

A press release issued by Warner Bros. today has confirmed that the studio has plans to release an extended version of The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey, presumably to tie-in with the release of The Desolation of Smaug next year. With director Peter Jackson making the decision to turn the two films into a trilogy, you wouldn't think there would be enough footage left over for an extended edition, but this shouldn't come as too much of a surprise (especially as they proved to be extremely successful for the three The Lord of the Rings instalments). Below is an excerpt from the press release (via TheOneRing.net) and some new character designs on t-shirt's for An Unexpected Journey. Many thanks to Twitter's @JonasRJakobsen for the heads up. And finally, among the new films you can expect on Blu-ray and DVD in 2013 are The Wachowskis' Cloud Atlas and – officially confirmed here for the

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