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Mark Wahlberg & Peter Berg Are Bionic Duo On Inflation-Adjusted 'Six Billion Dollar Man'

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Mark Wahlberg and Peter Berg (*pictured right*), the duo behind the critically acclaimed and box office success *Lone Survivor*, are re-teaming for the feature film version of *The Six Billion Dollar Man* with various writers circling the project for The Weinstein Co.'s Dimension Films label. (Yes, billion with a 'b'). Berg will direct and Wahlberg is attached to star in the film about former astronaut Steve Austin who, after a horrific crash of an experimental plane, is saved by doctors when he is fitted with bionic replacements — both legs, his right arm and left eye. With super-human power, he becomes a force to be reckoned with for the government as a secret agent for the Office of Scientific Intelligence.



The story is based on the sci-fi book *Cyborg* by Martin Caidin which became a bestseller when it debuted in 1972 and was partially used for the popular 1970s television series *The Six Million Dollar Man*. The show had a large fan base and spawned a spinoff — *The Bionic Woman*. With such a well-known brand, the film will appeal to those now-older fans of the show in addition to introducing the character to a new generation of kids.

Dimension plans to go before the cameras sometime next year for a 2016 release.

On the TV side, TNT and Paramount are going the other way by taking a popular movie and turning it into a TV show. They are adapting the conspiracy thriller *Shooter* as a series with Wahlberg and writer John Hlavin.

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