

While the majority never doubted that The Avengers would be a success, a lot of box office analysts didn't think it would even manage to beat Iron Man 2's haul of \$620+ million. Well, \$1.5 billion later and it's fair to say that they couldn't have been more wrong (although it's doubtful that anyone predicted that it would become the third highest grossing film of all time). The superhero ensemble was also a critical success, receiving unanimous praise from fans and critics alike. Talking to MTV News' Josh Wigler, Kevin Feige had this to say about those incredible figures and why writer and director Joss Whedon was the right man for the job. "We've had the good fortune of having a lot of dreams come true. I still remember six, seven years ago, thinking about casting Robert Downey Jr. as Iron Man. 'It's outside the box! It could be like Johnny Depp

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