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Netflix and the Russo Brothers Join Forces with Wizards of the Coast for First of its Kind Animated Series *Magic: The Gathering*

- Netflix is joining forces with Joe and Anthony Russo, Wizards of The Coast, and Hasbro's Allspark Animation to bring the worldwide phenomenon of *Magic: The Gathering* to the screen for the first time in the iconic franchise's 25-year history with an animated series *Magic: The Gathering*.
- The Russos will oversee the creation of an all new storyline and expand on the stories of the Planeswalkers, which are Magic's unique magic-wielding heroes and villains as they contend with stakes larger than any one world can hold.
- Created in 1993, the Magic franchise has connected with over 38 million fans over the last 25 years and has been published in eleven languages and played in over 70 countries.
- **Joe and Anthony Russo** (*Avengers: Infinity Wars*, *Avengers: Endgame*) will executive produce the series.
- *Magic: The Gathering* will feature creative talent from *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, *Batman: The Animated Series*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, *Firefly*, *Agent Carter*, *Ultimate Spider-Man*, and *The Lego Movies*.
- **Octopie** will oversee production of the series, with **Todd Makurath**, **Eric Calderon**, and **Dave Newberg** serving as producers, and **Mike Larocca** and **Isaac Krauss** serving as executive producers.
- **Henry Gilroy** (*Star Wars Rebels*, *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*) and **Jose Molina** (*The Tick*, *Agent Carter*) will serve as lead writers and co-executive producers on the series, and **Yoriaki Mochizuki** will serve as supervising director and co-executive producer.
- Animation on the series will be done by **Bardel Entertainment**.
- "We have been huge fans and players of *Magic: The Gathering* for as long as it has been around, so being able to help bring these stories to life through animation is a true passion project for us," said Joe and Anthony Russo.
- "Working with Joe and Anthony, Wizards of the Coast, and Netflix on such a universally cherished brand is a real highlight for our studio." said Isaac Krauss, CEO of Octopie. "Our goal is to not only tell a compelling story leveraging *Magic: The Gathering's* incredible body of work, but to also push the medium and perception of storytelling through animation. This series will cross the genres of suspenseful thriller, horror, and drama with deeply developed characters the likes of which are not often seen in animation."

- “More fans are enjoying *Magic* now than at any time in its 25-year history thanks to the enduring popularity of the tabletop game and our latest release *War of the Spark*, as well as the incredible success of our new digital game, *Magic: The Gathering Arena*.” said Chris Cocks, President of Wizards of the Coast. “We’re thrilled to collaborate with Joe and Anthony Russo to bring *Magic: The Gathering*’s rich and diverse cast of characters and worlds to Netflix in a way that will delight our many fans and those new to the franchise.”
- “Magic is a beloved global franchise with a massively engaged fan base that has only continued to grow over the last 25 years,” said John Derderian, head of Anime programming for Netflix. “There’s no one better suited to bring this story to audiences around the world than Joe and Anthony Russo, whose talent for genre storytelling is unmatched, as demonstrated by their central role in creating some of the biggest box office hits of all time.”
- *Magic: The Gathering* joins an ever-growing slate of Netflix animated content from around the world, which includes global anime hits such as *Devilman Crybaby*, *Aggretsuko*, and *Ultraman* as well as acclaimed adult animated series *BoJack Horseman*, *Big Mouth*, and *Disenchantment*. Also upcoming are animated features *Klaus* from director Sergio Pablos and SPA Studios, *The Willoughbys* from director Kris Pearn and BRON Studios, and *Over The Moon* from director Glen Keane and Pearl Studios, as well as the recently acquired *I Lost My Body* from director Jérémy Clapin and Xilam Animation.
- [Announcement Asset](#) (please download).

About Magic

Magic: The Gathering’s compelling characters, fantastic worlds, and deep strategic gameplay have entertained and delighted fans for more than 25 years. Fans can experience Magic through the tabletop trading card game, the new digital game *Magic: The Gathering Arena*, a New York Times bestselling novel, critically acclaimed comic book series, and professional esports league. With over 38 million fans to date, Magic is a worldwide phenomenon published in eleven languages in over 70 countries.