IMDb Announces the Most Popular Movies, Shows, and Stars of 2025

Superman is the most popular movie of the year; The White Lotus named the top show

Isabela Merced (The Last of Us, Superman) is this year's Most Popular Star; Aimee Lou Wood (The White Lotus) is the IMDb Breakout Star of 2025

Rankings determined by IMDbPro STARmeter and MOVIEmeter data on the actual page views of 250 million IMDb customers worldwide

SEATTLE—December 8, 2025—IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows, and celebrities, today unveiled the most popular stars, movies, and shows of 2025. Rather than base its annual rankings on small statistical samplings, reviews from professional critics, or box-office performance, IMDb determines its definitive year-end lists using data from IMDbPro MOVIEmeter and STARmeter rankings, which are based on the actual page views of the more than 250 million monthly visitors to IMDb.

<u>Superman</u> tops the list of most popular movies, with <u>The White Lotus</u> as the top show. The year's most popular movies showcase a mix of franchise continuations (<u>Jurassic World: Rebirth</u> at No. 5, <u>Happy Gilmore 2</u> at No. 7, and <u>Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning</u> at No. 9) and standout original films (<u>Weapons</u> at No. 2, <u>Sinners</u> at No. 3, <u>One Battle After Another</u> at No. 4, <u>Frankenstein</u> at No. 6, and <u>F1: The Movie</u> at No. 10). Warner Bros. films dominate the list, charting in the top 4 spots. Debut seasons of streaming series were popular this year, with <u>Dexter: Resurrection</u> at No. 6 and <u>Dept. Q</u> at No. 8. Meanwhile, returning shows claim the top spots with <u>The Last of Us</u> at No. 2 and <u>Severance</u> at No. 3.

The 2025 list of most popular stars features <u>Isabela Merced</u> in the top position, with <u>Aimee Lou Wood</u> taking the second spot and ranking as the year's No. 1 Breakout star. <u>Matthew Goode</u> (No. 3 overall star, and No. 2 Breakout star), <u>Tom Cruise</u> (No. 4), and <u>Sydney Sweeney</u> (No. 5) round out the top five. Several cast members from *The White Lotus* chart in the <u>Top 100</u> this year, reflecting the show's position as 2025's most popular series. Other notable Breakout stars include <u>Britt Lower</u> (No. 3), <u>Sydney Chandler</u> (No. 4), <u>Stephen Graham</u> (No. 5), and <u>Mae Martin</u> (No. 6).

Upon receiving the news of her top ranking, **Isabela Merced**, the IMDb Most Popular Star of 2025 shared "Wow. I'm incredibly honored and just as confused. I didn't realize this was even possible. Thank you to everyone who clicked on my IMDb page to confirm whether I was actually in *Superman*. Relieved I updated my profile picture just in time. And truly, thank you to the kind folks at IMDb. I appreciate this so much."

Directors made a strong showing in the Top 100 as well, including Paul Thomas Anderson, Guillermo del Toro, Zach Cregger, and James Gunn, who received the first-ever IMDb Fan Favorite Filmmaker STARmeter Award in July and directed Superman, the year's most popular film. Benny Safdie (No. 8 on the Breakout stars list) pulls double duty this year, starring in Happy Gilmore 2 while also directing The Smashing Machine, demonstrating the range of talent capturing audience attention in 2025.

Most Popular Movies

- 1. Superman
- 2. Weapons
- 3. <u>Sinners</u>
- 4. One Battle After Another
- 5. Jurassic World: Rebirth
- 6. <u>Frankenstein</u>
- 7. Happy Gilmore 2
- 8. Thunderbolts*
- 9. Mission: Impossible The Final Reckoning
- 10. F1: The Movie

*Among the movies released in 2025, these 10 consistently ranked highest on the IMDbPro MOVIEmeter chart throughout the year. IMDbPro MOVIEmeter rankings are based on the actual page views of the more than 250 million monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide. IMDb users can add these and other titles to their IMDb Watchlist at imdb.com/watchlist to be notified when they are released on a streaming service.

Most Popular Shows

- 1. The White Lotus
- 2. The Last of Us
- 3. Severance
- 4. Wednesday
- 5. Squid Game (Ojing-eo geim)
- 6. <u>Dexter: Resurrection</u>
- 7. Monster
- 8. Dept. Q
- 9. Andor
- 10. Black Mirror

*These 10 TV and streaming shows that released new episodes in 2025 consistently ranked highest on the IMDbPro weekly TV rankings throughout the year. IMDbPro rankings are based on the actual page views of the more than 250 million monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide. IMDb users can add these and other titles to their IMDb Watchlist at imdb.com/watchlist to be notified when they are released on a streaming service.

Most Popular Stars

- 1. <u>Isabela Merced</u>
- 2. Aimee Lou Wood
- 3. Matthew Goode
- 4. Tom Cruise
- 5. Sydney Sweeney
- 6. Britt Lower
- 7. Sydney Chandler
- 8. Walton Goggins
- 9. David Corenswet
- 10. Vanessa Kirby

Most Popular Breakout Stars

- 1. Aimee Lou Wood
- 2. Matthew Goode
- 3. Britt Lower
- 4. Sydney Chandler
- 5. <u>Stephen Graham</u>
- 6. Mae Martin
- 7. Mikey Madison
- 8. Benny Safdie
- 9. Jake Weary
- 10. Sophie Thatcher

The IMDb Best Of 2025 section (<u>imdb.com/best-of</u>) features a variety of year-end lists, including IMDb Staff Picks, and a gallery of the Top 100 Stars at https://www.imdb.com/list/ls4153616638. More lists will be unveiled in the coming weeks as well as retrospective photo galleries, original videos (including an "In Memoriam" video), and other year-end

^{*}These 10 stars consistently ranked highest on the IMDbPro STARmeter chart throughout 2025. IMDbPro STARmeter rankings are based on the actual page views of the more than 250 million monthly visitors to IMDb.

^{*}Among the group of stars who charted on the IMDb annual Top 100 list for the first time in their careers in 2025, these 10 stars consistently ranked highest on the IMDbPro STARmeter chart throughout the year. IMDbPro STARmeter rankings are based on the actual page views of the more than 250 million monthly visitors to IMDb.

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