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Disney admits Dark Side for 'Star Wars'

Los Angeles, United States

After the lackluster performance of the latest installment in the wildly popular "Star Wars" saga, Disney is tapping the brakes on the franchise -- an acknowledgment that there can be too much of a good thing.

In an interview published Thursday, CEO Bob Iger told The Hollywood Reporter that Disney plans to slow down the "Star Wars" release schedule, admitting that it had been a mistake to shuttle a new film into theaters every year.

"I made the timing decision, and as I look back, I think the mistake that I made -- I take the blame -- was a little too much, too fast," Iger said.

"You can expect some slowdown, but that doesn't mean we're not going to make films."

Disney -- which paid \$4 billion for Lucasfilm in 2012 -- had promised a new "Star Wars" movie every year after the hotly-anticipated 2015 release of "The Force Awakens": news they believed would delight fans around the world.

After all, "The Force Awakens" picked up 30 years after the events of 1983's "Return of the Jedi" and came a decade after the previous "Star Wars" movie of any kind.

But Disney, whose initial plan was to alternate releases between chapters in the main series launched in the late 1970s and one-off films expanding the "Star Wars" universe, seems to have learned that anticipation is part of the equation.

Earlier this year, the standalone "Solo:



CEO Bob Iger

A Star Wars Story" earned \$400 million worldwide -- a stellar result for most movies, but a mediocre return for a "Star Wars" film, leading many industry observers to speculate about franchise fatigue.

In contrast, "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," which was released just six months before in late 2017, earned more than \$1.3 billion worldwide.

The next film -- "Episode IX," announced as the last installment in the main Skywalker saga, and directed by JJ Abrams -- is due for release in December 2019.

Indiana Jones hat fetches \$500,000

London, United Kingdom

Indiana Jones's signature fedora fetched more than half a million dollars at a blockbuster London auction of rare memorabilia from some of the most iconic movies of the past 40 years.

But the star attraction -- the sleek jacket worn by the loveable Star Wars scoundrel Han Solo in "The Empire Strikes Back" -- failed to clear the £500,000 (\$665,000, 563,000 euros) reserve and went unsold.

Organisers said they had "a number of post-auction enquires" about the space-travelling jacket and were hoping to strike a deal in the coming days.

More than 600 costumes and props from much-adored films and television series went under the hammer on the banks of the River Thames.

The memorabilia seller Prop Store has held the annual event since 2014 and



A scene from the movie Indiana Jones

expected to collect a record £3.5 million. That figure might not be initially met with the jacket setback.

Organisers were hoping it would get up to a £1 million. The auction was halted with bids at £450,000 -- just short of the minimum price set by the undisclosed seller.

JOHNNY ENGLISH STRIKES AGAIN

(PG) (COMEDY/ACTION/ADVENTURE) NEW
 ROWAN ATKINSON, OLGA KURYLENKO, EMMA THOMPSON

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 11.30 AM + 12.00 + 1.00 + 1.30 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 3.30 + 4.00 + 5.00 +

5.30 + 6.00 + 7.00 + 7.30 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 9.30 + 10.00 + 11.00 + 11.30 PM + 12.00 MN + (1.00 AM THURS./FRI.)

CITY CENTER VIP (I): 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 2.30 + 4.30 + 6.30 + 8.30 + 10.30 PM + (12.30 MN. THURS./FRI.)

CITY CENTER VIP (I): 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM.

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 11.45 + 12.45 + 1.45 + 2.45 + 3.45 + 4.45 + 5.45 + 6.45 + 7.45 + 8.45 + 9.45 + 10.45 + 11.45 PM + (12.45 MN THURS./FRI.)

SAAR DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 11.00 AM + 12.30 + 1.00 + 2.30 + 3.00 + 4.30 + 5.00 + 6.30 + 7.00 + 8.30 + 9.00 + (10.30 + 11.00 PM. THURS./FRI.)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 11.30 AM + 1.00 + 1.30 + 3.00 + 3.30 + 5.00 + 5.30 + 7.00 + 7.30 + 9.00 + 9.30 + 11.00 + 11.30 PM

BATTI GUL METER CHALU

(PG-15) (HINDI/COMEDY/ROMANTIC/DRAMA) NEW
 SHAHID KAPOOR, SHRADDHA KAPOOR, YAMI GAUTAM, ASHRUT JAIN

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 3.00 + 6.00 + 9.00 PM + 12.00 MN

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 2.00 + 5.15 + 8.30 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 2.15 + 5.15 + 8.15 + (11.15 PM THURS./FRI)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

THE NUN

(18+) (HORROR/THRILLER) NEW
 TAISSA FARMIGA, DEMIAN BICHER, BONNIE AARONS

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 + 12.00 MN. + (1.00 AM THURS./FRI.)

DAILY AT (IMAX 2D): 2.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 2.00 + 6.45. + (11.30 PM. THURS./FRI.)

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

THE MEG

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER)
 JASON STATHAM, RUBY ROSE, BINGBING LI

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.00 + 4.30 + 7.00 + 9.30 PM + 12.00 MN

DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 11.45 AM + 4.30 PM

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 2.30 + 7.00 + 11.30 PM

EL BADLAH

(PG-13) (ARABIC/COMEDY)
 TAMER HOSNY, AKRAM HOSNI, MAJED EL MASRY, AMINA KHALIL

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.45 + 3.00 + 5.15 + 7.30 + 9.45 PM + 12.00 MN

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 2.15 + 7.00 + 11.45 PM

THE PREDATOR

(15+) (ACTION/HORROR/THRILLER/SCI-FICTION)
 BOYD HOLBROOK, TREVANTE RHODES, JACOB TREMBLAY

CINECO (20) DAILY AT (IMAX 3D): 7.00 + 9.15 PM

DAILY AT: 12.30 + 2.45 + 5.00 + 7.15 + 9.30 + 11.45 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 2.15 + 6.45 + 11.15 PM

PEPPERMINT

(PG-15) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER/DRAMA)
 JENNIFER GARNER, RICHARD CABRAL, JOHN GALLAGHER JR.

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.15 + 4.30 + 6.45 + 9.00 + 11.15 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 12.00 + 4.30 + 9.00 PM

A SIMPLE FAVOR

(15+) (THRILLER/CRIME/DRAMA)
 ANNA KENDRICK, BLAKE LIVELY, HENRY GOLDING

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 2.45 + 7.15 + 11.45 PM

SAAR DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 4.15 + 9.00 PM

WADI AL SAIL DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 4.30 + 9.15 PM

ALPHA

(PG-13) (ADVENTURE/DRAMA)
 KODI SMIT-MCPHEE, JOHANNES HAUKEUR JOHANNESON

DAILY AT: 11.45 AM + 1.45 + 3.45 + 5.45 + 7.45 + 9.45 + 11.45 PM

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE FALLOUT

(PG-15) (ACTION/THRILLER/CRIME)
 TOM CRUISE, HENRY CAVILL, VING RHAMES

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 2.30 + 5.30 + 8.30 + 11.30 PM

THE EQUALIZER-2

(15+) (ACTION/CRIME/THRILLER)
 DENZEL WASHINGTON, PEDRO PASCAL, ASHTON SANDERS

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 1.30 + 4.00 + 6.30 + 9.00 + 11.30 PM

HOTELTRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER

(PG) (ANIMATION/COMEDY/DRAMA)
 ADAM SANDLER, ANDY SAMBERG, FRAN DRESCHER

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 12.45 + 5.15 + 9.45 PM

REPRISAL

(PG-15) (THRILLER/CRIME/THRILLER)
 BRUCE WILLIS, FRANK GRILLO, JOHNATHON SCHAECH

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 9.15 + 11.15 PM

CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

(PG) (FAMILY/ADVENTURE/COMEDY)
 EWAN MCGREGOR, HAYLEY ATWELL, BRONTE CARMICHAEL

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 PM

SKYSCRAPER

(PG-13) (ACTION/THRILLER/DRAMA)
 DWAYNE JOHNSON, NEVE CAMPBELL, PABLO SCHREIBER

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 3.00 + 7.00 + 11.00 PM

MILE 22

(15+) (ACTION/THRILLER)
 MARK WAHLBERG, LAUREN COHAN, IKO UWAIS

CINECO (20) DAILY AT: 1.00 + 5.00 + 9.00 PM

WILDLING

(15+) (THRILLER/HORROR) NEW
 LIV TYLER, BRAD DOURIF, BEL POWLEY

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.00 + 2.00 + 4.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 10.00 PM + 12.00 MN

ANIMAL WORLD

(PG-13) (ACTION/ADVENTURE/DRAMA/FANTASY) NEW
 DONGYU ZHOU, MICHAEL DOUGLAS, YIFENG LI

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.45 AM + 1.15 + 3.45 + 6.15 + 8.45 + 11.15 PM

ELIZABETH HARVEST

(18+) (THRILLER) NEW
 ABBEY LEE, CARLA GUGINO, CIAR' N HINDS

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 12.15 + 2.30 + 4.45 + 7.00 + 9.15 + 11.30 PM

THE YELLOW BIRDS

(15+) (DRAMA/WAR) NEW
 TONI COLLETTE, JENNIFER ANISTON, ALDEN EHRENREICH

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.30 AM + 1.30 + 3.30 + 5.30 + 7.30 + 9.30 + 11.30 PM

MONSTERS BUSTERS

(PG) (ADVENTURE/FAMILY) NEW
 MATTHEW KOSTO, AUGGIE PULLIAM, AUSTIN ST. JOHN

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 10.30 AM + 12.30 + 5.00 + 9.30 PM

FARKISH

(PG-15) (SAUDI/EGYPTIAN/COMEDY) NEW
 WAEL ALA, KARIM AL HUSSAINI, ABDULLATIF AL SHAMI

SEEF (II) DAILY AT: 11.15 AM + 1.15 + 3.15 + 5.15 + 7.15 + 9.15 + 11.15 PM

PADAYOTTAM

(MALAYALAM) NEW
 BIJU MENON, ANU SITHARA, RAVI SINGH

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 12.45 + 3.30 + 6.15 + 9.00 + 11.45 PM

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 6.00 PM + (12.00 MN THURS./FRI)

SAAMY 2

(TAMIL) NEW
 VIKRAM, TRISHA KRISHNAN, KEERTHI SURESH

FROM FRIDAY 21ST

SEEF (I) DAILY AT: 11.00 AM + 12.00 + 2.00 + 3.00 + 5.00 + 6.00 + 8.00 + 9.00 + 11.00 PM + 12.00 MN

FROM FRIDAY 21ST

AL HAMRA

DAILY AT: 3.00 + 9.00 PM

KINAVALLY

(MALAYALAM) NEW
 SOWMYA MENON, HAREESH PERUMANNA, SURABHI SANTHOSH

AL HAMRA DAILY AT: 12.00 NOON

Chris Evans to star in Apple series

"Avengers: Infinity War" star Chris Evans has signed on to play the lead in Apple miniseries "Defending Jacob".

The thriller series, to be directed by "The Imitation Game" helmer Morten Tyldum, is based on the novel

of the same name by William Landay, reported Variety. The 37-year-old actor will play Andy Barber, a district attorney who finds that his teenage son is a suspect in the case of a murdered 14-year-old boy he is investigating. This is Evans' first ma-

major television role since 2000's "The Opposite of Sex" miniseries. Mark Bombardieri, the scribe of "War for the Planet of the Apes", has created and written the eight-episode series. He will also executive produce and serve as the showrunner.



Saif Ali Khan in Sacred Games in character as Sartaj Singh

Netflix renews Sacred Games

The Hindu

Sacred Games, Netflix's first original Indian show, has been renewed for a second season. Based on author Vikram Chandra's best-selling novel, season two of the show, set in Mumbai's underbelly, will feature more of the characters we

fell in love with.

The second season picks up from Sartaj Singh (Saif Ali Khan) pursuing his relentless battle of saving the city and Ganesh Gaitonde (Nawazuddin Siddiqui) facing bigger challenges to retain his position as the legendary kingpin of Mumbai.

The intriguing Guruji (Pankaj Tripathi), introduced in season one as Gaitonde's 'third father,' plays a pivotal role in unfolding a chain of events that shape the next season -- which is scheduled to film in India and locations overseas this fall.

Filmmaker Anurag Kashyap will continue directing Ganesh

Gaitonde's track, while Neeraj Ghaywan (of Masaan fame) will take over Sartaj Singh's plot. Vikramaditya Motwane and Varun Grover will continue their roles of being the showrunner and the lead writer respectively, according to a statement from the entertainment service.

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