 3 @-@ D. The first full @-@ length trailer was attached as an exclusive sneak peek and a first footage to the Toy Story double feature on October 12 , 2009 . A second teaser was released on February 10 , 2010 , followed by a second full @-@ length trailer on February 11 , and appeared in 3D showings of Alice in Wonderland and How to Train Your Dragon . On March 23 , 2010 , Toy Story and Toy Story 2 were released separately on Blu @-@ ray / DVD combo packs ; Toy Story included a small feature of " The Story of Toy Story 3 " and Toy Story 2 included one on the " Characters of Toy Story 3 " .

Mattel , Thinkway Toys , and Lego are among companies that produced toys to promote the film .

Fisher Price , a Mattel Company , has released Toy Story 3 with 21 3D images for viewing with the View @-@ Master viewer . Disney Interactive Studios also produced a video game based on the film Toy Story 3 : The Video Game , which was released for Microsoft Windows , Xbox 360 , Wii , PlayStation 3 , Nintendo DS , and PSP on June 15 , 2010 . A PlayStation 2 version was released on October 30 , 2010 as part of a PS2 bundle and separately on November 2 , 2010 (the same day Toy Story 3 was released on DVD and Blu @-@ ray) . It was also the last Disney / Pixar game to be released on PlayStation 2 .

Toy Story 3 was featured in Apple 's iPhone OS 4 Event on April 8 , 2010 , with Steve Jobs demonstrating a Toy Story 3 @-@ themed iAd written in HTML5 . Pixar designed a commercial for the toy Lots @-@ O ' -Huggin ' Bear and formatted it to appear as if it came from an old VCR recording . The recording was altered with distorted sound , noise along the bottom of the screen , and flickering video , all designed to make it look like a converted recording from around 1983 . A Japanese version of the commercial was also released online , with the name " Lots @-@ O ' -Huggin Bear " replaced with " Little Hug @-@ Hug Bear " (Japanese : ????????? / Hagu Hagu Beya @-@ Chan) .

On Dancing with the Stars ' May 11 , 2010 episode , the Gipsy Kings performed a Spanish @-@ language version of the song " You 've Got a Friend in Me " , which featured a paso doble dance choreographed by Cheryl Burke and Tony Dovolani . Both the song and dance are featured in the film . Toy Story 3 was promoted with airings of the first and second film on several channels in the weeks preceding the film 's release , including Disney Channel , Disney XD , and ABC Family . Sneak peeks of Toy Story 3 were also revealed , primarily on Disney Channel .

== == Oscar campaign == ==

Toy Story 3 's " Not since ... " Oscar campaign drew a lot of attention , emphasizing the film 's uniqueness and critical acclaim . The campaign consisted of posters featuring characters from the film , comparing Toy Story 3 to previous winners such as The Lord of the Rings , Shakespeare in Love , Titanic and more . Walt Disney Studios Chairman Rich Ross explained they were going for the Best Picture win , not just Best Animated film . The Hollywood Reporter gave the campaign a bronze award in Key Art Awards Winners 2011 .

== == Home media == ==

Toy Story 3 was released by Walt Disney Studios Home Entertainment in North America on November 2 , 2010 , in a standard DVD edition , a two @-@ disc Blu @-@ ray Disc , and in a four @-@ disc DVD / Blu @-@ ray / Digital Copy combo pack . Features include behind the scenes , including a sneak peek teaser for the upcoming Cars 2 , the sequel to the 2006 film Cars . A 10 @-@ disc Toy Story trilogy Blu @-@ ray box set arrived on store shelves that same day . A 3D version of the Blu @-@ ray was released in North America on November 1 , 2011 .

On its first week of release (November 2 ? 7 , 2010) , it sold 3 @, @ 859 @, @ 736 units (equal to \$ 73 @, @ 096 @, @ 452) , ranking No.1 for the week and immediately becoming the best @-@ selling animated film of 2010 in units sold (surpassing How to Train Your Dragon) . As of July 18 , 2012 , it has sold 10 @, @ 911 @, @ 701 units (\$ 185 @, @ 924 @, @ 247) . It has become the best @-@ selling DVD of 2010 in units sold , but it lacks in sales revenue and , therefore , ranks second behind Avatar on that list . It also sold about 4 @. @ 0 million Blu @-@ ray units , ranking as the fourth best @-@ selling film of 2010 .

In the United Kingdom , it broke the record for the largest first day ever for animated feature in sales revenue , on both DVD and Blu @-@ ray . Additionally , on the first day of its iTunes release , it immediately became the most downloaded Disney film ever .

== Reception ==

=== Box office ===

==== Worldwide ====

Toy Story 3 earned \$ 415 @, @ 004 @, @ 880 in North America and \$ 648 @, @ 167 @, @ 031 in other countries for a worldwide total of \$ 1 @, @ 063 @, @ 171 @, @ 911 , earning more revenue than the previous two films of the series combined . It became the highest @-@ grossing animated film , surpassing the six @-@ year record held by 2004 's Shrek 2 (\$ 919 million) , until Walt Disney Animation Studios ' Frozen surpassed it in 2014 followed by Minions in 2015 . It is the 19th highest @-@ grossing film , the highest @-@ grossing film of 2010 , the third highest @-@ grossing animated film (behind Frozen and Minions) , the highest @-@ grossing film in the Toy Story series , the highest @-@ grossing Pixar film , and the seventh highest @-@ grossing film distributed by Disney . In estimated attendance , though , it still ranks fourth on the list of modern animated films , behind Shrek 2 , Finding Nemo , and The Lion King . On its first weekend , Toy Story 3 topped the worldwide box office with \$ 145 @. @ 3 million (\$ 153 @. @ 7 million with weekday previews) , the third @-@ largest opening weekend worldwide for an animated feature . On August 27 , 2010 ? its 73rd day of release , it surpassed the \$ 1 billion mark , becoming the third Disney film , the second Disney @-@ distributed film in 2010 (after Alice in Wonderland) , the first animated film , and the seventh film in cinematic history to do so .

==== North America ====

In North America , Toy Story 3 is the 17th highest @-@ grossing film , unadjusted for inflation . Adjusted for ticket price inflation , though , it ranks 94th on the all @-@ time chart . It is also the highest @-@ grossing film of 2010 , the 2nd highest @-@ grossing Pixar film (behind Finding Dory) , the second highest @-@ grossing G @-@ rated film , the fourth highest @-@ grossing animated film , and the seventh highest @-@ grossing film distributed by Disney . Box Office Mojo estimates that the film sold over 52 million tickets in the US . The film earned \$ 41 @, @ 148 @, @ 961 on its opening day (June 18 , 2010) from 4 @, @ 028 theaters , including \$ 4 million at midnight shows from about 1 @, @ 500 theaters , setting an opening @-@ day record for an animated film .

During its opening weekend , the film topped the box office with \$ 110 @, @ 307 @, @ 189 , setting an opening @-@ weekend record among Pixar films , films released in June , (surpassed by Man of Steel) and G @-@ rated films . The film also achieved the second @-@ largest opening weekend for an animated film , and the fourth @-@ largest opening weekend for a film from 2010 . Its average of \$ 27 @, @ 385 per venue is the second highest for a G @-@ rated film and the second highest for an animated feature . Its opening @-@ week gross (Friday @-@ through @-@ Thursday) of \$ 167 @. @ 6 million is the largest among animated films , the largest among 2010 films , and the 23rd largest of all time . It also achieved the largest 10 @-@ day gross among 2010 films . It topped the box office for two consecutive weekends .

==== Outside North America ====

Outside of North America , Toy Story 3 is the 19th highest @-@ grossing film , the fourth highest @-@ grossing animated film , the third highest @-@ grossing film of 2010 , the highest @-@ grossing Pixar film , and the seventh highest @-@ grossing Disney film . It topped the box office outside North America three times , on its first (\$ 35 @. @ 0 million) , second , and sixth weekend (which was its largest) .

Its highest @-@ grossing market after North America is Japan (\$ 126 @. @ 7 million) , where it is the second highest @-@ grossing U.S. animated feature (behind Finding Nemo) , followed by the UK and Ireland , and Malta (£ 73 @. @ 8 million - \$ 116 @. @ 6 million) , where it is the fourth highest @-@ grossing film , and Mexico (\$ 59 @. @ 4 million) , where it is the second highest @-@ grossing film . It set opening weekend records for animated films in Ecuador , Colombia , Mexico ,

China , Argentina , Hong Kong , Spain , and the UK . It is the highest @-@ grossing animated film of all time in the UK , Ireland and Malta , Mexico , Hong Kong , and Egypt . It is the highest @-@ grossing 2010 film in Argentina , Bolivia , Chile , Colombia , Hong Kong , Mexico , Spain , the UK , Ireland , and Malta .

= = = Critical response = = =

Toy Story 3 received critical acclaim . The film has a 99 % approval rating on the review aggregation website Rotten Tomatoes based on reviews from 290 critics , with an average score of 8 @. @ 9 / 10 . The site 's consensus was " Deftly blending comedy , adventure , and honest emotion , Toy Story 3 is a rare second sequel that really works . " Toy Story 3 was the best @-@ reviewed film of 2010 on Rotten Tomatoes . Another review aggregator , Metacritic , which assigns a normalized rating out of 100 top reviews from mainstream critics , calculated a score of 92 based on 39 reviews , signifying " universal acclaim " . TIME named Toy Story 3 the " best film of 2010 " , as did Quentin Tarantino . In 2011 , TIME named it one of " The 25 All @-@ TIME Best Animated Films " . Audiences surveyed by Cinemascore gave the film a grade " A " rating .

A. O. Scott of The New York Times stated " This film ? this whole three @-@ part , 15 @-@ year epic ? about the adventures of a bunch of silly plastic junk turns out also to be a long , melancholy meditation on loss , impermanence and that noble , stubborn , foolish thing called love . " Owen Gleiberman from Entertainment Weekly gave the film an " A " saying " Even with the bar raised high , Toy Story 3 enchanted and moved me so deeply I was flabbergasted that a digitally animated comedy about plastic playthings could have this effect . " Gleiberman also wrote in the next issue that he , along with many other grown men , cried at the end of the film . Michael Rechtshaffen of The Hollywood Reporter also gave the film a positive review , saying " Woody , Buzz and playmates make a thoroughly engaging , emotionally satisfying return . "

Mark Kermode of the BBC gave the film , and the series , a glowing review , calling it " the best movie trilogy of all time " . In USA Today , Claudia Puig gave the film a complete 4 star rating , writing " This installment , the best of the three , is everything a movie should be : hilarious , touching , exciting , and clever . " Lou Lumenick of the New York Post wrote " Toy Story 3 (which is pointlessly being shown in 3 @-@ D at most locations) may not be a masterpiece , but it still had me in tears at the end . " Michael Phillips of the Chicago Tribune gave the film 3 out of 4 stars , writing that " Compared with the riches of all kinds in recent Pixar masterworks such as Ratatouille , WALL @-@ E , and Up , Toy Story 3 looks and plays like an exceptionally slick and confident product , as opposed to a magical blend of commerce and popular art . " Roger Moore of the Orlando Sentinel , who gave the film 3 ½ out of 4 stars , wrote " Dazzling , scary , and sentimental , Toy Story 3 is a dark and emotional conclusion to the film series that made Pixar famous . "

= = = Accolades = = =

On January 25 , 2011 , the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced that Toy Story 3 was not only nominated for Best Animated Feature , but also for Best Picture . This makes Toy Story 3 not only the first animated sequel in history to be nominated for Best Picture , but also just the third animated film to ever be so nominated (following Beauty and the Beast and Up) , with Toy Story 3 becoming the second Pixar film to be nominated for both awards . Toy Story 3 also became the first @-@ ever Pixar film ? and the first animated feature film since Shrek ? to be nominated for the Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay , though six of Pixar 's previous films were nominated for the Best Original Screenplay : Toy Story , Finding Nemo , The Incredibles , Ratatouille , WALL @-@ E , and Up . In 2011 , it was nominated for a Kids ' Choice Award for Favorite Animated Movie , but lost to Despicable Me .

= = Music = =

The film score for Toy Story 3 was composed and conducted by Randy Newman , his sixth for Pixar

after Toy Story , A Bug 's Life , Toy Story 2 , Monsters , Inc . , and Cars . Initially , Disney released the soundtrack only as digital download . This was the second instance where Disney did not release the award @-@ winning soundtrack of a Pixar film on CD , the first being Up . In January 2012 , Intrada released the Toy Story 3 soundtrack on Compact Disc .

All songs written and composed by Randy Newman .

In addition to the tracks included in the soundtrack album , the film also uses several other tracks such as " Dream Weaver " by Gary Wright , " Le Freak " by Chic , and Randy Newman 's original version of " You 've Got a Friend in Me " . Furthermore , tracks " Cowboy ! " and " Come to Papa " included material from Newman 's rejected score to Air Force One . The song " Losing You " from Newman 's own album Harps and Angels was also used in the first trailer for the film . The Judas Priest song " Electric Eye " was also used in the film in the temp score for the opening scene of Toy Story 3 . The aliens are playing the tune in their sports car . The song was ultimately replaced by another piece of music .

Chart positions

Music awards

= = Sequel = =

A sequel , titled Toy Story 4 , will be released on June 15 , 2018 . The film will be directed by John Lasseter and co @-@ directed by Josh Cooley . The film will focus on the relationship between Woody and Bo Peep , whose role was reduced to a cameo in the third film .