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'MARVEL: CREATING THE CINEMATIC UNIVERSE' COMES TO THE GALLERY OF MODERN ART

The Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) will present the major exhibition 'Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe' exclusively at Brisbane's Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) from 27 May to 3 September 2017.

QAGOMA Director Chris Saines CNZM said 'Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe' would follow Thor, Iron Man, Captain America and their comrades and adversaries from comic book page to cinema screen in the first major Marvel-related exhibition to be staged in Australia and the largest ever presented in an art museum.

Mr Saines said the exhibition would use original artwork, film props, costumes and the moving image to bring to life the interconnected Marvel Cinematic Universe which also features characters such as Hulk, Black Widow, Ant-Man, Black Panther and the Guardians of the Galaxy.

'Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe' will draw from the collection of Marvel Studios and Marvel Entertainment and private collections,' Mr Saines said.

'It will give significant focus to the creative artists who translate the drawn narrative to the screen through production design and storyboarding, costume and prop design, and special effects and postproduction, on a series which has redefined the cinematic super hero.

'The exhibition experience will be all encompassing and extend into GOMA's Australian Cinémathèque with a retrospective of the Marvel Cinematic Universe of films,' Mr Saines said.

Mr Saines said the exhibition, curated by QAGOMA's Associate Curator Australian Cinémathèque Amanda Slack-Smith, would highlight the Gallery's longstanding commitment to engaging with contemporary culture.

'We are thrilled to be collaborating with Marvel Entertainment on the presentation of this exhibition at GOMA, an art museum renowned for its focus on contemporary art and cinema, and the seamless integration of both visual forms.

'Thor's hammer, Iron Man's suit of armour and Captain America's shield will be among the 300 plus objects, films, costumes, drawings and other ephemera presented in the exhibition.'

Kevin Feige, Producer, Marvel Studios, said the studio was delighted to be collaborating with QAGOMA on the first major Marvel-related exhibition to be staged in Australia.



'Following the success of filming Thor: Ragnarok on the Gold Coast we are really excited to be staging the largest Marvel exhibition ever.' Mr. Feige said.

'The GOMA exhibition will provide Marvel's Australian fans, some of the most passionate in the world, with the opportunity to truly immerse themselves in the Marvel Cinematic Universe,' said Kylie Watson-Wheeler, Managing Director, The Walt Disney Company Australia and New Zealand.

'The power of Marvel lies in its broad appeal and how it connects with people of all ages. It's wonderful that Queensland, QAGOMA and Marvel could bring this exhibition, the largest of its kind, to the people of Australia.'

'Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe' is organised by the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art in collaboration with Marvel Entertainment. The exhibition has received additional support from the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) and Arts Queensland.