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## Exceptional Minds with Autism Receive Movie Credit for Marvel Studios' Ant-Man and The Wasp



Exceptional Minds visual effects artists on the spectrum attended Tuesday's cast and crew screening of Marvel Studios' "Ant-Man and The Wasp."

**Los Angeles, California** – *July 6, 2018* – The Super Hero saga continues for <u>Exceptional Minds</u> visual effects artists, who attended Tuesday's cast and crew screening of Marvel Studios' *Ant-Man and The Wasp*.

This is the latest in a string of Marvel Studios movies for Exceptional Minds Studio, the only visual effects and animation studio staffed entirely by professional artists on the autism spectrum. For *Ant-Man and* 

*The Wasp,* Exceptional Minds artists Nicolas Arredondo, Andrew Dugan, Lloyd Hackl, Eli Katz, Madeleine Petti, Tony Saturno and Mason Taylor did visual effects cleanup on several shots (tracker marker removals, roto, paint and compositing). Exceptional Minds Studio Executive Producer Susan Zwerman and Studio Coordinator Jennifer Giandalone along with visual effects supervisors Immanuel Morris, Kenneth Au, and Megan Flood supervised the work. Exceptional Minds supervisor Josh Dagg supervised the end-title work.

Exceptional Minds artists have done visual effects and/or end title credits for Marvel Studios' Avengers: Infinity War, Black Panther, Thor: Ragnarok, Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, Doctor Strange, Captain America: Civil War, Ant-Man, and Avengers: Age of Ultron. The cast and crew screening for Ant-Man and The Wasp was held Tuesday, July 3, at the Regency Village Theater. The movie opens in U.S. theaters on July 6.

Since opening its doors almost four years ago, the small studio has done tracker marker removal, split screen, green screen keying, and rotoscoping for compositing as well as end title credit work and animation for more than 50 major motion pictures and/or television series. *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* and *The Good Doctor* are more recent additions.

About Exceptional Minds (<u>www.exceptionalmindsstudio.org</u>): Exceptional Minds is a nonprofit vocational center and working production studio for young adults on the autism spectrum. Exceptional Minds offers technical proficiency and work-readiness training that prepares students for careers in graphic arts, animation, web design and visual effects.

**About Ant-Man and The Wasp:** From the Marvel Cinematic Universe comes "Ant-Man and The Wasp," a new chapter featuring heroes with the astonishing ability to shrink. In the aftermath of "Captain America: Civil War," Scott Lang grapples with the consequences of his choices as both a Super Hero and a father. As he struggles to rebalance his home life with his responsibilities as Ant-Man, he's confronted by Hope van Dyne and Dr. Hank Pym with an urgent new mission. Scott must once again put on the suit and learn to fight alongside The Wasp as the team works together to uncover secrets from the past.

"Ant-Man and The Wasp" is directed by Peyton Reed and stars Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Peña, Walton Goggins, Bobby Cannavale, Judy Greer, Tip "T.I." Harris, David Dastmalchian, Hannah John-Kamen, Abby Ryder-Fortson, Randall Park, with Michelle Pfeiffer, with Laurence Fishburne, and Michael Douglas.

Kevin Feige and Stephen Broussard are producing, with Louis D'Esposito, Victoria Alonso, Charles Newirth and Stan Lee serving as executive producers. Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers, Paul Rudd & Andrew Barrer & Gabriel Ferrari wrote the screenplay. "Ant-Man and The Wasp" hits U.S. theaters on July 6, 2018.

Photo: Exceptional Minds Studio artists and staff attended the cast and crew screening of "Ant-Man and The Wasp" Tuesday at the Regency Village Theater.