



Paul Reubens (as Pee-wee Herman) and Joe Manganiello

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ME & MY JOE

THE ORIGINAL MAN-CHILD IS ON A QUEST—TO BECOME JOE MANGANIELLO'S BEST FRIEND—IN THE NEW NETFLIX ORIGINAL MOVIE **PEE-WEE'S BIG HOLIDAY**. HERE HERMAN CATCHES UP WITH HIS LEADING MAN.



From Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito in *Twins* to King Kong and Fay Wray, there are plenty of great movies centered on unlikely pairings. Add Pee-wee's *Big Holiday* to the list. In the Judd Apatow-produced Netflix original (out March 18), Paul Reubens reprises his whimsical prankster character and stars opposite Joe Manganiello—a butch motorcycling bro—as Pee-wee hits the road for his first-ever vacation. While Manganiello, 39, may seem like unexpected casting, he and Reubens, 63, are real-life pals. So what was it like to get together for *Holiday*? EW eavesdropped on a recent conversation, where Reubens (in character, natch) grills his buddy on the *Kardashians*, the election, and scoring a role in the next *Magic Mike*.

JOE MANGANIELLO Hello?

PEE-WEE HERMAN [Disguising his voice as a smooth Hollywood assistant] Hi, I have Pee-wee Herman calling for Joe Mang-a-...

JOE Manganiello.

PEE-WEE Exactly.

JOE Put him through.

PEE-WEE Put him through what?

JOE The phone.

PEE-WEE Wouldn't that be painful?

JOE Pee-wee, is that you?!

PEE-WEE Joe?

JOE Pee-wee?!

PEE-WEE That's my name, don't wear it out.

JOE Hi! How you been, bud? What you up to?

PEE-WEE Oh, nothing. Just guest-writing for a small magazine publication. You may have heard of it: *Entertainment Weekly*?

JOE Get out! You're writing for EW? That's so cool. What are you writing about?

PEE-WEE Funny you should ask. I'm going to write about you, Joe.

JOE Me?

PEE-WEE If you're cool with it. They told me I could interview anyone I wanted: Barack Obama, Pope Francis, the Weeknd. I chose you.

JOE Aw, thanks, Pee-wee. You already know me pretty well.

PEE-WEE I know! People are always surprised we're best friends. My first question is probably going to be: What do you like the best about me? I struggled with whether it should be that or: What are your top 10 favorite things about me? Which do you think is more penetrating?

JOE Will this interview coincide with the release of our new movie?

PEE-WEE Duh! Otherwise I'd be talking to Pope Francis right now. The movie came out fantastic, Joe! But Joe, that movie barely scratches the surface of who you really are as a man. I want my readers to know, what really makes Joe Manganiello tick?!

JOE I'm in! When do you want to do this?

PEE-WEE We're doing it right now. I'm recording this conversation. You're on the record.

JOE Wow, Pee-wee. You really are a journalist.

PEE-WEE It takes one to know one, right? First question: 2016. Election year. Which candidate are you getting behind?

JOE Oh, wow. Okay. You went there.

PEE-WEE It's *Entertainment Weekly*, Joe. We're not messing around.

JOE Clearly. Um...I guess I want to say whoever is elected—Democrat, Republican, or Independent—I hope they bring all Americans

together to collectively face our struggles and realize our dreams.

PEE-WEE So Trump then.

JOE Pee-wee! That's not what I said. You're twisting my words around.

PEE-WEE Joe, I have to ask you: Are you with Apple or the FBI?

JOE Why are you asking me that?

PEE-WEE Ding! Time's up! Next question, just as important: Who's your favorite Kardashian?

JOE I'm not answering that.

PEE-WEE I'll take that as Rob.

JOE Pee-wee, that's not what I said.

PEE-WEE Then what are you saying, Joe? Sorry I hit a nerve with your archenemy, Rob Kardashian. What did he ever do to you? Why do you hate him so much?

JOE Pee-wee, if you're going to be a journalist, you have to tell your readers the truth; paint an accurate portrayal of your subject. If you don't have the truth, you don't have anything, Herman.

PEE-WEE You're right, Mang... Manga...

JOE Manganiello.

PEE-WEE I just wanted to create some clickbait so millions of people would read my story. Our story. And then they'd for sure want to watch the movie on Netflix. Hey, by the way, is there a place for my "Tequila" dance in the next *Magic Mike*?

JOE [Makes phone-static sounds] What? The phone connection just got really bad.

PEE-WEE Joe, that's my joke! Great minds think alike! I sure am glad we've become friends, Joe Manganiello!

JOE Hey, you pronounced it right!

PEE-WEE I wrote it out phonetically. The *i* is silent.

JOE So you're not going to print any of that Trump or Kardashian stuff in your EW article, are you? [Sound of dial tone]

JOE Hello? Pee-wee? Pee-wee?!?! ♦