

the Sunday GAMES & MUSIC E3 SPECIAL

● TT Isle of Man 2—the sequel to last year's official game—is out in 2020 on consoles and PC.

● NO More Heroes 3 brings back assassin Travis Touchdown and femme fatale Sylvia Christel. Out on Switch sometime in 2020.

● NETFLIX double—The Division movie, starring Jessica Chastain and Jake Gyllenhaal. No release date yet.

● The Dark Crystal Age Of Resistance Tactics show is being made into a game. MARIO And Sonic At The Olympics, featuring the likes of surfing, skateboarding, karate, rock climbing, fencing, soccer, gymnastics and many more is out in November 2019. With online multiplayer.

● EMPIRE Of Sin is John Romero's new strategy game. Expect tactical battles between gangsters like Al Capone. It's coming in Spring 2020.

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DARK LIGHT

AUSSIE stand-up John Robertson smashed it at Play Expo Glasgow — literally.

Robbo brought his hilarious interactive video game show, The Dark Room, to the party with its signature mix of thrills and high jinks.

He said: "It was brilliant. We had a really wild time. On Saturday, I took a shopping trolley and smashed it into some kids. People liked that."

"I claimed I was playing space invaders and they let me do that. And both days I gave some kids paving stones as prizes. Congratulations, kid, you've won a brick."

The Dark Room — where you try to escape and win £1,000 — has an adult version and one for kids.

Robbo added: "When you have a crowd full of adults you can do adult entertainment. When you have a mixed audience you can still do adult entertainment — the kids are happy because they are hearing swearing and kids like swear words."

The show is a must-see and Robbo will be back in the summer at the Edinburgh Fringe and Resonate Expo in Glasgow. Robertson offered a sneak peek. He said: "We have added an extra 300 screens to the Dark Room and I've taken to slinging beans into the crowd in a move I like to call the bean tsunami. Because it's an improv show it comes down to whatever I feel like on the day."

John has also taken the show into the digital world, but he admitted: "Games developers are like saints and martyrs because making a game is like being nailed to a cross and not being Jesus."

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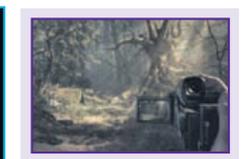
The fun fest offered treats for kids of all ages and parents could show off their arcade cabinet skills on the likes Tron, Pac Man and Bomblack. But the real stars were Space Harrier and Outrun.

Pinball wizards tackled classics and modern games with competitions to hunt the highest scores. Retro consoles included NES, C64 and a selection of Amiga hardware.

The indie section is always a hit — but it was a bit smaller than in the past three years. However, games like Squishy Sports, Nightfall and Epic Battle Fantasy 5 were crowd-pleasers.

The cosplay scene is obviously healthy with special guests like Mike Lawson and Draconium, while many gamers came dressed as some of the favourite characters.

It may have been the biggest expo in floor size, but it felt like the content had stalled, especially when you look at the other shows around the UK. Ultimately, this was a fun way to fill a few hours between E3 conferences.



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IT'S been a long wait for Halo fans and it is not quite over yet. Infinite won't launch until the end of next year alongside Project Scarlett, which was revealed by Xbox boss Phil Spencer.

They also showed a cinematic trailer which threw up more questions than answers. It showed a man adrift in space when his craft comes across Master Chief floating around.

The man revives Chief with the last of the power on his ship just as they come under attack. Chief says: "We need to fight." And that's it.

It looks very pretty... but we can't tell you much more than that.

Forza Horizon 4: Lego Speed Champions Expansion
Available now
Xbox One and PC

building a Master Builder's house as your Brick Collection grows. You can collect and race new Lego Speed Champions cars which include the iconic McLaren Senna as well as Ferrari F40 Competizione and the 1967 Mini Cooper S Rally.

And, best of all, the Lego Speed Champions is available now to buy and download. Bring it on.

Marvel's Avengers
May 15
Xbox One, PS4, PC and Stadia

THIS is an Avengers game, but not as you know it. Crystal Dynamics and Eidos Montreal aren't taking any inspiration from the cinematic portrayals. The game follows the A-Day's storyline — a mission-gone-wrong for the superhero pals which turns them into public enemies. There will be a four-player online co-op.

Evil Genius 2: World Domination
TBC
PC

IT'S fun being bad. Rebellion agrees as this is the sequel to the 2004 classic.

A short teaser hinted at the sheer levels of treachery and tyranny as you are an Evil Genius aiming to take over the world. You must train underlings to commit crimes like selling the British Royal Family or even bake Alaska... literally.

Sniper Elite VR
TBC
PSVR, Oculus Rift, Vive, and SteamVR

REBELLION are looking to bounce back from Sniper Elite 2 Remaster with this one.

The WW2 shooter sees you in Italy before the events of Elite 4, with a new story by Tony Schumacher, author of the John Rosssett novels. You are with the Resistance trying to rid Sicily of the Nazi U-boat menace. X-Ray Kill Cam has been rebuilt for VR.

Luigi's Mansion 3
TBC
Switch

LUIGI is back as he joins Mario, Peach and the gang in a haunted house. The game brings back Googigi — basically Luigi's goopy green clone. He lets you play two-player co-op with a Joy-Con. A multiplayer mode. The Scare Scraper, sees eight players battle it out to rescue Toads from a tower of terror.

Zombie Army 4: Dead War
TBC
Xbox One and PC

THE follow-up to the over-the-top Zombie Army Trilogy picks up in 1946 — a year after Hitler was defeated and Europe lies in ruins. But he's back.

The game features drop-in, drop-out co-op for up to four players as well as battles across corpse-riddled Venice canals.