

"Robert is a tour de force as Tony Stark and he injects that confidence and sense of humor that brought to life and defined the character in the best way possible in both 'Iron Man' films," said Marvel Studios' President and producer of Marvel's The Avengers, Kevin Feige. "We wanted to give Robert scenes with all the characters as we knew it would be a lot of fun to watch Tony's interaction with Captain America, Thor and The Hulk. When Robert walks on the screen, the audiences embrace him in a very big and palpable way; he really is a powerhouse for us and the film." Robert Downey Jr. meanwhile didn't begin to even contemplate going on to star in The Avengers until the night that Iron Man opened all the way back in 2008. "I remember when we were all huddled around the dinner table waiting for the numbers to come

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