

The Los Angeles Times reports that with just a few days until it finally hits the big screen, The Dark Knight Rises is generating more audience excitement than the last three highest grossing blockbusters (Marvel's The Avengers, The Hunger Games and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part II). This has led analysts to predict that the highly anticipated threequel will gross upwards of \$180 million during its opening weekend in North America. It's believe that it may even topple the impressive record of \$207 million set by The Avengers. While the large amount of IMAX screens it is playing on will boost takings, the lack of 3D means it won't benefit from the higher ticket prices that the Marvel Studios movie did. Regardless, as was reported earlier this week, The Dark Knight Rises is set to have the biggest opening ever for a 2D movie and should have little

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