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MGM Films Now on iTunes Store and Apple Announces over 2 Million Movies Sold

Higher quality movies still not here...

Movies on the iTunes Store are definitely moving forward, with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios now joining the party and Apple announcing record sales so far.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. (MGM) and Apple announced that MGM is now offering titles from its prestigious catalog of feature films for purchase and download on the iTunes Store. Beginning today, iTunes customers will be able to purchase legendary films such as "Dances With Wolves," "Mad Max," "The Great Train Robbery" and "Rocky," with other titles to be added in the coming weeks. MGM has the largest modern film library in the world and has received 208 Academy Awards in its history, making it one of the biggest award winning collections of films in the world.

"It's exciting to be bringing so many amazing films from our catalog to iTunes," said Douglas A. Lee, MGM's executive vice president of Worldwide Digital Media, in the press release. "We have an unrivaled movie library and are looking forward to adding even more films in the future so users can take their favorite movies with them wherever they go."

"More than two million movies have now been downloaded from the iTunes Store making it the world's most popular online movie store," said Eddy Cue, Apple's vice president of iTunes. "We're absolutely thrilled so many legendary MGM films are joining an iTunes film catalog that now has over 500 movies."

With the addition of the MGM catalog, the iTunes Store now offers over 500 movies. Unfortunately, while this is good news all around, those who have been waiting for a boost in the quality of the movies will have to wait a while longer. Movies downloaded from the iTunes Store will continue to be in near-DVD quality at a resolution of 640x480, so it will be a while yet before the content will catch up to the capabilities of the Apple TV.