

Were you a comic fan growing up? Yes! Who are the filmmakers and what are the films that inspire you? Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark", Brian De Palma's "Scarface" and "The Untouchables", Robert Zemeckis' "Back to the Future", Sergio Leone's "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly", John Frankenheimer's "The Manchurian Candidate", and George Lucas' "Star Wars" and also his business model. What prompted you to continue the X-Men franchise? Unfinished business and a great new concept.

Is this film the first of a new trilogy or just a standalone film? Hopefully it will be the first of many. How was it decided what characters to use for the film? Bryan Singer decided this initially. To prepare for directing the film did you focus more on reading the comics or watching the previous films? Both. How important is it to you to

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