

Russia Postpones Disney's 'Avengers' Until After WWII Flick Inspired by Culture Minister

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"Avengers: Infinity War" **Marvel Studios Inc.**

Russia's culture minister has postponed a major feature that was originally scheduled to premiere on the same day as a Russian film he had reportedly inspired, making it the latest foreign movie to be pushed back over the past month.

The premiere of Walt Disney Studios' "Avengers: Infinity War" was rescheduled from May 3 to May 11 in Russia, The Walt Disney Company said in a statement [cited](#) by Interfax on Tuesday. May 3 is [listed](#) as the premiere date for a Russian movie reportedly inspired by Culture Minister Vladimir Medinsky about a World War II concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

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The delay follows a similar [move](#) by the ministry last month, when it held off issuing a distribution license for the British family comedy “Paddington 2” from mid-January to February.

Days after the “Paddington 2” delay, Russia’s Culture Ministry [withdrew](#) the screening license of the satirical film “The Death of Stalin” over ideological concerns, sparking accusations of censorship from Russia’s film industry figures.

Russia’s The New Times news magazine [reported](#) recently that Medinsky could be replaced after the March 18 presidential elections, which President Vladimir Putin is all but certain to win.

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