

"Disney+" service a year away from streaming shows

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The Walt Disney Company Chairman and CEO Robert Iger has announced plans for a "Disney+" streaming service

character Cassian Andor, who is to be played by actor Diego Luna, according to the Hollywood giant.

The series was being made for Disney+ with a release date yet to be determined, the company said in a release.

A live-action series based on god-of-mischief "Loki" from "Thor" comic lore is being developed by Marvel Studios for Disney+, according to Iger.

Actor Tom Hiddleston, who played "Loki" in recent blockbuster "Avengers" and "Thor" films, will reprise the character in the series, Disney said.

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The Walt Disney Company will launch a "Disney+" streaming service in the United States late next year, boosting it with live-action shows spun from hit "Star Wars" and Marvel hero films.

Disney chief executive Bob Iger revealed the name of the previously announced streaming [service](#) during a quarterly earnings call on Thursday, promising an impressive slate of films and series.

Plans for the service come as traditional television and film studios strive to adapt to a trend of people turning to streaming services such as Netflix and Amazon Prime to watch shows on-demand from internet-linked devices of their choice.

The Disney+ service will be direct to consumers, and is scheduled for a US launch late in 2019, according to Iger.

Disney-owned Lucasfilm will go into production next year with a second "Star Wars" live action series, this one based on adventures of rebel spy

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