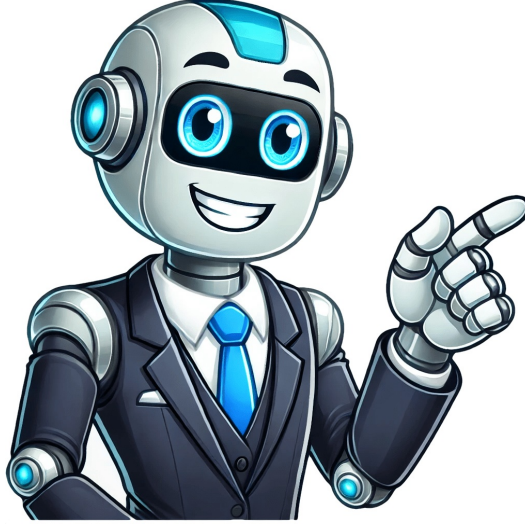


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Superman test screening

Posted on December 03, 2024 by Neil Cole Director James Gunn appeared on a recent newscast on Saturday, offering a glimpse into the progress of his much-anticipated film, “Superman”. Gunn shared his enthusiasm for the project, specifically about the second test screening for the film, which was scheduled to take place that evening. “I am really excited about it. I’m about to go do our second test screening after this tonight, and I’m excited about that,” said Gunn. “I know that I like the movie I’m making when I’m excited to show it to an audience. It’s not always the case. I always sometimes a little bit more scared, but I’m just really excited to show it to people. Again, it’s been a great process so far with wonderful actors all around, wonderful crew.” Gunn’s enthusiasm is understandable given the weight of expectations surrounding the Superman film. As the first Superman movie under the new DC Universe (DCU) that Gunn and Peter Safran are building, the project has attracted attention not just for its lead actors, but for its potential to define the next era of DC films. Fans of the Man of Steel are eagerly awaiting their first official look at Gunn’s vision for the iconic superhero. While there’s no exact date for the trailer, it’s widely speculated that it will drop around Christmas. The most likely opportunity for the release is tied to Disney’s “Mufasa: The Lion King”, set to hit theaters on December 20th. However, some had hoped that the CCXP (Comic-Con Experience) in Brazil next month would serve as a major venue for a Superman trailer debut. Despite this, Gunn has confirmed that neither he nor Safran will be attending the convention, making a CCXP reveal increasingly unlikely. “Superman” is scheduled for release on July 11th, 2025 and will feature David Corenswet in the role of Clark Kent/Superman. Alongside him, Rachel Brosnahan will portray Lois Lane, while Nicholas Hoult will take on the villainous role of Lex Luthor. The stellar cast and Gunn’s direction have fans eager to see how the new Superman will be portrayed, balancing the iconic superhero’s legacy with fresh creative ideas. What exactly is going on with James Gunn’s “Superman”? There have been whispers that a recent cut screened internally over at Warner Bros was not up to the standards of the studio brass. A few weeks later, another cut was screened, and word was only slightly better.Now you have The Hot Mic’s Jeff Sneider, who just a few days ago tackled the improved cut of the film, but now he’s hearing, from his “best source,” that “Superman” is actually pretty “terrible.”What’s even more alarming is that James Gunn has been very adamant in the past about refusing to do conduct reshoots on his films. A few months ago, when rumors started circulating of additional photography on “Superman,” Gunn shot down those rumors:“Heck no. Once you’re done shooting you’ve only just begun!” Gunn wrote in a message on Threads. “Still lots of editing, VFX, sound, and scoring to be done! I’ve done a total of one day of reshoots on my past two films combined.”Interestingly, it was during a press event, which took place last Friday, that Gunn walked back his previous comments about reshoots, and confirmed that additional photography will indeed be occurring on “Superman” in Los Angeles.“We’ve done real screenings. Definitely learning stuff all the time, definitely editing and making little changes. You know, we might shoot a couple little, tiny things,” the filmmaker admitted. “All my additional photography is so hard, because it’s like, I used to be kind of against it. Because, you know, you don’t want to have to shoot again. It’s a pain in the ass.”“I really [like] being able to say, ‘You know what? I wish I had a shot that fist hitting that…’ And so I tend to go back and pick that kind of stuff up. So it wouldn’t be anything major, but those kinds of things, yeah, I’ll cover you a couple more things like that.” Gunn concluded. Back in December, you had a THR piece confirming a rough cut of “Superman” had occurred on the Warner lot, but the trade added in a very cryptic tackling of the internal response. Here’s the excerpt:We’ve heard from multiple sources about one screening in particular, on the lot and with [Gunn’s] close-knit crew of people he trusts. We’re keeping the buzz about the movie itself in our own Fortress of Solitude, but we can tell you that the movie will be doing a few days of additional shooting in Los Angeles in the near term.When I first read this, it automatically signaled to me that something odd was happening behind the scenes with “Superman.” It wasn’t the “additional shooting” mention, which Gunn had denied at the time, but rather the fact that THR claimed not having spoken to multiple folks who had seen the film, but refused to divulge anything about its quality. Why is that? Why not just briefly say that word was good on the film?The whispers continued a few weeks later when a report indicated that “Superman,” or at least the cut shown on the Warner lot, was “kind of a mess.” It went on to say that Warner was starting to get “nervous” about the film.They should be “nervous.” If Gunn’s “Superman” fails then the whole DCU he’s trying to create might crumble along with it. Warner Bros. has invested a lot of money on this film, rumored to be approaching the \$300M mark, and then they have Craig Gillespie’s “Supergirl” coming out next year. Gunn still has time to refine “Superman” — it’s only supposed to be theatrically released on July 11. This article contains potential spoilers for James Gunn’s Superman, proceed with caution... Test screenings can be a blessing and a curse in Hollywood. On the one hand, positive early buzz can set you up for success, while negative feedback could tank your project before it reaches theaters. Regarding James Gunn’s Superman, the film launches DC Studios’ Chapter One: Gods and Monsters arc, and a hostile reception to the Big Blue’s latest adventure could make or break the DCU before it has a chance to strut its stuff. Last night, on an episode of the Hot Mic, Jeff Sneider said a recent test screening of Superman revealed a massive cameo that made audience members pop. Sneider considers the character’s identity a significant spoiler and keeps his thoughts brief. However, speculators gonna speculate, and according to whispers, the character could be Superman’s father, Jor-El. While including Jor-El in the film is hardly surprising given his relation to placing his child inside a pod and shooting them into space, we hear it’s the actor who plays Jor-El that gives audiences a reason to sit up bolt-right in their seats. According to other insiders like Daniel Richtman and MyTimeToShineHello, another screening yielded mixed reactions to Gunn’s superhero spectacle. Richtman says people “loved it,” while MyTimeToShineHello says the reactions were “decidedly mixed.” Superman had a test screening and from what I hear people loved it. — Daniel Richtman (@DanielRPK) March 27, 2025 The reaction to the Superman test screening was decidedly mixed. Some people thought it was okay, some liked it, and others didn’t. — MyTimeToShineHello (@MyTimeToShineH) March 28, 2025 Audiences having mixed reactions to Superman is hardly surprising. Everyone has different tastes, and mileage for Superman varies from one person to another. Some people don’t like the character flat-out, while others worship the fictional ground he walks on. Expectations for Superman are undoubtedly all over the map. Additionally, have you looked at the internet lately? It’s a sewer of opinions, with knee-jerk reactions, faux outrage, genuine enthusiasm, and assumptions muddying the waters. The best fans can do is hope the character’s spirit rings true while being open to Gunn’s interpretation of the Son of Krypton. Thankfully, the Superman teaser trailer gives us a good sense of Gunn’s approach, with action, heart, and heroics as the film’s blueprint. It won’t be long before we enter a bold, new era of DC Universe filmmaking, and we’ll take every positive word as a reason to get excited about the movie. If Jor-El shows up in the movie, who do you think Gunn cast as Superman’s father? Let’s see your predictions in the comments section below. Tags: James Gunn, Superman James Gunn’s Superman new test screening reports confirm that a 2025 summer blockbuster is coming to theaters.According to test screening reports shared by X user DC da Depressão, those who complained about the CGI in Gunn’s Superman trailer will be pleased to know that it has been improved with superior CGI compared to what was shown in the trailers.Image Source: DC StudiosNicholas Hoult is great as Lex Luthor. There are some surprise villains. Rachel Brosnahan is both funny and adorable as Lois Lane. The film’s comedy is well-timed and effective, while also delivering emotional moments. The tone is closer to the first Wonder Woman film and the original Guardians of the Galaxy.A new spoiler has been confirmed by a toy listing leak. Superman characters include:Lex Luthor with a Baby Kaiju (likely a younger version of the Kaiju from the teaser).Ultraman.A character/toy called “Baby Joe.” It’s unclear who this is, but it could be Kal-El as a baby, since Superman’s full name is Clark Joseph Kent—hence, “Baby Joe.”Image Source: DC StudiosThe film stars David Corenswet as Clark Kent/Superman, Brosnahan as Lois Lane, Hoult as Lex Luthor, Milly Alcock as Kara Zor-El/Supergirl, Sara Sampaio as Eve Teschmacher, Skyler Gisondo as Jimmy Olsen, Edi Gathegi as Michael Holt/Mr. Terrific, Maria Gabriela de Faria as The Engineer, Nathan Fillion as Guy Gardner/Green Lantern, Isabela Merced as Hawkgirl, Frank Grillo as Rick Flag Sr., and Anthony Carrigan as Metamorpho.The film is written and directed by Gunn and is the first film of the DCU’s Chapter One: Gods and Monsters. Gunn also produced the film with Peter Safran under DC Studios.Here’s the plot details for Superman:James Gunn takes on the original superhero in the newly imagined DC universe along a singular blend of epic action, humor and heart, delivering a Superman who’s driven by compassion and an inherent belief in the goodness of humankind.Superman will hit theaters and IMAX across the United States on July 11, 2025, by Warner Bros. Pictures. Q With all the reports about “Superman” finally being test-screened by an audience, what have you been hearing? (Matt Boehner)There’s the old claim that test screenings don’t make a movie. Still, it’s interesting how James Gunn and Warner Bros have allowed “Superman” to test so openly given the inevitable leaks that could occur, not to mention the risk of having negative reactions pummeling advanced hype. Yes, a few days ago, “Superman” had its first non-internal test screening — I only spoke to a few attendees. Suffice it to say, they both felt underwhelmed by Gunn’s film, and I’m being kind here. No need to taint the film further. Now, reporting on two people who didn’t like “Superman” doesn’t mean much in terms of quality. I’ve heard of people being turned off by the inherent humor, and silliness, that comes with a James Gunn movie — which Superman seems to have in spades.Sofar, based on what’s leaked, we’ve had the usual “scoopers” weighing on the reactions. MyTimeToShineHello says the reactions were “decidedly mixed.” According to “insider” Daniel Richtman, people he spoke to “loved it.”Yesterday, scooper ViewerAnon shared, “The response I heard directly from Warner Bros was decidedly less glowing than Daniel [Richtman]’s post. Not to say it went terribly, but it’s a divisive film with a particularly silly tone. Some people click with it, some seem to bounce right off.”A few weeks ago, a report indicated that “Superman,” or at least the cut shown on the Warner lot, was “kind of a mess.” It went on to say that Warner was starting to get “nervous” about the film.They should be “nervous.” If “Superman” fails then Gunn’s planned DCU might crumble alongside it. Warner Bros. has invested a lot of money in this film, rumored to approach the \$300M mark, and they’re betting all of their chips on it. Forget about “Mickey 17,” and “One Battle After Another”, for Warner Bros, the future begins and ends with “Superman.” Superman test screening reaction claims that it will be enjoyed by anyone, including those who do not read the comics. The film reportedly features lighthearted moments but is not a comedy. The early Superman screening report compared it to Wonder Woman and Guardians of the Galaxy. Many are looking forward to James Gunn’s Superman. The upcoming film has been the topic of discussion on one social media platform, especially since the details were reportedly from someone who attended a recent screening. Superman is the first movie from the DC Universe since Gunn and Peter Safran took over as co-CEOs and co-chairmen of DC Studios. Many have high expectations for the film since Gunn is the director. Gunn is famous for his fresh, heartfelt and character-driven storytelling, which fans love after watching Guardians of the Galaxy and The Suicide Squad. The filmmaker aims for a classic and inspiring tone in his upcoming superhero movie. With a stellar cast and clear vision from Gunn, everyone is looking forward to an awe-inspiring film. However, the earlier reports about the film may be wrong, according to a post on Reddit. More Superman is finally in the test screening stage, and it has been compared to a previous DCEU mega-blockbuster. A new edition of Strange Adventures in the Mod Queue on Reddit’s DCU Leaks thread shared some details about the Superman screening. They shared a list of comments reportedly from a user who claims their source recently attended the Superman screening. However, one should take it with a grain of salt because the claims are unverified but could offer insight into the movie. The source said that Superman is not a comedy, but it has “funny moments in it.” Most of the scenes featured in the trailer were reportedly taken from the early part of the film, suggesting that there was more story hidden from the audience. Also, the speculations about the movie were reportedly “dead wrong.” As for the characters, Krypto the Superdog reportedly plays a significant role and Rick Flag Jr. will make a brief appearance, but there were no nods to Creature Commandos. Amanda Waller will also have a cameo, but it will be so short that it’s easy to miss. Nicholas Hoult reportedly gave an impressive performance as Lex Luthor. He has two goons that match his energy, but while they were of help, they were not necessary. The secondary plot focused on Clark (David Corenswet) and Lois Lane (Rachel Brosnahan), and the latter reportedly stole every scene. However, the source admitted being a huge fan of Brosnahan’s comedy-drama The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, so she could be their bias. The source is not an avid fan of DC, so they might have missed some important Easter eggs. However, they noticed that Superman was something any audience, including those who do not read the DC comics, would enjoy. The claim that it’s not a comedy but peppered with some funny moments somewhat sounds like Superman isn’t really funny. Movie scooper Jeff Sneider previously shared that he heard the film was “jokey” and had a similar tone to MCU’s Guardians of the Galaxy. This could be a relief because Superman should not be a comedy in the first place. As for Lex’s two companions, previous footage showed him with two comrades and many thought one of them was Ultraman. However, with the source saying they were unnecessary, it appeared that they were not important characters, so it probably wasn’t Ultraman after all. Surprisingly, the source didn’t mention Supergirl. Milly Alcock’s Supergirl will reportedly make her debut in the film. This made sense because her solo movie will be released a year later. Meanwhile, another test screening reaction compared the film to Gal Gadot’s Wonder Woman and Guardians of the Galaxy. Since the two movies are both commercially and critically acclaimed, the comparison only shows that Superman is promising. Well, fans will soon find out. Superman hits theaters on July 11, 2025. More Another scooper compared James Gunn’s Superman to his previous film and said the tone was “very jokey.” Source: AutoModerator/Reddit Early reactions from James Gunn’s 2025 Superman film, arguably the most prominent DC movie in years, are starting to trickle out of test screenings.While the official start of Gunn’s DCU came with Creature Commandos in December, Superman will be the franchise’s first major release on the big screen. Behind David Corenswet, it will also be the first solo Superman film since Henry Cavill’s Man of Steel, giving it massive expectations.The marketing campaign reached its peak in December with the release of Superman’s first full trailer. However, with just over a couple of months until the movie’s debut, select people are getting the chance to see more of what’s happening. DC StudiosMultiple industry insiders attended a recent test screening of James Gunn’s Superman movie and reported on viewers’ reactions.Daniel Richtman reported hearing that “people loved it” after seeing Gunn’s work with David Corenswet (Superman), Rachel Brosnahan (Lois Lane), and more:“Superman’ had a test screening and from what I hear people loved it.”Meanwhile, X scooper MyTimeToShineHello described the reactions as “decidedly mixed.” Viewers ranged from not liking it at all to enjoying it to somewhere in the middle:“The reaction to the ‘Superman’ test screening was decidedly mixed. Some people thought it was okay, some liked it, and others didn’t.”Additionally, speaking with John Rocha on The Hot Mic podcast (via @EverythingDCU on X), insider Jeff Sneider heard from a recent screening viewer who “liked it.” They felt Corenswet “delivered as the Man of Steel” while Gunn did well with “balancing the heart and the humor” (something that was worrisome to some fans):“Got a recent test screening report from someone who saw it, and they liked it. They thought David delivered as the Man of Steel, they thought Gunn did a good job balancing the heart and the humor, and they said it’s around 140 minutes, approximately.”This marks yet another round of wildly mixed reviews for test screenings of Superman after reports from earlier in March hinted at reactions on both ends of the spectrum.Will The Superman Movie Be a Success? DC StudiosSuperman is already one of the most highly-anticipated movies of 2025, ranking near the top of many lists, including films like Jurassic World Rebirth and The Fantastic Four: First Steps. This is particularly true considering it will bust the door open to a brand-new DC Universe after years of issues with the former DCEU.The biggest question mark is how fans will react to a universe that is already in motion. Not only will this movie not be an origin story for Clark Kent but it will also include already-established heroes like Guy Gardner’s Green Lantern, Hawkgirl, and Mr. Terrific.On top of the heroes’ side of the fight, Nicholas Hoult’s new take on Lex Luthor is sure to turn heads, particularly with many expecting him to have an extended run in the villainous role (see more on why Lex hates Superman here).Over the next few weeks, many expect DC Studios to continue the marketing tour with a second trailer for Superman as the next round of summer blockbusters preps for release. While there is still plenty of mystery about what will be shown, the next chapter in Superman’s long legacy is sure to dominate headlines.Superman is set to soar into theaters on July 11. Superman is always a popular figure amongst news reporters and rumormongers, especially when there’s a new movie coming out. This past week has been an especially busy one when it comes to figuring out what to believe and what is made up. Here’s a round-up of some of the latest news and rumors surrounding James Gunn’s 2025 “Superman” movie. The naysayers were out in force, with “Writer. Columnist. Filmmaker” Dan Marcus reporting that the studio executives were not happy with the trailer James Gunn presented, telling him to redo it and get it right. Gunn debunked this one, saying the buck stops with him and Peter Safran, the co-CEOs of DC Studios. “When he says ‘studio’ that’s solely me, as the only studio involved in cutting or anything to do with the trailer is DC Studios i.e. me & Peter (& I’m the creatively demanding one). This is the exact same rigorous process I’ve gone through cutting every Guardians trailer, pushing the marketing folks as hard as I can, cutting & recutting until I think we have something worthy of the film itself. All that said, my notes are a lot more specific than ‘make it better.’” On the other side of the spectrum there have been reports calling the new movie the “biggest Superman movie of all time”. Where these rumors come from is anyone’s guest. People (especially clickbait sites) just love getting eyeballs to their posts. Either way, there’s no shortage of interest in the film, with pundits even speculating on whether certain music or popular songs will be included in the movie. Not sure why these ones in particular are of interest to fans, but James Gunn says you won’t be hearing “Don’t Stop Me Now”, “Holding Out for a Hero” or “Starman” in the new movie. Really? Is this how disparate we are for any tidbit of information about the “Superman” movie? Either way, it won’t be too long before we see something from James Gunn. Definitely before Christmas, with a second test screening having taken place last night. The cast of the film, simply titled “Superman”, features David Corenswet as Superman/Clark Kent, Rachel Brosnahan as Lois Lane, Nicholas Hoult as Lex Luthor, Terence Rosemore as Otis, Skyler Gisondo as Jimmy Olsen, Wendell Pierce as Perry White, Sara Sampaio as Eve Teschmacher, Nathan Fillion as Guy Gardner/Green Lantern, Isabela Merced as Hawkgirl, Edi Gathegi as Mister Terrific, Anthony Carrigan as Metamorpho, Maria Gabriela de Faria as The Engineer, Beck Bennett as Steve Lombard, Mikaela Hoover as Cat Grant, Christopher McDonald as Ron Troupe, Neva Howell as Martha Kent, and Pruitt Taylor Vince as Jonathan Kent. Directed by James Gunn, “Superman” is scheduled to be released July 11, 2025. James GunnSuperman (2025)Superman: Legacy The first trailer for James Gunn’s highly anticipated Superman landed with a big and exciting reception last week, earning widespread praise for its classic tone and inspiring vibe. However, recent test screenings have reportedly raised concerns, as shared on The Hot Mic podcast by insiders Jeff Sneider and John Rocha.Sneider, citing a source with connections to multiple viewers of the film, explained: “The buzz is not good. I’m hearing bad things. I’m hearing ‘you should be worried’ things. It sounds like James Gunn is aware of some of the feedback.”While reshoots are often a normal part of the filmmaking process, Sneider suggests these are more substantial than Gunn has publicly admitted. Gunn himself has referred to the upcoming shoots as “pickup shots” rather than full-on reshoots, stating, “No scenes. No reshoots.” Despite this, a source from the editing world reportedly told Sneider there are “plenty of reasons to be nervous.”Rocha provided additional context, offering a mixed assessment based on feedback from someone who has seen the film: “[It has] the tone of the first Captain America movie and the Mummy films. They said Nicholas Hoult is the standout and the film is ‘decent,’ but a large chunk of the film was unfinished, with only a third of the VFX done.”This tone is a notable shift for Gunn, who is typically known for his humor-laden approach. Rocha highlighted that while Superman: Legacy has “the least amount of humor of any Gunn film,” there’s still humor throughout. He added:“Most people will be satisfied with the movie, and it should be received well enough to continue Gunn’s DCU.”The inclusion of Supergirl, which Rocha confirmed, is one of the more intriguing tidbits from the screening feedback.Sneider goes on to point out that many successful films including the blockbuster Barbie endured early negative buzz following test screenings. The purpose of these screenings is to identify issues and course-correct before the final product hits theaters.It’s also worth noting that feedback from test screenings can vary widely. While some viewers may have reservations, others might have loved the film. With Superman: Legacy slated to hit theaters on July 11, 2025, there’s still plenty of time for Gunn to address any concerns and deliver a film that resonates with audiences. For now, we can hope the Man of Steel’s return to the big screen is going to be an awesome experience! I’m still excited about the movie!