

Proving further that it will be a success at the North American box office, Marvel's Thor has taken in a total of \$83 million this weekend alone across the international box office market, readily claiming the #1 spot worldwide and is currently the biggest opening weekend by far. From THR.com: Director Kenneth Branagh's interpretation of a Stan Lee comic book about an otherworldly renegade warrior defending planet earth opened No. 1 in the U.K. and Ireland (\$9 million from 500 situations over five days), in France (\$8.1 million from 579 locales), South Korea (\$5.7 million from 513 spots), Italy (\$5.5 million from 455 locations) and Spain (\$5 million from 377 situations). Thor also recorded first place openings in several smaller markets including Taiwan (\$2.1 million from 58 sites for a per-screen average of \$36,206), Singapore and the Philippines. In Vietnam, the opener yielded \$308,000 from 19 sites, which Paramount said was a three-day

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