Chicago's Navy Pier to Feature '72 Hours of Batman' For 'The Dark Knight' IMAX **Premiere**

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CHICAGO – "The Dark Knight," which for hordes of moviegoers across the U.S. is 2008's most anticipated film, won't just open on July 18, 2008 in Chicago to everyday fanfare. It was announced on Wednesday that the film will have "72 hours of Batman" that weekend at Chicago's Navy Pier for its IMAX version.

Beginning with the first public showing at midnight on Friday, July 18 (late Thursday night), the film will show consecutively all weekend until late Sunday, July 20 (the midnight show). As well, various Batman-themed games, contests and prizes will add to the buzz throughout the weekend.



Just in time for Father's Day, tickets for every show that weekend go on sale this **Thursday, June 12**. Because it's IMAX, the price is jacked up a bit to \$15 for adults or \$13 for children. Tickets can be obtained at http://www.imax.com/chicago [2]. This is the film's description:

"The Dark Knight" reunites director Christopher Nolan and star Christian Bale, who reprises the role of Batman/Bruce Wayne. Batman raises 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 organizations 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 film also stars Academy Award winner Michael Caine ("The Cider House Rules") as Alfred; Academy Award nominee Heath Ledger ("Brokeback Mountain") as arch villain The Joker; Gary Oldman as lieutenant Jim Gordon; Aaron Eckhart as district attorney Harvey Dent; Maggie Gyllenhaal as Rachel Dawes; and Oscar winner Morgan Freeman ("Million Dollar Baby") as Lucius Fox.



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CHICAGO – This exclusive, 35-image slideshow contains original HollywoodChicago.com photography from the July 16, 2008 red carpet for "The Dark Knight" at Chicago's Navy Pier. Our full review of the film by critic Adam Fendelman can be <u>read here</u> [9].

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Three Months Early, First Review For 'The Dark Knight' Surfaces Online

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CHICAGO – With today being April 9, 2008 and with "The Dark Knight" scheduled to open on July 18, 2008, the difference between the two dates, of course, is more than three months. Even so, the first review for the monolithically anticipated film has just hit the Web in Portuguese.

Contributor Alexandre Winck for the respected Batman site <u>Batman-on-Film.com</u> [45] reports that the review comes from a "well-known blog in Brazil" that's part of the "largest media corporation" there, which is known as Globo. Winck says the author is a "respected journalist". While the translation into English is a bit rough, you'll get the gist. **The following information may contain spoilers.**



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success, he guarantees.

The gadgets – especially the [Batpod], [which is] responsible for an acclaimed action sequence – are crazy and Heath Ledger might receive a deserved [award?] for his Joker. [He is] a mixture of a fool/clown, schizophrenic, sadistic and crazy.

The guy delivered, got himself into the role and it's unrecognizable. There will be no other Joker after him.

Many great scenes. Impeccable effects. Music and sounds pretty loud, but helping the story. They have a heartbeat they use in a sensational way [that helps to anticipate] the next scene [as] a psychological trigger [like in "Jaws"].

The cast is awesome. Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman [steal] scenes in which all are present. Maggie Gyllenhaal [is] fantastic replacing Katie Holmes and Aaron Eckhart [is] a great surprise as the politician with a heart of gold whose personality changes after a horrible accident.

Another surprise is Eric Roberts as the mobster he knows so well how to do. Christian Bale [is] solid as ever [and] cool since Bruce Wayne is a rich playboy and Batman is the opposite. The film plays a lot with this duality. All the characters are complex, [have] ambiguities [and are] very interesting and delicate.

The humor ... is totally dark. The movie is very dark and, in this version, a little too long. [It] will blow [everyone] away.

Due to its sensitivity, part of the next sentence is whited out in case you don't want to read it. If you do, select it with your mouse.

Another scene ...
It will possibly be cut.



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