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'Avengers: Age of Ultron'

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"Avengers: Age of Ultron," is the highly anticipated sequel to "The Avengers," the third highest-grossing movie of all time, behind "Titanic" and "Avatar." All the main characters from the first film return which is always a treat: Tony Stark/Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Bruce Banner/The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Steve Rogers/Captain America (Chris Evans), Natasha/Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Clint Barton/Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner), and Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson).

In this installment, Tony Stark sets out to create a peacekeeping artificial intelligence named Ultron (brilliantly voiced by James Spader) to protect the world. He quickly becomes a "Frankenstein" type creature that is determined to destroy the Avengers.

Ultron believes that the Avengers are the biggest threat to the world that he was created to protect. Ultron teams up with Wanda and Pietro Maximoff (Elizabeth Olsen and Aaron Taylor-Johnson), two super-powered twins, whom we saw at the end of the first "Avengers." The twins have resentment and hatred towards Stark after his company's weapons killed their family. As the Avengers team begins to fall apart, Ultron sets his sights on destroying all humankind.

As with most "Superhero" movies of recent years the destruction, violence and intense action are at an extremely high level. Why does a complete city need to be destroyed in each fight scene? We get the point. "Avengers: Age of Ultron" is rated PG-13, but really pushes the "R" rating. I would recommend that parents see the film first before allowing their youngsters to see it. "Avengers: Age of Ultron" has a TRT (total running time) of 2 hours and 21 minutes. This movie is expected to be one of the highest grossing films of the year, so plan on spending 3 hours in the theater in order to get good seats.

The Rheem Theatre will allow photo ops this week with the life-size Iron Man located in the lobby (#LamorindaTheatres).

Other recommendations in theatres this week are "Woman In Gold" and "True Story."

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