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**BACK TO THE  
FUTURE II**





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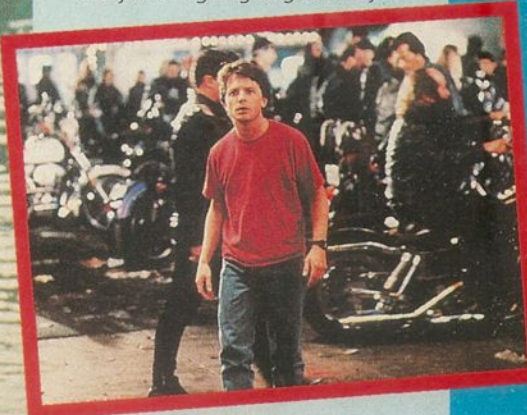


Four years ago, the film, *Back To The Future* was released and turned Michael J Fox into a major star. Now he's about to pick up where he left off: *Back To The Future II*, released this Friday, 24 November, finds him travelling through time again in the role of Marty McFly. We found out more about the making of the movie...



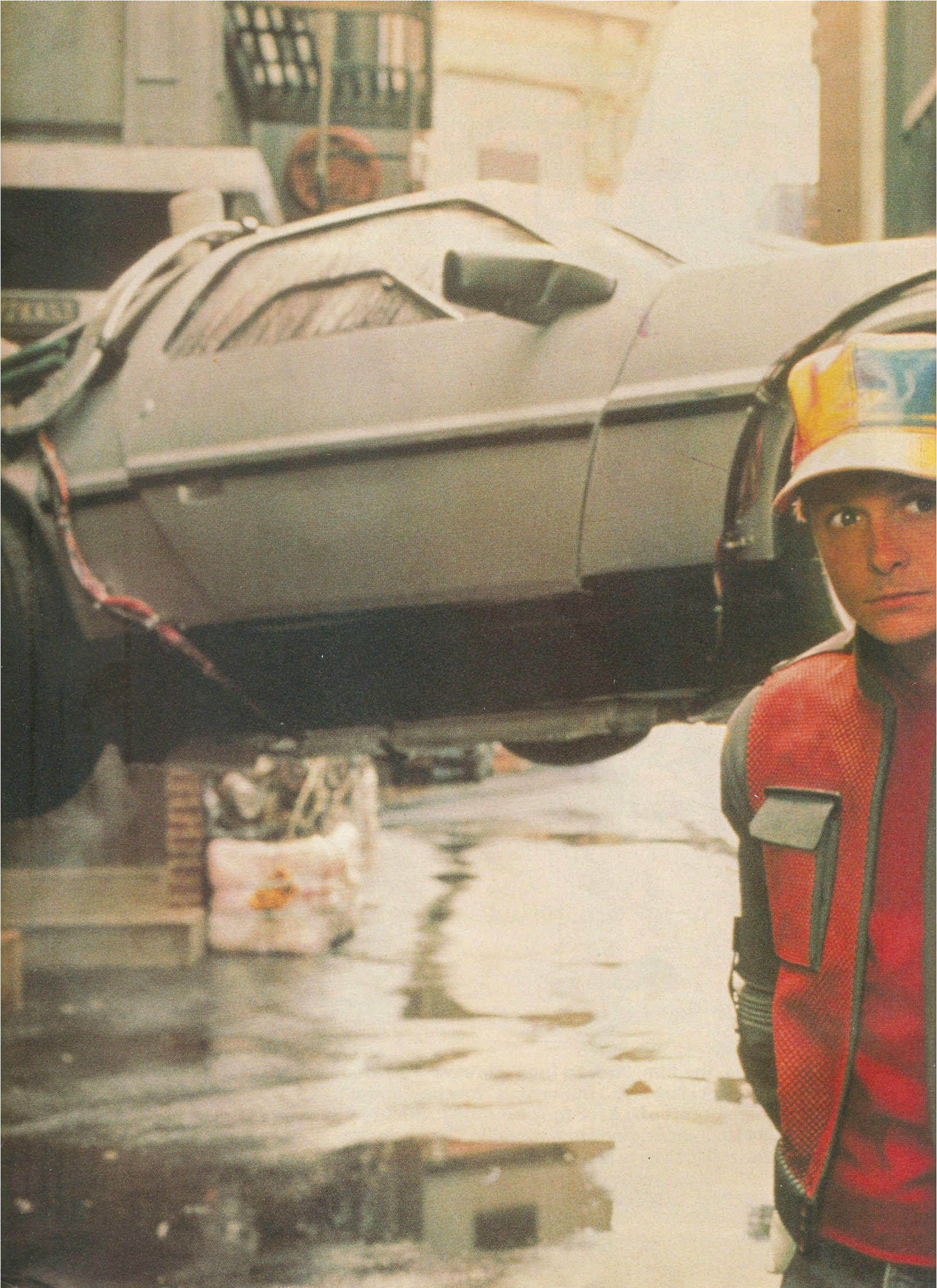
■ In *Back To The Future*, Marty found that meeting up with his parents in the past, after travelling back to 1955, had a big effect on his life when he returned to 1985. In the new film, he discovers that the same rule applies to the future: he shoots forward to 2015 and finds that things have changed again, only now time is not on his side.

■ "We go into the future in this movie," explains writer-producer Bob Gale, "and then we go back to 1985. We meet Marty's kids and family, and we wind up going back into the past to keep a future incident involving his kids from happening. That's as much of the story as I'm going to give away!"



■ Released in 1985, *Back To The Future* broke all box office records. It became the most successful film of the year. Director Robert Zemeckis had another big hit with his next film, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*, which was the top film of 1988. Christopher Lloyd, who stars in both *Back To The Future* movies as Doc Emmett Brown the eccentric inventor (on the right in the photo at the top of the page) played the role of the villainous Judge Doom in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.













■ Michael J Fox says the only person who enjoyed making *Back To The Future II* more than him was his character, Marty McFly! "He's gone through enough of this time travelling stuff to actually start enjoying it," he says. "He thinks that playing with time just might help him out."

■ Nobody ever really expected there would be a *Back To The Future II*. "We used the ending in the original movie because we felt it was funny," Bob Gale explains, "not because we thought we'd continue the story. We never intended to make a sequel. When we were asked to do one, we all felt it would be a cheat not to start the new film where the old one left off."

■ The original *Back To The Future* storyline isn't explained in the sequel. "There's not a lot of telling you things you already know," says Michael J Fox. "The film starts, Doc and I are in the car and stuff's happening!"

■ In *Back To The Future*, actress Lea Thompson had to play both a 17 year old schoolgirl and a 47 year old

housewife (Marty's mum). In the new movie, she again takes a 30 year leap and appears as a 77 year old!

■ Production of *Back To The Future III* is already underway. In fact, shooting for it started just weeks after the sequel. "For the second film, we were coming up with lots of great ideas," Bob Gale explains, "but the problem was that it would have been impossible to try and cram it all into one movie, so we decided to make two, almost back to back."

■ Making the two movies one after the other came as a surprise to Michael J Fox. "It definitely turned into a lot more work than I expected," he admits. "We

started *Back To The Future II* in February and probably won't finish the next one until December, but it's worth it. I'm really excited about doing these films."

■ Thomas F Wilson, who plays Marty's arch rival Biff Tannen in the movie, began his working career as a stand-up comedian. He found himself appearing at many of America's top comedy clubs before finding parts in TV commercials and shows. *Back To The Future* was his first major film.

■ Michael J Fox worked all hours to complete the first *Back To The Future*, spending the day making *Family Ties* and nights on the movie, and he followed the same exhausting schedule with the new film. "Actually, the big change between the first and the second film was that I was only semi-conscious during the first one," he jokes. "Fortunately, this time, we were in our seventh and final season of *Family Ties* and I was able to work things out better: I was able to go to the *Family Ties* writers and ask them to keep my lines short in certain episodes. They did, and it helped a lot."

■ As with the first and second, the third movie in the *Back To The Future* series will run on as a continuous story. "I've gone over the first film and have even taken a look at out-takes that never made it," says Robert Zemeckis. "We're doing our best to make the second and third films look exactly like the first. I'll challenge anybody to find a mis-match between them!"

■ Despite the amount of planning which went into making two films one after another, Robert insists that everything ran like clockwork: "Nothing unexpected or unplanned ever happens in my movies," he insists. "There's no room for any funny business!"

