

DreamWorks Studios, Twentieth Century Fox co-finance Robopocalypse

DreamWorks Studios and Twentieth Century Fox are to co-finance the new Steven Spielberg-directed science fiction film "Robopocalypse", the two studios have announced.

The film will be released on 3 July, 2013, worldwide. The Walt Disney Studio's Touchstone Pictures will distribute the film domestically via its Touchstone Pictures with Twentieth Century Fox handling international distribution.

Exploring the fate of the human race following a robot uprising, "Robopocalypse" has been adapted for the screen by Drew Goddard, based on the novel of the same name by Daniel H Wilson. DreamWorks acquired the rights to Wilson's unpublished manuscript in November 2009.

"I am so pleased that Tom Rothman and Jim Gianopulos see the same exciting opportunities in "Robopocalypse" that we originally saw when we bought the rights to the book," said Steven Spielberg. "We had a successful relationship with them and Fox when we made "Minority Report", and we hope we can deliver another film that will give today's global audiences something thrilling."

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"Steven Spielberg is the master's master. He will capture the story's epic mix of thrills, scale, humanity and heart," added Jim Gianopulos and Tom Rothman. "We are truly honoured to once again collaborate with such a motion picture giant, as well as with Stacey Snider and her outstanding team at DreamWorks."

"When we first read the galleys, we immediately recognised it as a property that cried out for Steven to direct," said Stacey Snider. "He is first and foremost a storyteller, and Robopocalypse offers him the opportunity to explore new visions on a broad future canvas."