



New Animated Film by Jerry Bruckheimer Launches

Description

Jorge Rivera-Herrans' audio version of Homer's *Odyssey* is set to become an animated film. Academy Award-nominated producer Jerry Bruckheimer is working with Rivera-Herrans and Kevin Weaver, president of Atlantic Music Group and a Grammy Award-winning producer. Chad Oman from Jerry Bruckheimer Films will also produce the film.

CAA, a talent agency, will soon market the project to studios and streaming services. This collaboration brings back Weaver and Bruckheimer, who previously worked together on the Academy Award-nominated film *F1*.

Rivera-Herrans began writing this musical retelling of *The Odyssey* in 2019 while studying at the University of Notre Dame. He changed his major from medicine to film and music. He shared his creative process on social media starting in 2021, and a snippet of the song "Full Speed Ahead" went viral. The first part of this saga released in 2023, with new sections coming every few months until the final part is expected in December 2024. Rivera-Herrans played Odysseus and included 25 performers from around the world.

The musical has achieved significant success, with eight segments reaching the top three on *Billboard's* Cast Albums chart and four reaching number one. Since its release, it has accumulated over 4 billion global streams and more than 7 billion short-form views. In September, Rivera-Herrans launched a special edition vinyl set for fans.

Vocabulary List:

1. **animated** //ˈænimɪeɪtɪd// (adjective): made into moving pictures or cartoons
2. **producer** //prəˈdusər// (noun): person who organizes and pays for a project
3. **collaboration** //kə,læbə'reɪʃən// (noun): work done by two or more people together
4. **retelling** //ri:'tɛlɪŋ// (noun): telling a story again in a new way
5. **viral** //ˈvaɪrəl// (adjective): spreading very quickly online or by people
6. **accumulated** //ə'kju:mjə,leɪtɪd// (verb): gained or collected over a period of time

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Who is the producer working with Jorge Rivera-Herrans on the animated film adaptation?

- Option: Kevin Weaver
- Option: Jerry Bruckheimer
- Option: Chad Oman
- Option: Homer

2. What is the title of the musical retelling Jorge Rivera-Herrans is working on?

- Option: The Iliad
- Option: The Aeneid
- Option: The Odyssey
- Option: F1

3. Which talent agency is marketing the project to studios and streaming services?

- Option: CAA
- Option: WME
- Option: UTA
- Option: ICM Partners

4. When did Rivera-Herrans begin writing his musical retelling of The Odyssey?

- Option: 2018
- Option: 2019
- Option: 2020
- Option: 2021

5. How many sections of the saga are planned to be released until December 2024?

- Option: One
- Option: Two
- Option: Three
- Option: Multiple

6. How many performers were included in the project from around the world?

- Option: 10
- Option: 15
- Option: 20
- Option: 25



True-False

7. Jorge Rivera-Herrans' audio version of The Odyssey will not be turned into an animated film.
8. The film adaptation includes Jerry Bruckheimer as a co-producer.
9. Kevin Weaver is the president of Atlantic Music Group.
10. Rivera-Herrans' first part of the saga was released in 2020.
11. The musical has not reached the top of Billboard's Cast Albums chart.
12. Rivera-Herrans launched a special edition vinyl set in August.

Gap-Fill

13. The animated film of Homer's Odyssey is being produced by _____.
14. Jorge Rivera-Herrans began writing The Odyssey while studying at the University of _____.
15. The first part of the saga was released in 2023, with new sections coming every few months until _____.
16. The project has accumulated over 4 billion global _____.
17. The special edition vinyl set was launched in _____.
18. Rivera-Herrans shared his creative process on social media starting in the year _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Jerry Bruckheimer 2. The Odyssey 3. CAA 4. 2019 5. Multiple 6. 25

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

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