

# Illumination Teams Up With Nintendo To Create a New Version of The Super Mario Brothers

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The much anticipated Super Mario Brothers movie was released in theaters this spring with actors such as Chris Pratt (Mario), Jack Black (Bowser), Anya Taylor-Joy (Princess Peach), and Charlie Day (Luigi). Many are hesitating to watch this take on Mario and Luigi, however it has been well worth the anticipation.

The movie revolves around Mario and his brother Luigi's lives in Brooklyn with their family. They are beginning to go off on their own and work together as plumbers; The Super Mario Brothers. The two of them are separated when sucked into the classic green pipes and spit out into different worlds while on the job.

But the real meat of the story is Mario's journey to find his brother and save him from Bowser. It's a different take on the story where (typically) Princess Peach is the one in distress in Bowser's power. Mario learns how to fight back and grows a team of other Mario-adjacent characters as back up.

In general, the movie had incredible animation and storytelling. It was high quality, reflecting the time and effort put in by staff and animators to create this take on the story. This version of Mario made for an amazing movie and would be entertaining for all age groups.

The story made sense and relates back to some of the details in past Super Mario Brothers games. For example, they use question mark blocks, bananas in the road, customization of racing



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The Super Mario Bros. movie has been in theaters and has tickets available for purchase online and in person at nearby theaters. The high quality movie was released April 5, 2023 in America and has already proven popular.

cars, and of course the classic main characters that everyone knows and loves.

Casting directors also included Charles Martinet as the voice of a seemingly random acquaintance of the brothers in Brooklyn. Many might recognize Martinet as one of the original Mario and Luigi voice actors since the '90s. He's one of the most well known voices of the Super Mario Brothers and was included in the movie as a small easter egg by Illumination and Nintendo, making their attention to detail very clear.

Just because it is a PG movie doesn't necessarily mean it's childish, and the classic

characters can introduce the video game to younger kids. The Brooklyn brothers are still so relevant nowadays, knowing most of Gen Z has played Mario Kart at least once throughout their childhood and that more games with Super Mario Brothers characters are still being developed and released.

I think the movie is worth a trip over to a nearby theater or a brief wait until the release date is announced on online streaming services. It's one of those movies you can turn on while watching a younger sibling that you end up actually liking. It's a solid 8.5/10 and a film that will become a beloved kids movie of this year.