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"Iron Man 3"

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Super hero fans, especially Avengers fans, have been waiting with great anticipation for the release of "Iron Man 3." Most fans of this genre will not be disappointed as "Iron Man 3" delivers a one-two punch of action-packed intense scenes with some timely humor thrown in.

Tony Stark, portrayed by Robert Downey, Jr., puts on the metal suit as the world is being attacked by the evil terrorist The Mandarin, played by Oscar winner Ben Kingsley ("Gandhi"). The Mandarin is no Gandhi and Kingsley's performance is not worth an Oscar, as it is a little excessive at times. But then again, this is a movie based on comic book characters. The other supporting cast members include Oscar winner Gwyneth Paltrow ("Shakespeare in Love") as Stark's love interest and sidekick, Pepper Potts. Oscar nominee Don Cheadle ("Hotel Rwanda") plays Lt. Col. James 'Rhodey' Rhodes. British actor Guy Pearce ("The Hurt Locker," "Moonrise Kingdom") gives a stellar performance as the troubled scientist, Aldrich Killian, who is still haunted by being shunned by Stark years ago. So what is an evil man supposed to do? Get Revenge!

"Iron Man 3" is co-written and directed by Shane Black, who set the bar for action flicks in 1987 with "Lethal Weapon." The two previous Iron Man films were directed by indie favorite, Jon Favreau. Black brings his witty style to "Iron Man 3," which the audience will truly enjoy.

The film is already setting records at the box office, boasting the second highest grossing film for a weekend opening with \$175.3 million at the ticket counter. To date it has grossed an amazing \$680 million worldwide.

"Iron Man 3" is rated PG13 for explosive violence, sexual content and language. It runs 2 hours and 10 minutes and is more action-packed than the previous two Iron Man films but with a weaker story line.

To view the "Iron Man 3" trailer, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=aV8H7ksZxqo.

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