

JUST A LITTLE HOCUS POCUS 2 ON THE COVER OF THE NEW DISNEY TWENTY-THREE

THE WILD, WONDERFUL, AND WACKY WITCHES REVEAL NEW DETAILS ABOUT CONJURING THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED SEQUEL COMING TO DISNEY+

PLUS, EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE STARS OF ANDOR, SHE-HULK: ATTORNEY AT LAW, PINOCCHIO, AND CARS ON THE ROAD; AND CHRIS HEMSWORTH PUTS HIS LIMITLESS STAMINA TO THE TEST

BURBANK, Calif. – August 4, 2022 – After *Hocus Pocus* arrived in theaters in the summer of 1993, the film developed a massive following, and in the ensuing years, its stars would sometimes hint to eager fans that a sequel was a possibility. That possibility has become a reality with *Hocus Pocus 2* debuting on Disney+ September 30, and no one is more excited than the film's original trio of spirited sorceresses: Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy. "Kathy, especially, acted as the keeper of the Black Flame Candle, forgive my pun," Midler says when speaking exclusively to *Disney twenty-three*. "She was adamant about what the fans would and wouldn't accept, and we sort of followed her lead." The stars and creative team break down the magic in store for viewers this fall, and the spellbinding cover was created exclusively for the publication.

The magic of *Pinocchio* has enchanted audiences since the animated film's debut in 1940. Director Robert Zemeckis and stars Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Keegan-Michael Key discuss creating the dazzling, new live-action imagining of the film, which also stars Tom Hanks as Geppetto and arrives September 8 on Disney+. Diego Luna talks about reprising his role as Cassian Andor from *Rogue One:* A Star Wars Story in the new Disney+ series Andor. She-Hulk: Attorney at Law star Tatiana Maslany reveals what it took to get green for her hilarious new Marvel Studios series coming to Disney+. And Larry the Cable Guy takes readers on a cross-country trip, unveiling the freewheeling adventures in store for Mater and Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) in Pixar's new series for Disney+, Cars on the Road.

Plus, Chris Hemsworth's Thor-like stamina is put to the test in the new Disney+ series from National Geographic, *Limitless with Chris Hemsworth*, which explores human endurance and longevity. And the unofficial "Queen of Disney+"—Yvette Nicole Brown—takes us on a ride through her Disney favorites in a story shot by our photo editor, Derek Lee, at Disneyland Park for *Disney twenty-three*.

The new issue, available exclusively to Gold Members of <u>D23: The Official Disney Fan Club</u>, also celebrates the 40th anniversary of the groundbreaking film *TRON* with stars Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner as well as the original film's writer-director, Steven Lisberger.

Also in the Fall 2022 issue of *Disney twenty-three*:

- The sky-high journey of Walt Disney's private plane, which will be on display and an exhibit presented by Amazon this September at D23 Expo in Anaheim, California
- Four decades of EPCOT—from Walt's initial vision to the astounding achievement it is today
- A sneak peek at the upcoming Disney+ documentary *Mickey: The Story of a Mouse,* which chronicles the adventures of one of the world's most recognizable icons
- Regular features including By the Numbers, D Society, Character Analysis, and Ask the Walt

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