

Walt Disney Company's Marvel Studios is currently in pre-production on the upcoming superhero blockbuster film "The Avengers". The film will be directed by Academy Award nominated Joss Whedon, and shot in 3-D. Whedon also re-wrote a script that was originally written by scribe Zak Penn. There will be an official open casting call being held by Marvel Studios in Albuquerque, NM in late March 2011. Marvel Studios Co-Presidents Kevin Feige and Louis D'Esposito, VP Development and Production Jeremy Latcham, Executive Vice President of Visual Effects Victoria Alonso, and Executive of Animation Development Joshua Fine will all oversee production for the studio. Jon Favreau will co executive produce "The Avengers" under his Fairview Entertainment banner. "The Avengers" will be filmed almost entirely in New Mexico, and will become the state's largest feature film production ever with an estimated budget surpassing \$200 million. New Mexico has a 25 percent rebate program intended to bring major film and television productions to the state. Marvel also chose New Mexico due to the

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