

WILLIAM M. MECHANIC - Producer

Through his company, Pandemonium Films, respected industry veteran and independent producer, Bill Mechanic continues to produce high quality films with directors such as Henry Selick (Coraline), Terence Malick, David Fincher and Walter Salles (Dark Water). He also recently co-produced the 82nd Academy Awards with Adam Shankman.

Prior to Pandemonium, Mechanic was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fox Filmed Entertainment for seven years. As Chairman and CEO, Mechanic oversaw all operations of the studio including worldwide feature film production, marketing and distribution activities, as well as all worldwide operations for Fox Video, Fox Interactive, Licensing and Merchandising, and Fox Music.

During Mechanic's tenure at Fox, Mechanic revitalized the comic book genre with X MEN, the first successful adaptation in nearly a decade. Under his reign, the company produced such hit films as Cast Away, Titanic, Independence Day, Entrapment, Big Momma's House, What Lies Beneath, Men Of Honor, Never Been Kissed, There's Something About Mary, Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition, Braveheart, Boys Don't Cry, Quills, Mrs. Doubtfire, Speed, True Lies, Die Hard With A Vengeance, The Full Monty, Dr. Dolittle, The X-Files, Me Myself And Irene, The Thin Red Line, Ever After, William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, Broken Arrow, Courage Under Fire, Soul Food, Anastasia and Waiting To Exhale.

Twentieth Century Fox also released Star Wars: Episode 1 The Phantom Menace, the new chapter in George Lucas' epic saga, in 1999. Greenlit by Mechanic, but released after his departure from Fox, were Baz Luhrmann's Moulin Rouge, Tim Burton's reinterpretation of Planet Of The Apes, and Steven Spielberg's Minority Report, starring Tom Cruise, as well as sequels to the franchise projects Mechanic had greenlit, most notably the X-Men franchise.

Under Mechanic, Twentieth Century Fox in 1998 was the number one studio in worldwide box-office gross. That same year, Fox Music produced five of the top ten selling soundtracks: Titanic, Hope Floats, Doctor Dolittle, Bulworth, and Ally McBeal. In addition, Fox has produced six of the top ten grossing movies of all time, and six of the top ten selling live action videos – both domestically and internationally – including the best selling video in history, Titanic. For three years of Mechanic's tenure, Fox produced the number one grossing movies worldwide with Die Hard With A Vengeance, Independence Day and Titanic, shared the Best Picture Oscar for two years (Braveheart and Titanic), and won the Best Actress Award for Boys Don't Cry. In all, Fox earned 42 Oscar nominations and 2 Best Picture Oscars under Mechanic's tenure.

