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The New Mexico Film Office Announces the Feature Film *Oppenheimer* is Currently Filming in New Mexico

SANTA FE, N.M. –The New Mexico Film Office today announced the feature film *Oppenheimer* is currently in production in Abiquiu and Los Alamos, New Mexico.

"Oppenheimer is a project from one of New Mexico's Film Partner's - NBCUniversal. This production is employing thousands of New Mexicans and will be partially filmed in Los Alamos, which is only appropriate as the development of the atomic bomb is deeply tied to New Mexico," said Amber Dodson, director, New Mexico Film Office. "We welcome Christopher Nolan and the all-star cast to New Mexico to shoot this major feature film in our state."

Written and directed by Christopher Nolan, *Oppenheimer* is an IMAX[®]-shot epic thriller that thrusts audiences into the pulse-pounding paradox of the enigmatic man who must risk destroying the world in order to save it. The film is produced by Emma Thomas, Atlas Entertainment's Charles Roven, and Nolan.

The film stars Cillian Murphy as J. Robert Oppenheimer and Emily Blunt as his wife, biologist and botanist Katherine "Kitty" Oppenheimer. Oscar[®] winner Matt Damon portrays General Leslie Groves Jr., director of the Manhattan Project, and Robert Downey, Jr. plays Lewis Strauss, a founding commissioner of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Academy Award[®] nominee Florence Pugh plays psychiatrist Jean Tatlock, Benny Safdie plays theoretical physicist Edward Teller, Michael Angarano plays Robert Serber and Josh Hartnett plays pioneering American nuclear scientist Ernest Lawrence.

Oppenheimer also stars $Oscar^{(R)}$ winner Rami Malek and reunites Nolan with eight-time $Oscar^{(R)}$ nominated actor, writer, and filmmaker Kenneth Branagh.

The cast includes Dane DeHaan (Valerian and the City of a Thousand

Planets), Dylan Arnold (Halloween franchise), David Krumholtz (The Ballad of Buster Scruggs), Alden Ehrenreich (Solo: A Star Wars Story), and Matthew Modine (The Dark Knight Rises).

The production will employ approximately 190 New Mexico crew members and 1,200 New Mexico background and extras.

Universal Pictures will distribute *Oppenheimer* theatrically worldwide and will release the film in North American theaters on Friday, July 21, 2023. The film is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and the late Martin J. Sherwin.

Oppenheimer will be shot on a combination of IMAX[®] 65mm and 65mm large-format film photography including, for the first time ever, sections in IMAX[®] black and white analogue photography.

For more information on the production contact <u>Gadget.Production@nbcufilms.com</u>



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