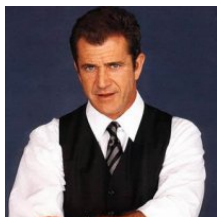


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[Mel Gibson, the new J.R Ewing?](#)

The famous actor and director is said to have been contacted for a part in the upcoming Dallas project

Mel Gibson is said to have been invited to star in the upcoming "Dallas" movie. The famous actor and director did not show any reluctance to the part of J.R Ewing, so he might have the chance to win it. Among the big names said to have been mentioned by the production office as likely to portray the wealthy business man are Bruce Willis, Kevin Costner and Tommy Lee Jones. Catherine Zeta-Jones is the leading candidate to play Sue-Ellen, though Demi Moore and Jennifer Lopez are also rumored to be semi-interested in the role. For the part of Bobby Ewing, some say Owen Wilson and Matthew McConaughey are the favorites. Drew Barrymore and Reese Witherspoon are eyeballed for the Pamela part - whilst for Lucy, Lindsay Lohan, Jessica Simpson and Mandy Moore are believed to be on the wish-list. Miss Ellie might be portrayed by Jane Fonda. Once Sacha Gervasi delivers a rewrite of Robert Harling's script, the cast of Luketic's movie will be officially announced. Meanwhile, Mel Gibson returns to directing with a new project, about an ancient civilization that existed 1,000 years before Jesus Christ. "Apocalypto" will be distributed in the US by Disney and Gibson's company, Icon, will handle the worldwide distribution. Gibson, who wrote the script and will direct the movie, has already begun pre-production, casting and setting locations in Mexico. The production begins in October and the movie is set to a summer 2006 release. The "Passion of the Christ" director will not play in the movie and rumors say he may not use a big star for this project. The title is a Greek term which means "an unveiling" or "new beginning." In 2004, Gibson released "The Passion of the Christ", a movie in Aramaic, Hebrew, and Latin, which recounts a description of the last twelve hours of the life of Jesus Christ. The movie has received praise from many Christians and a number of politically conservative Jews (e.g., Michael Medved, David Horowitz and Steven Waldman). Despite criticism, the movie grossed \$611,899,420 worldwide (\$370,782,930 in the US alone) and became the 8th highest-grossing film in history. It currently is the 10th highest-grossing film and the highest-grossing Rated R film.