



Michael Keaton Joins DreamWorks' 'Need for Speed'



Michael Keaton has joined the cast of DreamWorks' racing action movie [Need for Speed](#) [1].

[Aaron Paul](#) [2] and [Dominic Cooper](#) [3] are starring in the pic, which is being directed by [Scott Waugh](#) [4] and is based on the Electronic Arts video game.



The story tells of a local street-racer (Paul) who partners with a rich and arrogant business associate (Cooper), only to find himself framed by his colleague and sent to prison. After his stint in the joint, he joins a New York-to-Los Angeles race to get revenge. But when the ex-partner learns of the scheme, he puts a massive bounty on the racer's head, forcing him to run a cross-country gauntlet of illegal racers in all manner of supercharged vehicles.

Already cast are [Imogen Poots](#) [5], [Kid Cudi](#) [6], [Ramon Rodriguez](#) [7], [Rami Malek](#) [8] and [Harrison Gilbertson](#) [9].

[Keaton](#) [10] will play the reclusive and eccentric host of an underground supercar race where he invites the best drivers from around the world.

George Gatins penned the screenplay. His brother, [Flight](#) [11] scribe John Gatins, is producing with Mark Sourian and Patrick O'Brien.

Keaton, repped by ICM and Ziffren Brittenham, recently wrapped a role in MGM's remake of [Robocop](#) [12].

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