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Joss Whedon

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What do think is required to make one of the superior movies? Considering as a complicated, detailed and delicate, movie is a high skilled work that is needed much more effort and imaginary idea in order to create one of the fabulous movies. Moreover, a good movie must also have an artful director, editor, writer, producer and actor as well in which Joss Whedon, a highly popular man, has been involving in all of these positions as well as his family. Most of the members in Whedon family are all the successful television/novel writers including his father, mother, grandfather and the others which made Joss Whedon himself familiar with this kind of work and somehow resulted as a strong impetus that made him be able to create many of his fine works.<sup>1</sup> Joss Whedon has been nominated and won many awards with a lot of effort he has putted in which all of his works expressed from his personal interest.

Before becoming a good director as today, Joss Whedon after graduated film degree from Wesleyan University was having a chance to enter the competition for the Academic Award by working as a script doctor (the person who check an original script whether is it good enough) for many movies such as Speed and Toy story.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Joss Whedon - Television Tropes & Idioms ." *Home Page - Television Tropes & Idioms* .  
<<http://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Creator/JossWhedon?from=Main.JossWhedon>>.

<sup>2</sup> "Joss Whedon Biography - Yahoo! Movies." *Yahoo! Movies - Upcoming Movies, Trailers and Showtimes..* <<http://movies.yahoo.com/person/joss-whedon/biography.html>>.

Even though the result was beyond his expectation, the award was taken by another, but he also got an experience and knowledge that will be an important factor for his further improvement. Then, with his talented skill he got his first writing work on a Roseanne, an American series which is a reflection of a working class family which later on this series won so many awards.<sup>3</sup> Got an inspiration along with his working with this series, Joss Whedon created Buffy the vampire slayer in somehow related to his strong thought on a feminist, its plot is about the girl that have been managing to save the world. This story is an implement of the authority or role of the female in the society as this woman is the only one who can save the humanity. It's such a memorable movie which it had hit the 41<sup>st</sup> on the 50 Greatest TV Show of All Time with a tremendous amount of viewers, thus Joss decided to make on continuing episodes. Buffy the vampire slayer was nominated and won many famous awards including Bram Stoker as Best Screenplay, Hugo as best Dramatic Presentation, Nebula as Best script, Primetime Emmy Award as an Outstanding writing for a Drama Series and many other awards.<sup>4</sup> After wining many awards, Joss Whedon began to create new movie with desire for a better result from society than his previous movies. The new movie was created with the name of Firefly; it went well in the beginning as his expectation with the averaged of 4.7 million viewers per episode. As the movie continued to precede more episodes the interest of the viewers to this kind of movie had dropped and turned out to be a strong impact which led to the cancellation of Firefly with only some episodes were aired due to the low rating.

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<sup>3</sup> Users, TV.com. "Roseanne - TV.com." *TV.com - Free Full Episodes & Clips, Show Info and TV Listings Guide*. N.p., n.d. <<http://www.tv.com/shows/roseanne>>.

<sup>4</sup> "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1997) - Awards." *IMDb - Movies, TV and Celebrities...* <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118276/awards>>

Regarding Stephen Sondheim, an American composer who won many of the awards, as his inspiration, Joss Whedon began to work on a musical movie, *Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog*. Its story about the crazy scientist who falls in love with one woman in which he try to perform many of unbelievable things to get her attention and the characters in the story perform most of the conversation through singing. Became the talk of the town, it got a great feedback since its first release and properly won people's choice award, Hugo and Primetime Emmy for the Favorite Online Sensation, Best Dramatic Presentation, and Outstanding Special Class, respectively.<sup>5</sup> Spending time working on something he really interested is resulted as a great motivation that makes him be able to create one of the most splendid works. Since he was a child most of his spending time is on reading marvel comic book that was the only thing he interested in that time and while growing up with an accumulated experience, Joss Whedon has done some researches on many movies in order to get an inspiration on the new superhero movie, *The Avenger*, which Marvel, a famous comic company, gave to him. Finally, he came up with the idea of combining ordinary people assemble together with the powerful superheroes fight against the villain that aims to destroy the world. All these ideas believed have come from his own interesting in comic book and ton of movies that has passed through his life. With a contemporary stream and unpredictable plot, *The Avengers* was titled the fastest film to reach \$1 billion and ranked as the third highest making-money movies which overtake the movie *Harry Potter* that has been filming for many episodes.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" (2008) - Awards." *IMDb - Movies, TV and Celebrities*. N.p., n.d. 2008. <<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1227926/awards>>

<sup>6</sup> "All Time Worldwide Box Office Grosses." *Box Office Mojo*. <<http://boxofficemojo.com/alltime/world/>>.

This ranking has done by The Box Office Mojo under IMDb(International Movie Database) company, The most popular and creditable website that contained all the updated data of all entertainments.

Not all of his works are successful, but it doesn't have any effect on Joss Whedon. Even it resulted to be a failure; he has used it as an essentially lesson that helped him to overcome his repetitive mistakes. He created movies with his own interesting as the reflection of his unique personality regardless of any factor, he just doing his work by following his own will.

Joss Whedon is now considered as an important person in the society. Most of his tremendous works are the inspiration for many new young people. Moreover, he had revealed his own idea that he is making movie in the way that after people have done watching the movie they will eagerly prefer to watch it again rather than prefer the next episode.<sup>7</sup> This belief is somehow an essential factor that makes most of his movie interesting and worth waiting for. Thus, his movies are the reminder of his endeavor and as proven evidence that he is honorably deserved to acquire all of those worthy awards.

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<sup>7</sup> "Joss Whedon Talks 'The Avengers' Inspiration & Captain America's Role." *Daily Entertainment Video News and Pop Culture | Clevver*. N.p., 15 Mar. 2012. <<http://www.clevver.com/videos/2012/03/15/movies/joss-whedon-talks-the-avengers-inspiration-captain-americas-role/>>.