

Guy Pearce talks “PROMETHEUS”

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Actor Guy Pearce sat down with Fango to talk about his new science-fiction thriller LOCKOUT earlier this week (see that interview [here](#)), and of course, we also had to ask him about his next, even bigger venture into the genre, Ridley Scott’s PROMETHEUS.

Pearce co-stars alongside Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender, Charlize Theron and Idris Elba in the film, a prequel to ALIEN that’s also, according to Pearce, very much its own movie. “It was great,” the actor tells Fango. “I really wasn’t there that much; it’s not a huge role, so I came on board in the middle of their shoot, and was just there for about a month in the middle, I guess. But it was fascinating, obviously, because of the history of the ALIEN films and the connection with those. And it was great to work with Ridley, obviously; I’ve been a fan of his work for years. He truly makes the experience feel quite small and intimate, and very personable. You don’t feel intimidated by the massive vehicle that it actually is. And just to clarify, it obviously is connected to the ALIEN films, but they’re keen to say that it’s not *just* a prequel; it’s much more than that.”

Considering that the actor plays Peter Weyland—presumably of the nefarious Weyland-Yutani Corporation that’s a thread through the entire ALIEN franchise—it would seem he’s directly involved in continuing that thread through PROMETHEUS. While he doesn’t go into specifics, Pearce says, “Oh, absolutely. There’s definitely a connection, there’s no doubt about it, but I guess what I’m saying is this is not just, ‘Oh, this is what they were doing before the first ALIEN film.’ It delves into ideas and philosophy that make it a much grander scenario than a typical prequel.”

Look for more on PROMETHEUS in Fango #314, on sale next month.