

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**ROADSHOW FILMS BRINGS DC UNIVERSE ORIGINAL MOVIE
BATMAN: THE KILLING JOKE TO FANS IN SPECIAL
THEATRICAL AND HOME ENTERTAINMENT RELEASE**

Comic book fans across Australia will finally be able to experience the iconic graphic novel *BATMAN: THE KILLING JOKE* come to life on the big screen for special, one-evening-only event screenings taking place on Sunday, July 24, before owning it for themselves on digital from July 27 or on Blu-ray™ & DVD in August. More information on participating cinemas and bonus features will be revealed very soon.

Delve into the demented history of the Dark Knight's arch nemesis – The Joker – as he sets out to prove insanity is only a horrifying moment away for anyone in the latest *DC Universe Original Movie*, *Batman: The Killing Joke*. Based on one of the best-selling graphic novels of all time, feature-length animated film (the first ever DC animation to receive an R Rating in the US) brings together some of the key creative team behind *Batman: The Animated Series* with executive producer Bruce Timm at the helm and Kevin Conroy and Mark Hamill returning to their seminal roles as Batman and The Joker, respectively.

Based on the acclaimed graphic novel of the same name, *Batman: The Killing Joke* takes a journey into the dark psyche of the Clown Prince of Crime – from his humble beginnings as a struggling comedian to his fateful encounter with Batman that changes both of their lives forever. Years later, and now escaped from Arkham Asylum, The Joker devises a plan to prove that one bad day can make anyone as insane as he is – setting his sights on Commissioner Gordon. It's up to the Dark Knight to put a stop to The Joker's latest scheme and save one of Gotham City's finest. Following a gripping prologue introducing Barbara Gordon's heroic adventures alongside Batman as Batgirl, *Batman: The Killing Joke* stays true to the authentic tale that has held fans' imaginations for nearly three decades – spotlighting the birth of a Super-Villain, the fortitude of a Super Hero and the punchline that will leave you speechless.

Published by DC Comics in 1988, the two-time Eisner Award winning *Batman: The Killing Joke* graphic novel has maintained an unparalleled popularity throughout its 28 years of existence – as evidenced by its recent ranking as the best-selling graphic novel of 2015.

The celebrity-laden cast is led by Kevin Conroy (*Batman: The Animated Series*, *Justice League*) and Mark Hamill (*Star Wars* franchise) as they reprise their seminal roles as the voices of Batman/Bruce Wayne and The Joker, respectively. The cast also features Tara Strong (*Teen Titans*; *Batman: Arkham* games), as Barbara Gordon and Ray Wise (*Twin Peaks*, *RoboCop*) as Commissioner Gordon.

Batman: The Killing Joke is directed by Sam Liu (*Justice League vs. Teen Titans*) from a script by Eisner Award-winning writer Brian Azzarello.

Release Information

	Theatrical	Digital Release	Physical Release	Rating	Blu-ray SRP	DVD SRP
Australia	July 24 (locations TBC)	July 27	August 3	TBC	24.95	19.95
New Zealand	July 24 (locations TBC)	July 27	August 10	TBC	24.99	19.99

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