

## Omar Sy: The 'Inferno' Interview

By Kam Williams  
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Omar Sy is an award-winning actor, comedian, comic writer and television personality who has established himself as an international star. With over 30 screen credits on his impressive resume, Omar became a household name after the smash hit "The Intouchables," his third collaboration with directors Olivier Nakache and Eric Toledano.

His performance in that film earned Omar a César for Best Actor in 2012, and the movie went on to gross over \$425 million worldwide. And he subsequently re-teamed with Nakache and Toledano in 2014 for "Samba." This December, he will be seen in Hugo Gélin's "Demain Tout Commence."

Over the last several years, Omar parlayed his success in Europe into Hollywood productions, starring in "X-Men: Days of Future Past" with Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence, and Michael Fassbender, as well as Colin Trevorrow's "Jurassic World" with Chris Pratt. Both films went on to achieve the highest worldwide box office grosses in their respective franchises.

More recently, he's starred in John Wells' "Burnt" with Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Lily James, and Alicia Vikander, as well as in Roschdy Zem's French-language period piece "Chocolat." Here, Omar talks about playing Christoph Bouchard opposite Tom Hanks in Ron Howard's "Inferno."

**Kam Williams:** Hi Omar. I'm honored to have this opportunity to speak with you.

**Omar Sy:** My pleasure, Kam.

**KW:** What interested you in "Inferno"?

**OS:** It was the fact that I would have an opportunity to work with a wonderful and amazing director in Ron Howard, and with a legendary actor in Tom Hanks at the same time. Also, I don't want to spoil the story, but I liked the script and the idea of playing a character without a smile for the first time.

**KW:** Especially since you started out as a comedian.

**OS:** Yes, as actors, we're always looking for some challenges, and playing a character like Christoph, with a twist, in a very

dark thriller, was a big challenge for me. And on top of everything, it was in English.

**KW:** I enjoyed this film more than the first two in the franchise, primarily because it had more action and less talk.

**OS:** Ron made Rush prior to "Inferno." Rush had a lot of action scenes. Maybe he learned from that experience. Also, perhaps because so many people are interested in the issue of overpopulation, we needed less dialogue explaining it, since they were already familiar with the topic.

**KW:** What would you say is the movie's message?

**OS:** The movie explores the issue of overpopulation, and the fact that there are several ways to solve it. Each character



Award-winning actor Omar Sy plays opposite Tom Hanks in Ron Howard's 'Inferno'.

has his solution. I think the movie's message is that to solve the problem, the humanity community needs to unite and find a global answer.

**KW:** Editor/Legist Patricia Turnier says: I

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