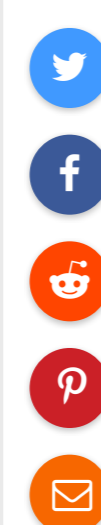


## James Gunn Reveals Upcoming DC Schedule with New Superman & Batman Movies



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The golden era of superhero films started in the Summer of 2008 when Marvel Studios released the first *Iron Man* movie starring Robert Downey Jr. The critically acclaimed motion picture spearheaded *The Avengers* tetralogy that would follow and a fictional dynasty that would eventually expand to streaming services such as Netflix and Disney+. Although *Iron Man* earned high marks among movie critics and at the box office, *The Dark Knight* by Warner Bros, shattered the mold two months later by becoming the highest-grossing film of the year and one of the greatest movies ever created. *Iron Man* and *The Dark Knight* both garnered 94% grades from *Rotten Tomatoes*. But what happened next would set the table regarding the superhero genre for the next decade and beyond. Unlike their counterparts at Marvel Studios, Warner Bros (the parent company of DC Studios) decided not to capitalize off the success of their award-winning 2008 superhero film by developing its fictional universe around it. Instead, the execs deemed *The Dark Knight Trilogy* as a separate one-off. Many DC fans view this as the first mistake in a series of many that would prompt numerous reboots, interchangeable lead actors/actresses, and tanking movies for years to come. Since the blockbuster Summer 2008, Marvel has released four films that have earned over \$1 billion at the box office (*The Avengers*, *The Avengers: Age of Ultron*, *Iron Man 3*, and *Captain America: Civil War*), while Warner Bros/DC has only released one (*The Dark Knight Rises*).

[James Gunn](#), the current CEO of DC Films, wrote and directed *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, one of the highest-grossing movies in the history of the superhero genre, as an employee of Marvel in 2017. The celebrated filmmaker crossed enemy lines one year later when he officially joined DC. Thus far, Gunn's stint at the helm (along with his co-CEO Peter Safran) of DC Studios has been far from smooth sailing as several fans blamed him for the departure of actors such as The Rock (Black Adam), Henry Cavill (Superman), and Jason Momoa (Aquaman). But to be fair, Gunn was given the tough task of fixing a mess at DC that he did not create, and he has since instituted a "phase plan" similar to the blueprint at Marvel Studios.

Today, James Gunn took to Twitter to announce DC's plans for a slew of films, animated productions, and TV shows. He explained that his team has a long-term vision for their company's fictional universe that should play out over the course of the next decade in television, film, and gaming—the list of upcoming projects is listed below.

- 1) Shazam! Fury of the Gods (Film)
- 2) The Flash (Film)
- 3) Blue Beetle (Film)
- 4) Aquaman 2 (Film)
- 5) Gods and Monsters (TV Series)
- 6) Creature Commandos (Animated Series)
- 7) Waller (TV Series)
- 8) Superman Legacy (Film)
- 9) Lantern (TV Series)
- 10) The Authority (Film)
- 11) Paradise Lost (TV Series)
- 12) The Brave and The Bold (Film)
- 13) Booster Gold (TV Series)
- 14) Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow (Film)
- 15) Swamp Thing (TV Series)