

Michael Sheen Joins Cast of ‘The Twilight Saga’s New Moon’

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CHICAGO – [Michael Sheen](#) [8], one of the stars of last year’s Best Picture-nominated “[Frost/Nixon](#) [16],” has joined the cast of the “[Twilight](#) [15]” sequel, “[The Twilight Saga’s New Moon](#) [17],” appearing with the already-cast [Robert Pattinson](#) [10], [Kristen Stewart](#) [7], [Taylor Lautner](#) [12], [Ashley Greene](#) [2], and [Dakota Fanning](#) [18] in the film to be directed by [Chris Weitz](#) [5].

Sheen also appeared in the award-winning “The Queen” as Prime Minister Tony Blair and played a vampire before in 2003’s “Underworld,” co-starring [Kate Beckinsale](#) [19], and in this year’s “Underworld: The Rise of the Lycans”. Sheen will play Aro, the leader of the Volturi vampire coven from the book based on Stephenie Meyer’s “New Moon”. The casting news was broken by [E! News](#) [20] today.



Michael Sheen in Screen Gems Underworld: Rise of the Lycans.
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“Twilight,” which stars [Kristen Stewart](#) [7], [Robert Pattinson](#) [10], [Ashley Greene](#) [2] and Taylor Lautner from director Catherine Hardwicke, has grossed \$178 million domestically. This has put the “New Moon” sequel into production immediately and has spawned a series of casting rumors. Other books in the Stephenie Meyer series include “Eclipse” and “Breaking Dawn”.



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