

10 YEARS. 19 FILMS. MARVEL CINEMATIC UNIVERSE SOARS TO

INFINITY & BEYOND



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Before 2008, Iron Man was just another B-list comic book character and no one except the most well-read geeks knew any of the Guardians of the Galaxy. Fast forward a decade and these characters are not only household names, they are part of one of the most successful — and profitable — movie franchises of all time. This weekend, more than 20 Marvel mainstays join forces to not only take down the galaxy-hungry Thanos but attempt to steal away the biggest opening weekend of all time from “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.” Here’s what you need to know before seeing “Avengers: Infinity War” ...

THE FILMS

“Avengers: Infinity War” completes the third phase of MCU films. The first began with “Iron Man,” the second with “Iron Man 3.”

- Iron Man (2008)
- The Incredible Hulk (2008)
- Iron Man 2 (2010)
- Thor (2011)



- Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)
- Marvel’s The Avengers (2012)
- Iron Man 3 (2013)
- Thor: The Dark World (2013)
- Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014)
- Guardians of the Galaxy (2014)
- Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015)
- Ant-Man (2015)
- Captain America: Civil War (2016)
- Doctor Strange (2016)

THE HEROES



More than 20 Marvel heroes (or in the case of Loki and Nebula, characters that can perform heroic acts) will share the screen in “Infinity Wars.” Here is the known list and the actors who play them ... but don’t be surprised if one or two new characters make an appearance.

AVENGERS

- Captain America (Chris Evans)
- Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.)
- Thor (Chris Hemsworth)
- Loki (Tom Hiddleston)
- Hulk (Mark Ruffalo)
- Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson)
- Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen)
- Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner)
- Vision (Paul Bettany)
- Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan)
- Ant-Man (Paul Rudd)

WAKANDA

- Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman)
- Shuri (Letitia Wright)
- Okoye (Danai Gurira)
- M’Baku (Winston Duke)

MASTER OF MYSTIC ARTS

- Wong (Benedict Wong)

DOCTOR STRANGE

- Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch)

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

- Star-Lord (Chris Pratt)
- Gamora (Zoe Saldana)
- Rocket (Bradley Cooper)
- Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista)
- Nebula (Karen Gillan)
- Groot (Vin Diesel)
- Mantis (Pom Klementieff)



THE GAUNTLET

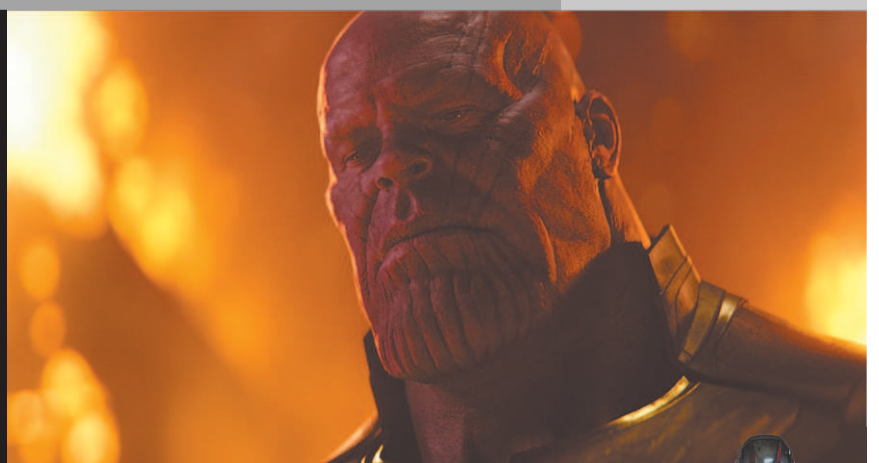
With the Infinity Gauntlet, Thanos can destroy the universe in a snap of his fingers. Here are the six stones that power it:

- SPACE**
Color: Blue
Containment: Tesseract
- MINDSTONE**
Color: Yellow
Containment: Chitauri Scepter
- REALITY**
Color: Red
Containment: Aether
- POWER**
Color: Purple
Containment: Orb
- TIME**
Color: Green
Containment: Eye of Agamotto
- SOUL**
Color: Orange
Containment: Unknown

THE VILLAIN

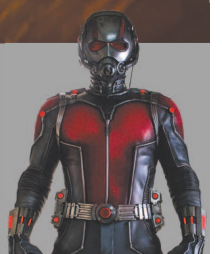
THANOS, often referred to by a fearful universe as the Mad Titan, is a powerful warlord who rules over distant reaches of space. He seeks to use the power of the ancient Infinity Stones to meet his objective of bringing stability to the universe ... by exterminating half its population. Having sent Loki, Ronan, Gamora and Nebula to do his dirty work, Thanos is fed up with their failures and decides to seek out the stones himself.

ACTOR: Josh Brolin
FIRST MCU APPEARANCE: “The Avengers”



FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSE

- Ant-Man and the Wasp (2018)
- Captain Marvel (2019)
- Untitled Avengers film (2019)
- Untitled Spider-Man: Homecoming sequel (2019)
- Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2020)



- Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017)
- Spider-Man: Homecoming (2017)
- Thor: Ragnarok (2017)



- Black Panther (2018)
- Avengers: Infinity War (2018)