

# THE BIG HITTERS!

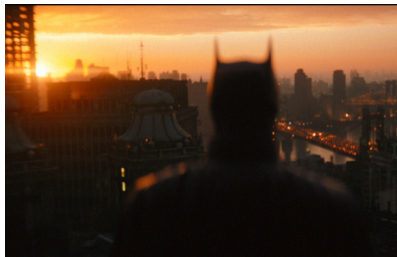
**2022 is all set to be a year of growth for cinema. 2021 proved with the remarkable success of *No Time To Die* and *Spider-Man: No Way Home*, that even in challenging circumstances, the public still want to see incredible stories on the big screen. Luckily 2022 is set to be filled with them, from striking comic book adaptations, to the return of classic animated franchises, jaw-dropping big screen spectacles, and the return of the biggest film of all time. Cinema is still the place for communal stories.**

## The Batman

**Release: 4 March**

Robert Pattinson takes on the role of the most iconic superhero, with an incredible cast and an exciting director in Matt Reeves (*Dawn Of The Planet Of The Apes*). It's one of the stand-out blockbusters of 2022.

**Did you know?** Colin Farrell is unrecognisable as Oswald Cobblepot / The Penguin.



**Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets Of Dumbledore**  
**Release: 8 April**

Eddie Redmayne returns as Newt Scamander in this third *Fantastic Beasts* film, tasked with a mission that takes him into the heart of dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald's army. The classy cast includes Mads Mikkelsen and Jude Law.

**Did you know?** 2021 marked 20 years since the first *Harry Potter* film hit cinemas.

**Downton Abbey: A New Era**  
**Release: 29 April**

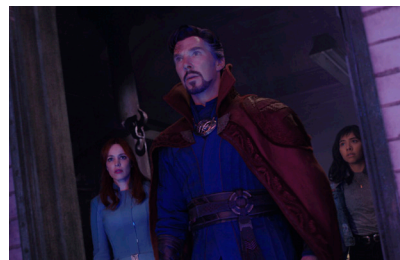
*Downton Abbey* is one of the most popular television shows of the 21st century and it made a spectacularly successful leap to the big screen in 2019. This sequel brings back all the much loved characters as they go to the South of France.

**Did you know?** The first film grossed almost £30m in the UK.

**Doctor Strange In The Multiverse Of Madness**  
**Release: 6 May**

Sam Raimi made arguably the greatest comic book film of all time in *Spider-Man 2* and he's taking the reins on this sequel to *Doctor Strange*, which is set to be one of the darkest MCU films yet.

**Did you know?** Doctor Strange was a big part of *Spider-Man: No Way Home*.



**Top Gun: Maverick**  
**Release: 25 May**

Tom Cruise returns in one of his most famous roles in one of 2022's must see films. After more than 30 years of service Maverick is pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot.

**Did you know?** This is set to feature some of the most jaw-dropping IMAX footage in history.



**Jurassic World: Dominion**  
**Release: 10 June**

Set four years after the events of *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, this new film is set to ask the question whether humans and dinosaurs can live together side-by-side. We're guessing that the answer is no.

**Did you know?** The film stars an ensemble cast, with Laura Dern, Sam Neill and Jeff Goldblum all returning!

## Lightyear

**Release: 17 June**

The second original Pixar film of 2022 is the story of Buzz Lightyear, the man who inspired the toy, and his adventures to infinity and beyond. Chris Evans voices Buzz.

**Did you know?** Toy Story 4 delivered 7.4m DCM admissions.

**Minions: The Rise Of Gru**  
**Release: 1 July**

This sequel to *Minions* tells the untold story of one twelve-year-old's dream to become the world's greatest supervillain. Steve Carell returns to voice the villainous Gru.

**Did you know?** *Minions* is the fifth biggest animated film of all time.



**Thor: Love And Thunder**  
**Release: 8 July**

Taika Waititi transformed the MCU with *Thor: Ragnarok* and he's back to direct Natalie Portman as Thor. Chris Hemsworth is in there too, and Christian Bale is the villain. It sounds like box office gold.

**Did you know?** This is Christian Bale's first return to comic book films since *The Dark Knight Rises*.

**Black Panther: Wakanda Forever**

**Release: 11 November**

*Black Panther* was a phenomenon and one of the best Marvel films to boot. This sequel sees director Ryan Coogler returns to direct and is the perfect person to take the story forward after the tragic passing of Chadwick Boseman.

**Did you know?** Excitingly, Michaela Coel has joined the cast.

**Matilda**  
**Release: 2 December**

An adaptation of the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. *Matilda* tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results. *Matilda's* cast is being led by Emma Thompson, who is taking on the role of Miss Trunchbull.

**Did you know?** The stage show has won seven Olivier awards, and five Tonys.

**Avatar 2**  
**Release: 16 December**

When it was released in 2009 *Avatar* was a genuine worldwide phenomenon, and amazingly based on an original idea. In this long-awaited sequel Jake Sully and Neytiri have formed a family but are forced to leave their home when an old threat returns.

**Did you know?** Despite coming out in 2009, *Avatar* is still the highest grossing film of all time worldwide.