

HBO Republic Day Special - King Kong

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The "Eighth Wonder Of The World" returns for the third time in this lavish film directed by Academy Award® winner Peter Jackson. Thanks to unrivalled, state-of-the-art computer effects wizardry and animatronics, Jackson finally brings justice to the 1933 classic starring Fay Wray. Scheming and bankrupt filmmaker Carl Denham (Jack Black, *The Holiday*, *Tenacious D: The Pick Of Destiny*) embarks on a desperate plan to get the studio and the creditors off his back. He relies on playwright Jack Driscoll (Academy Award® winner Adrien Brody, *Hollywoodland*, *The Jacket*) to finish the pages of a half-baked screenplay. Denham talks starving vaudeville performer Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts, *The Painted Veil*, *Stay*) into joining them on a film shoot to a far-flung island. The adventure begins when they board a steamer, setting sail for the South Seas at Denham's behest in their search for the mythical and eerie Skull Island, where rumors of a gargantuan monster abound. Denham believes this monster could clinch the blockbuster he so badly needs. Upon reaching the island, Ann is abducted by a fierce tribe who make her their next offering to Kong. Kong takes the terrified Ann, but Ann's courage and empathy soon let her see through Kong, and a bond between them begins to grow. From Manhattan to the South Seas and back, expect loads of drama, fun, and scream-inducing scenes in what movie critic Roger Ebert calls "magnificent entertainment...one of [2005's] best films."

Characters:

Naomi Watts as Ann Darrow: A vaudeville actress who is in a dearth of work. In her desire to boost up her career she signs the film that in turn leads to her meeting with Kong, the Monster, and develop a bondage with him.

Adrien Brody as Jack Driscoll: A Playwright who recommends Ann for Carl's film. He gradually gets inclined towards her and later on tries to set Ann free of Kong's clutch.

Jack Black as Carl Dehnam: A distressed director who in order to save his sinking career and to save his life from the creditors plans a voyage to the Skull Island which has the rumours of a gigantic monster residing there.

Andy Serkis as Kong: A huge monster living in the Skull Island who kidnaps Ann and later on falls in love with her.

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