

This morning, it was reported that Lionsgate and 20th Century Fox worked out their schedules to allow Jennifer Lawrence to film the sequels to both X-Men: First Class and The Hunger Games, with the latter to begin production August-September. But now, The Playlist has learned that Gary Ross - who directed the first Hunger Games film - has departed from the sequel, Catching Fire. The site says that the major reason Ross left wasn't anything financial; instead, he doesn't have a desire to spend another couple years involved with the franchise. Ironically, The Playlist also notes that "it will be something he [Ross] has written that will earn him a better payday that he would've received on Catching Fire." The search is currently on for a new director. 127 Hours' Simon Beaufoy has written the script, while the main cast from the first film (Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth, etc.) have

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