



## 'Dune 2' Rekindles Box Office Success with a Spectacular \$81 Million Launch Weekend

### Description

"Dune: Part Two," the renowned sequel directed by Denis Villeneuve, has ridden an astronomical wave of popularity all the way to the acme of box office charts. By raking in an impressive \$81.5 million in its domestic debut, the film has injected a much-needed surge of vitality into the flagging cinema industry. Winning the accolade for the largest opening weekend of the year as well as eclipsing last October's hit, Taylor Swift's concert film "The Eras Tour," it is notching up new records.

The acclaim that "Dune 2" enjoys is far from an ephemeral one; it's riding high on an outpouring of positive criticism and word-of-mouth hype. Garnering a 94% rating on Rotten Tomatoes and an "A" rating on CinemaScore, its appeal seems to have transcended its hardcore sci-fi fanbase, exceeding expectations. Warner Bros., the studio behind the opus, had been modest in its projection, predicting a simple \$65 million kick-off. However, industry experts had already envisaged revenues soaring past \$80 million.

Hot on the heels of its predecessor's success, "Dune: Part Two" has received enormous acclaim on Imax and other Premium Large Formats (PLFs), accounting for a tremendous 48% of the film's domestic earnings. The overwhelming desire to delve into the director's chosen format of 70mm film has led some intrepid viewers to venture to ungodly 3:15 a.m. screenings.

Justifying its hefty return to the parched dunes of Arrakis, "Part Two" consistently drew larger crowds than the original "Dune." The studio's experimental hybrid release strategy amidst the pandemic was affirmed with the sequel's booming sales, far outstripping the original's \$41 million debut.

After being suspended due to an actors' strike, this follow-up epic was eagerly anticipated by moviegoers, not least because of its star-studded cast including Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, and Florence Pugh. The stupendous response to the film underscores Chalamet's clout as a leading man and signals Denis Villeneuve's uncanny ability to create intelligent cinema experiences that entrance audiences.

"Dune: Part Two" dominated the revenue pool, leaving other movie contenders to scrape the barrel. Despite these stiff odds, Paramount's musical biopic "Bob Marley: One Love," an unexpected success, bagged a distant second place. Remaining in third place, Hilary Swank's production, "Ordinary Angels," continued to amass modest earnings.

With its reduced earnings, "Madame Web" failed to weave a strong web at the box office. Meanwhile, faith-based TV series "The Chosen," concluded the top fifth with moderate earnings. Future prospects remain undetermined...

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Renowned** // (adjective): Famous and respected.
2. **Acme** // (noun): The highest point of achievement.
3. **Astronomical** // (adjective): Extremely large or great.
4. **Debut** // (noun): The first appearance of something or someone.
5. **Vitality** // (noun): The state of being strong and active.
6. **Opaque** // (adjective): Not transparent not able to be seen through.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which artist is known for their renowned masterpiece "Starry Night"?

Option: Vincent van Gogh

Option: Pablo Picasso

Option: Leonardo da Vinci

Option: Michelangelo



2. Who is often referred to as the pioneer of the personal computer revolution?

- Option: Steve Jobs
- Option: Bill Gates
- Option: Mark Zuckerberg
- Option: Larry Page

3. Which adjective describes a story that evokes deep sadness and sorrow?

- Option: Joyful
- Option: Thrilling
- Option: Heartbreaking
- Option: Exciting

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

4. The cost of the new stadium was so \_\_\_\_\_ that it exceeded all initial estimates.

5. Regular exercise is important for maintaining good health and overall \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

6. The town was in a thick fog making it difficult to see more than a few feet ahead.
7. The Eiffel Tower and the Statue of Liberty are iconic of their respective countries.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Vincent van Gogh 2. Steve Jobs 3. Heartbreaking

**Gap-Fill:** 4. astronomical 5. vitality

**Matching sentence:** 1. enveloped 2. landmarks

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