

Jason Momoa Signs On To Star In Warner Bros.' Minecraft Movie

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Jared Hess (Napoleon Dynamite) has also come aboard to direct, indicating the project finally has some forward motion after nearly a decade in development.

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The Minecraft video game debuted in 2011, created by Swedish game designer Markus Persson and developed by Mojang Studios.

The unconventional game doesn't have any particular goals, though it allows users to create worlds through blocks as they try to survive in the worlds they create.

Jason Momoa keeps it casual in a hoodie and sweats as he... Minecraft film delayed as director and writer are replaced

The game became an immediate sensation, with over 100 million users signing up in the first few years that lead to Microsoft's whopping \$2.5 billion acquisition of Mojang in 2014.

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Shortly after its release, a number of filmmakers and producers expressed interest but Mojang's CEO Carl Manneh said in an interview they would only engage, 'if the right idea comes along.'

Creator Persson revealed that Mojang was in talks with Warner Bros. for a Minecraft film, with Shawn Levy (Free Guy) the first to be attached to direct, from a script by Jason Fuchs (Wonder Woman).

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It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia star/co-creator Rob McElhenney came aboard to direct in 2015, with Steve Carell attached to star.

Early production did get started in 2016, however that progress was halted when then-Warner Bros. CEO My cms stepped down and was replaced by Toby Emmerich.

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Aaron and Adam Nee (The Lost City) came aboard to replace McElhenney and Fuchs in 2018, though they were replaced by Peter Sollett in 2019, with the studio setting a March 4, 2022 release date.

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Mary Parent and Roy Lee (Dune) will produce, with Jill Messick also receiving a posthumous producing credit for her work on the film before her passing in 2018.

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