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**THE EUROPEAN PREMIERE OF**



**On Monday 21 July, 2008**

**Talent and film-makers attending include:  
CHRISTIAN BALE, MICHAEL CAINE, AARON ECKHART, MAGGIE GYLLENHALL,  
Producers EMMA THOMAS and CHARLES ROVEN  
and Director, Writer and Producer CHRISTOPHER NOLAN.**

On **Monday, 21 July** the stars of the eagerly-awaited follow up to the action hit **BATMAN BEGINS**, will be in London for the European premiere of **THE DARK KNIGHT**.

Introduced in 2005's *Batman Begins*, Christian Bale returns as Batman in **THE DARK KNIGHT** raising the stakes in his war on crime. With the help of Lieutenant Jim Gordon and District Attorney Harvey Dent, Batman sets out to dismantle the remaining criminal organisations that plague the city streets. The partnership proves to be effective, but they soon find themselves prey to a reign of chaos unleashed by a rising criminal mastermind known to the terrified citizens of Gotham as The Joker.

**THE DARK KNIGHT** reunites director **Christopher Nolan** and star **Christian Bale**, who reprises the role of Batman/Bruce Wayne. Academy Award nominee **Heath Ledger** (*Brokeback Mountain*) stars as arch-villain The Joker, and **Aaron Eckhart** is District Attorney Harvey Dent, who becomes better known as another of Batman's arch-nemeses, Two Face. **Maggie Gyllenhaal** also stars in the role of Rachel Dawes. Returning from **BATMAN BEGINS** are **Gary Oldman** as Lieutenant Jim Gordon; Oscar-winner **Michael Caine** (*The Cider House Rules*) as Alfred; and Oscar-winner **Morgan Freeman** (*Million Dollar Baby*) as Lucius Fox. The screenplay was written by **Jonathan Nolan**, from a story by **Christopher Nolan** and **David S. Goyer**. The film is produced by **Emma Thomas, Charles Roven** and **Christopher Nolan**, with **Kevin De La Noy, Benjamin Melniker** and **Michael E. Uslan** serving as executive producers.

**THE DARK KNIGHT** will be released worldwide by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company and in cinemas across the United Kingdom on Thursday, 24 July.

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