

D23 CELEBRATES DISNEY FANS WITH A DAZZLING SLATE OF COAST-TO-COAST EVENTS IN 2023 TO HONOR THE COMPANY'S 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Disney's official fan club marks the momentous milestone with an exclusive event on the Walt Disney Studios Lot, a preview of *Disney100: The Exhibition*, and a special *Destination D23* at Walt Disney World Resort

Fan-favorites return, including movie screenings, Studio tours, live events with Disney Theatrical across the country, and much more magic for members

BURBANK, California – December 8, 2022 – <u>D23: The Official Disney Fan Club</u> is celebrating Disney fans across the country as Disney100 kicks off. Members of D23 will be able to enjoy exclusive experiences as Disney honors its remarkable past and looks to its bright future.

DESTINATION D23: D23 returns to The Most Magical Place on Earth for the biggest Disney fan event of 2023 at Disney's Contemporary Resort, September 8–10, to celebrate 100 years of The Walt Disney Company. Fans will be among the first to hear exciting announcements and see sneak peeks from the many worlds of Disney—and relive favorite memories with behind-the-scenes stories, special guests, and so much more at this epic event.

DISNEY100: In addition to a spectacular *Destination D23* event, members will be among the first to see *Disney100*: *The Exhibition* when it makes its global premiere at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this February. Plus, D23 will invite members to **The Walt Disney Studios Lot** for an exclusive event in honor of 100 years of beloved Disney stories and characters.

THE WALT DISNEY STUDIOS OFFICIAL TOUR – PRESENTED BY D23: D23 welcomes guests to The Walt Disney Studios Lot, giving members the opportunity to visit the world-famous studio in Burbank, California. These tours offer fans a unique perspective on historic moments from Disney films, television series, and theme parks—along with the chance to look inside the Walt Disney Archives and draw inspiration from Walt Disney's office suite.

FAN-FAVORITE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES: D23 will celebrate several milestone anniversaries with in-person events in 2023 for fan-favorite films, including *Finding Nemo* (20th), *Mulan* (25th), and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit* (35th). D23 is excited to celebrate these iconic films with extra-special experiences and even more magic for D23 Members. And Halloween will return in phantom fashion, celebrating the anniversaries of monstrously major movies including *Hocus Pocus* (30th), *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas* (30th), and *Halloweentown* (25th).

WALT'S MARCELINE: Walt Disney frequently cited this charming Missouri town where he spent his early childhood as one of his greatest influences. Its lovely main thoroughfare was an inspiration for Disneyland's Main Street, U.S.A. D23 Members will have a chance to return in June 2023 for a very special hometown event.

D23 NIGHTS WITH DISNEY THEATRICAL: D23 and the North American tours of Disney's *The Lion King* and Disney's *Frozen* are excited to offer D23 Members exclusive theatrical experiences, including special ticket packages and post-show Q&As with cast members. D23 will kick off these

dazzling theatrical events in Los Angeles with *The Lion King* and in Costa Mesa, California, with *Frozen*, and offer an exclusive experience with the cast during the highly anticipated opening of Disney's *Hercules* at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey.

SIGNATURE EVENTS: Fans can look forward to D23 Gold Member previews of Walt Disney Archives traveling exhibitions across the country. D23 Gold Members will enjoy advance and opening night screenings of new Disney films at locations across the country. Walt Disney Imagineering's exclusive merchandise store, Mickey's of Glendale, will open its doors to members with both online and in-person opportunities. Look out for the return of the holiday favorite *Light Up the Season* in December 2023 as part of a very merry D23 Holiday Celebration!

Dates, ticketing information, and more D23 events will be announced throughout the year. Full details on D23's lineup of 2023 special events can be found on the fan club's website at D23.com/Events. Additional dates will be posted soon. All events and dates are subject to change.

About D23

The name "D23" pays homage to the exciting journey that began in 1923 when Walt Disney opened his first studio in Hollywood. D23 is the first official club for fans in Disney's nearly 100-year history. It gives its members a greater connection to the entire world of Disney by placing them in the middle of the magic year-round through its quarterly publication, *Disney twenty-three*; the latest news and stories on D23.com; member-exclusive offers and discounts; the popular D23 Inside Disney podcast; and special experiences for D23 Members throughout the year.

Fans can join D23 at Gold Membership (\$99.99/year), Gold Duo Membership (\$129.99/year), and General Membership (complimentary) levels at D23.com. To keep up with all the latest D23 news and events, follow DisneyD23 on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube.

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