

While the embargo is expected to be lifted sometime tomorrow, here are the first reviews of The Avengers! Needless to say the reaction is so far very positive: "Four disparate main characters, all with specific personalities, abilities and back stories that need to be wrangled into a cohesive fighting force. It's a job that only Samuel L. Jackson's Nick Fury, with the backing of S.H.I.E.L.D., is suited to, but it's the one that Buffy creator Joss Whedon has taken on in bringing Marvel's Avengers together at last. You don't envy him the task at hand, but then, it's not every day that a writer-director is handed what is essentially a massive comic franchise toy box and told to go have some fun. And fun is certainly had here. For Whedon has taken the various threads of the Marvel universe and weaved an impressive tapestry filled with action, humour, charm and heart. There

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