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Ridley Scott Says He'll Direct 'Blade Runner' Sequel



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Harrison Ford and Ridley Scott on the set of 'Blade Runner' in 1982.

Film director Ridley Scott plans to make a follow-up to his groundbreaking 1982 classic, "Blade Runner."

In an interview with Speakeasy, Scott said he is on board to direct a "Blade Runner" follow-up and has been interviewing writers who can help him with the screenplay. Scott says the new project is "liable to be a sequel."

Scott, 74 years old, recently finished shooting the sci-fi movie "Prometheus" and is an executive producer of a new TV series on Discovery Communications Inc.'s Science Channel, "[Prophets of Science Fiction](#)."

Earlier this year, production company Alcon Entertainment said it was planning a new "Blade Runner" project with Scott at the helm, but it didn't reveal whether it would be a prequel or sequel to the original film.

"Blade Runner" devotees may not have to wait long for the new movie. "I think I'm close to finding a writer that might be able to help me deliver," Scott says, "we're quite a long way in, actually."

The original film was inspired by sci-fi writer Philip K. Dick's novel, "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" and told the grim story of Rick Deckard, a "blade runner" who hunts down "replicants" — androids who long to live free lives. Scott says Dick, who he says was "stressed" when he met him, found a romanticism in his pessimism. And similarly, "Blade Runner" didn't offer a romantic view of the future.

"That's why I think I was so unpopular" when the film was released, Scott says, because at the core of the film is a story about mortality. "Even though people think it's a cool Philip Marlowe film with Deckard played by Harrison Ford," he says, "the film is very much about humanity."

Scott says the new "Blade Runner" project is moving ahead "not with the past cast, of course." No Deckard? "No, not really," he says.

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