



Leonardo DiCaprio, Paul Thomas Anderson Film Delayed to September

Description

Warner Bros. undertook substantial revisions to its film release calendar on Wednesday, announcing a new premiere date for the much-anticipated cinematic endeavor by Paul Thomas Anderson featuring Leonardo DiCaprio.

Now officially titled “One Battle After Another,” this Anderson project remains cloaked in secrecy, though it is categorized as an American crime thriller. Originally scheduled for an August 8 debut, the film will now grace theaters nationwide on September 26.

Sources familiar with the production indicated that this slight postponement is intended to facilitate the installation of VistaVision projection systems in U.S. movie theaters, aligning with Anderson’s artistic vision. By shifting the release from the summer to late September, “One Battle” strategically avoids the competitive summer box office landscape while also positioning itself closer to the awards season—an arena where Anderson’s films often thrive. A studio insider noted that auteur-driven projects with commercial viability tend to perform well in this timeframe, citing successes like “Gravity” and “A Star is Born.” DiCaprio will share the screen with a stellar cast, including Sean Penn, Benicio Del Toro, Regina Hall, and Teyana Taylor.

In other developments on Warner Bros.’ slate, Maggie Gyllenhaal’s “The Bride!” has been rescheduled from this September to March 6, 2026. Featuring Christian Bale and Jessie Buckley, this steampunk interpretation of Frankenstein and his bride will benefit from a release schedule that avoids competition with Guillermo del Toro’s own adaptation, slated for Netflix this November. Industry insiders suggest that March has proven advantageous for the studio’s major releases, including entries from the “Dune” franchise and Legendary’s monster series.

Moreover, Director Zach Cregger’s follow-up to his acclaimed horror film “Barbarian,” now titled “Weapons,” has been advanced from a January 2026 release to August 8, taking the previous slot of “One Battle After Another.” This strategic move signals confidence in Cregger’s new multi-narrative horror epic, featuring Josh Brolin and Julia Garner, which is slated for a preview screening at Las Vegas’ CinemaCon at month’s end. “Weapons” will debut just a week after “Together,” Neon’s highly publicized horror acquisition from Sundance, starring Dave Franco and Alison Brie.

Another elusive project, “Flowervale Street,” headlined by Anne Hathaway, Ewan McGregor, and Maisy Stella, has been postponed from March 2026 to August 14, 2026. Very little information is available about this film, directed by David Robert Mitchell (“It Follows”) and produced by J.J. Abrams, aside from its 1980s setting and a plot centered on a family witnessing unusual occurrences in their seemingly idyllic neighborhood.



Finally, Warner Bros. Animation has decided to release “The Cat in the Hat” two weeks earlier than originally planned, now scheduled for February 27 next year. Featuring the vocal talents of Bill Hader and Quinta Brunson, this adaptation of the beloved Seuss classic is strategically placed to distance itself from the Pixar film “Hoppers,” which is set to premiere a week later.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Substantial** /səb'stænjəl/ (adjective): Of considerable importance size or worth.
2. **Cloaked** /kloʊkt/ (verb): Concealed or hidden.
3. **Postponement** /pəʊst'pəʊnmənt/ (noun): The action of delaying or putting off an event to a later time.
4. **Strategically** /strə'ti:dʒikli/ (adverb): In a way that relates to the identification of long-term or overall aims and interests.
5. **Elusive** /ɪ'luːsɪv/ (adjective): Difficult to find catch or achieve.
6. **Acclaimed** /ə'kleɪmd/ (adjective): Publicly praised or celebrated.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. When will the film
Option: August 8
Option: September 26
Option: March 6, 2026
Option: August 14, 2026
2. Which actor is NOT part of the cast of
Option: Sean Penn
Option: Benicio Del Toro
Option: Regina Hall
Option: Dave Franco
3. Which director is behind the project
Option: Paul Thomas Anderson
Option: David Robert Mitchell
Option: Guillermo del Toro



Option: Zach Cregger

4. Who stars in the Warner Bros. Animation film

- Option: Bill Hader and Jessie Buckley
- Option: Quinta Brunson and Benicio Del Toro
- Option: Anne Hathaway and Ewan McGregor
- Option: Dave Franco and Alison Brie

5. Which studio did Maggie Gyllenhaal collaborate with for

- Option: Warner Bros.
- Option: Netflix
- Option: Neon
- Option: Legendary

6. What is the new premiere date for Director Zach Cregger's film

- Option: August 8
- Option: September 26
- Option: March 6, 2026
- Option: August 14, 2026

True-False

7. The film

8. Anne Hathaway is part of the cast for

9. David Robert Mitchell is the director behind the project

10. The film

11. Maggie Gyllenhaal's film was rescheduled due to competition with Guillermo del Toro's adaptation.

12. The film

Gap-Fill

16. "Flowervale Street" was postponed from March 2026 to August 14, _____.

17. David Robert Mitchell is known for directing the film "It Follows" and the upcoming project is called



“Flowervale Street,” set during the _____.

18. “One Battle After Another” strategically avoided the summer box office landscape and positioned itself closer to the _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. September 26 2. Dave Franco 3. David Robert Mitchell 4. Bill Hader and Quinta Brunson 5. Warner Bros. 6. August 8

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. True

Gap-Fill: 16. 2026 17. 1980s 18. awards season

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term refers to expressing negative opinions or criticisms about someone or something?

Option: Alleging

Option: Erratic

Option: Disparaging

Option: Reprehensible

2. Which term describes a sudden and disastrous decline or loss of control?

Option: Inflammatory

Option: Meltdown

Option: Substantial

Option: Cloaked

3. Which term means to be praised or recognized for excellence?

Option: Postponement

Option: Strategically

Option: Acclaimed

Option: Pinnacle

4. Which term describes the ability to recover quickly from difficult conditions?

Option: Esteemed

Option: Commemorate

Option: Resilient



Option: Accolade

5. Which term means important or having a major impact?

Option: Transformative

Option: Acclaimed

Option: Triumphed

Option: Significant

6. Which term means to control or direct the actions of a group or society?

Option: Honored

Option: Governs

Option: Iteration

Option: Conservatorship

7. Which term describes being annoyed or angered by unfair treatment?

Option: Compounded

Option: Liberate

Option: Indignant

Option: Assert

8. Which term means unpredictable or inconsistent in behavior?

Option: Disparagingly

Option: Erratic

Option: Reprehensible

Option: Inflammatory

9. Which term refers to the act of delaying an event to a later time?

Option: Substantial

Option: Cloaked

Option: Postponement

Option: Strategically

10. Which term means to achieve victory or success after a hard struggle?

Option: Elusive

Option: Acclaimed

Option: Triumphed

Option: Significant

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

11. The spy _____ his identity to remain undercover.



12. The solution to the puzzle seemed _____.
13. The court granted a _____ to manage the assets of the elderly person.
14. The issue was further _____ by the lack of communication.
15. The goal of the revolution was to _____ the people from oppression.
16. She needed to _____ her authority in the meeting.
17. His _____ remarks provoked a heated debate.
18. Winning the championship was the _____ of his career.
19. The software company released a new _____ of its product.
20. His actions were deemed _____ by the authorities.

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

21. He decided to go to the store stopping at the bank.
22. The team played well but lost the match a strong opponent.
23. She found her keys the pile of papers on the desk.
24. He navigated the crowded streets his GPS.
25. We received an email the upcoming meeting schedule.
26. She worked her colleagues to complete the project.
27. The student showed progress the semester.
28. The bank is located the supermarket.
29. He felt comfortable his friends at the party.
30. The cat discovered its favorite toy hidden the bed.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Disparaging 2. Meltdown 3. Acclaimed 4. Resilient 5. Significant 6. Governs 7. Indignant 8. Erratic 9. Postponement 10. Triumphed

Gap-Fill: 11. Cloaked 12. Elusive 13. Conservatorship 14. Compounded 15. Liberate 16. Assert 17. Inflammatory 18. Pinnacle 19. Iteration 20. Reprehensible

Matching sentence: 1. Besides 2. Against 3. Underneath 4. Through 5. Regarding 6. Alongside 7. Throughout 8. Opposite 9. Amongst 10. Underneath

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