Netflix releases new trailer for Ray Gunn

We caught the first trailer for the upcoming Netflix animated film *Ray Gunn* in September and were charmed by director Brad Bird's blend of a Jetsons-like future with classic 1930s noir detective thrillers. Bird has described it as a mashup of *The Maltese Falcon* and *Buck Rogers*, and the latest trailer definitely gives off that energy.

As previously reported, Bird has directed some of our all-time favorite animated films: *The Iron Giant* (1999), *The Incredibles* (2004), and *Ratatouille* (2007), with the latter two snagging well-deserved Oscar wins. He's been kicking around the idea for *Ray Gunn* for the last 30 years, working on his many other film projects while the *Ray Gunn* script—co-written by Matthew Robbins, who also co-wrote 1987's *Batteries Not Included* with Bird—"stayed in a filing cabinet at Warner Brothers," the director said earlier this year.

The film's inspiration came when Bird heard the opening of the B-52s' "Planet Claire" (a personal favorite that also provides the soundtrack to the new trailer) and initially thought it was a cover of Henry Mancini's theme music from the classic TV show *Peter Gunn*. Bird is a longtime fan of film noir and hard-boiled detectives, and he came up with the idea of a futuristic detective named Ray Gunn (a play on "raygun," of course). "It's film noir and a hard-boiled detective story, but it's got a lot more comedy and a lot more action than the average film noir," said Bird.

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