



## **Kevin Costner Closes Deal to Join 'Superman'**



Kevin Costner has closed a deal to join the cast of Warner Bros. and Legendary Pictures' new Superman movie being directed by Zack Snyder.

Costner will join a group of actors that so far includes Henry Cavill as the Man of Steel and Diane



Lane as Martha Kent, Superman's adopted Earth mother.

The actor will portray Jonathan Kent, the hero's adoptive father.

In comics lore, the Kents are portrayed as the two people who most influence Superman, helping give direction to his moral compass and teaching his honorable values. In varying runs of the many comic books, Jonathan Kent is portrayed as having passed away after Clark Kent graduated from high school to being alive and well when the older Clark has his adventures as Superman.

The part of Pa Kent was famously played by Glenn Ford in the Richard Donner Superman movie; the character suffered a heart attack, lending the movie some of its poignancy.

Whether Costner will have an on-screen death is being kept very tightly under the cape by Warner Bros. and producers Charles Roven, Emma Thomas, Christopher Nolan and Deborah Snyder.

Costner, repped by WME and One Talent Management, last starred in *The Company Men* with Ben Affleck and Tommy Lee Jones.

UPDATE: Warners has confirmed our story, issuing a press release with the following statement from Snyder: "Jonathan Kent is the only father figure Clark has ever had, the man who was there to help Clark understand what he was meant to do in the world as Superman. Kevin will be able to communicate the quiet strength of this rural American man who raised the greatest superhero of all time."

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