

Bong Joon-Ho Shares Details About Parasite HBO Series At Cannes

He also has an animated film in the can for sometime in 2025 or 2026.

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South Korean film director Bong Joon-Ho has finally shared some meaty details about the upcoming Parasite HBO series at the Cannes Film Festival, according to [IndieWire](#). Explaining that he never expected Parasite to become such a hit—including several Oscars and a Palme d'Or win—the director has said his goal for the series is for it to rise to those accolades by "be[ing] something of great genius."

"Parasite is a film on wealthy and poor families, and that is a problem everywhere," said Bong. "The subject continues to have resonance in France and elsewhere... Many of [us] would like to be rich, but I think in all of us there is a fear of becoming poor."

All we've really known until this point is just that it exists, is happening, and Bong is collaborating with writer-director Adam McKay (Succession) for it. Even with McKay's involvement, we really had no insight into another fact that Bong shared—that the show will be a black comedy. The pair seized on much of 2020 in isolation to collaborate on the series, though there haven't yet been important announcements to finally seeing it, such as casting or a production start date.

Bong also shared a bit more about [a script he cryptically talked earlier this year about having finished](#), which is an adaptation of the 2007 book *The Deep: The Extraordinary Creatures of the Abyss*, by Claire Nouvian. Noting that it's a "French scientific book that my wife bought and brought home," the director says his "imagination took over" in using the book as a starting point for what will be an animated film. Of course, animated films take time—Bong said a conservative guess at a release date would fall sometime in 2025 or 2026.

Succession recently [released its first teaser for Season 3](#), which will air on HBO Max this fall.