

After Gary Ross' recent departure from directing the adaptation of the second film in the Hunger Games trilogy, Lionsgate has been searching for a replacement. Last week, we learned that David Cronenberg, Alfonso Cuarón and Alejandro González Iñárritu were being considered to direct *Catching Fire*. Now, The Playlist has learned that Bennett Miller (*Moneyball*) and Francis Lawrence (*I Am Legend*) are also in contention for the gig. Miller is currently attached to direct *Foxcatcher*, which is aiming at a fall shoot (around the time that *Catching Fire* will be filming); it's possible that production on the film would be pushed back if the director decides to go with *Catching Fire*. On the other hand, Lawrence's schedule is currently free, and would have no trouble getting right to work on the sequel (penned by *127 Hours*' Simon Beaufoy). With production beginning in months, Lionsgate is currently searching hard for a director. Expect

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